

**Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting – Official Minutes - Draft**



Date: Aug 5, 2019
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 7:30 pm
Gregory Heights Library classroom

ATTENDEES:

Rob Johns (RJ), Gerry Ochs (GO), Josh Piper (JP), Mike Landstrom (ML), Bob Trimble (BT), Roger Edwards (RE), Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Dale Bajema (DB), Max Baker (MB), Dave Hutchins (DH)

Guests: Kevin Clark (KC) 1984 alum; Wendy Farber, son a sophomore, heading up the athletic boosters.

Not present: Jerome Martin III (JM) Brent Dahl (BD)

NEW BUSINESS

- Guest:
 - Wendy, Benson Tech Boosters
- Guest talk:
 - Elizabeth is mostly from TPV, Lisa and Wendy are heading up the boosters.
 - Wendy passed out a flyer – upcoming fundraiser with most everything donated.
 - Trying to get all coaches some Benson gear, might pay for half a tournament trip, new score table, PA system, etc. Trying not to focus on just one sport yet.
 - TPV didn't want to formalize that by creating a new legal body etc. They are serving a need by organizing and providing volunteers to help with school activity.
 - Alumni Association can share on social media and any notifications we send out.
 - Hopscotch foundation: trying to get high quality protein and fresh produce to kids, knowing those are the things people don't have when they don't have money. We've set up a sign up genius to get volunteers to distribute them through one side of the concession stand. It is similar to a food bank with perishable food. Almost all staff have a key to it. Security guards have been helping as well. Anything left Friday afternoon, the concession stand is open – come and get it. RK – can we get this out to the students with free/reduced lunch? Curtis has mentioned it in the newsletter many times – it's spreading through word of mouth with the kids. Wellness, Counselling Center, Staff all aware.
- DB arrived
- Minutes:

- MB had sent out the minutes, KC had a few updates.
- ML moved, RJ seconded, that minutes are approved as corrected. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Check went through for the cub.
 - Reimbursements went out for the board races.
 - Current balance: \$2632.97
- Membership:
 - 117 paid members.
- Picnic
 - Neal has a list, will also bring charcoal. Franz donating.
 - JR advised Garcia about the Paul thing. He has the plaque and certificate. Told Paul he's an honored guest.
 - Curtis is pretty sure that the grill is in automotive and will check on and access it.
 - RK will email the custodian about the tables/chairs.
 - BT will email Curtis and Roisan about getting access to the PA. He'll set it up. We'll have the megaphone as a backup.
 - We'll have tables for boosters, TVP and soccer.
 - RJ has the extra tents.
 - BT has the Benson tents.
 - MB bringing 2 costco cakes
 - RK will ask Curtis to let DB know by Wed if the lawn will be mowed, DB will contact Ken to see if he can do it if PPS can't do it.
 - Elizabeth has a few students, DB was going to contact Curtis to see if other students would be available for tours. RJ will also lead tours. Tours will start at 1:15 and then the next one when they get back, wrapped by 3:15PM. Target: 1PM and 2PM.
 - Picnic will end at 3:30PM this year.
 - RK and the group figured out tables and chairs for the lawn/sidewalk.
 - Leftovers will go to volunteer day.
 - RK will get some info to give the homeless about where they can get free meals.
 - Signup sheet was circulated.
- Teacher Welcome – DB
 - Asked Curtis what day would be best for the teachers. He thought Thursday Sept 5th would be good. 2:30PM Band Room. Sandwiches, similar to last year. Starts around 3:15
 - MB, BT, DH, KC.
 - ML moves we authorize up to \$200 for food purchase. RJ seconded. Motion passed.
- Time Capsule – RK
 - Notice in the newsletter that says to contact RE or RK by Oct 11th. If we haven't received additional stuff, RK has a bunch.
- Benson Tech Foundation – RJ
- Modernization project – KC

- PPS BOE approved the BPHS master plan in December 2018 and approved the BPHS Campus Complex master plan (including MPG programs and new building on SE parking lot) in June 2019. Final BOE approval for the BPHS Campus Complex master plan is expected in December 2019. Changes to the BPHS master plan from December 2018 include housing 4 MPG programs in B Wing, sharing Gym, Media Center, Theater, and Health Services facilities with MPG programs, and some additional loss of parking.
- Estimated cost of entire project for the ‘complex’ is \$358 million.
- There still probably will be cost escalations. Even \$400 million is not outrageous for what is being proposed when compared to the combined total costs of the Lincoln and Madison High School modernization projects. There are discussions about construction sequencing. Might start constructing new MPG building on SE parking lot before, during, or after the BPHS project is started. Discussions are ongoing, with week to week decisions sometimes.
- A new multi-purpose commercial/residential building is being erected just east of KBPS without enough parking to support the number of living units. Both campus and residential parking will become stressed.
- Aug 26th meeting, discussion and advice session for design of future BPHS, open to the public. Historic Landmarks Commission, downtown at 1:30 PM (1900 SW 4th Ave, Rm 2500B).
- Aug 29th, DAG meeting in BPHS band room, 6:00 PM, open to the public.
- 2020 Capital improvements bond, local option levy, and Full Faith and Credit Loan are still TBD. Bond and loan will impact BPHS modernization. Levy will impact district and BPHS operations, including program sustainability and educational support.
- Sensing some hesitation from the new board members. We should definitely reach out and invite them to BPHSAA activities, such as annual picnic. It will help strengthen BPHS community and BOE relations. RJ will invite board members, cc RK.
- On sat, when you talk to people, we need you!
 - Annual Meeting Nov 18th
 - Tech show April 2020
 - Aug picnic Aug 2020
 - Donations for time capsule Oct 11th RK
- Volunteer loop in – RK
 - We have no formal process for utilizing our volunteer base.
 - Need to put out specific asks:
 - Newsletter compiler and writer
 - Volunteer organizer
 - Database entry person twice a year for three hours after picnic and tech show
 - Tech show volunteer on these days for these hours.
 - Etc.
 - Brainstorm needs and let’s discuss next month.

- Community Cleanup – RJ
 - Aug 24th, Curtis would like us to do the BBQ.
- Next meeting:
 - September 9th, 5:30PM at Benson Tech library

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association