

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



Date: March 11, 2019  
Starting Time: 5:37 pm  
Ending Time: 7:08 pm  
Benson Tech library

**ATTENDEES:**

Gerry Oaks (GO), Roger Edwards (RE), Max Baker (MB), Bob Trimble (BT), Josh Piper (JP), Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Dale Bajema (DB), Dave Hutchins (DH), Jerome Martin III (JM), Mike Landstrom (ML)

Guests: Kevin Clark (KC) 1984; Ken Bakke (KB), Bill Mallon, 1978

Not present: Brent Dahl (BD), Rob Johns (RJ)

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Minutes:
  - JP had sent some minutes out. Some comments were sent back.
  - RK moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. GO seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report:
  - Deposit from PayPal 172.98
  - Other deposits 170, 65.
  - One check for newsletter printing 78.50 paid out.
  - Ending balance 3/11/2019: 2362.53
- Membership:
  - 39 paid members last month. 4 more received by BT, JP says there are a few more through PayPal. BT will send envelopes to RK.
- Tech Show:
  - RK passed around a form for signup.
  - Three people at sign in sheets to talk to people, make sure their information is filled out.
  - Floor plan will channel people to JP for membership.
  - Incentives will be at the membership table, bumper stickers, coasters, etc.
  - RK making some table toppers for scholarship and foundation.
  - Lots to talk about this year – keeping sports (Girls basketball championship), modernization funds from bond staying with Benson Tech, etc.
  - Time capsule suggestions being taken.
  - 2000 books on separate table, 2010 books on another table.
  - Great to have one or more people outside the old gym, at the main entrance etc.
  - MB doing cake
  - NG/KB will pick up coffee, will do punch.

- Rob has all the banners or has them in Curtis' office.
- DB will talk with Tammy about the media cart.
- RK will send out the final plans shortly.
- Let's put one of the popup tents in the gym over JP's membership table. GO will get it and put it up!
- Discussed other giveaway things for members next year.
- Tech Show newsletter: 150 copies. MB moved that we authorize up to \$150 for printing for the newsletter for Tech Show. RK seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- We will promote Tech Pride Volunteer group (TPV) which started out of Benson Tech site council and is the new parent/student support group. They will be doing concessions across from the old gym.
- We will encourage people to visit room 114.
- Other items:
  - Suggest that with the newsletter, we staple in a bumper sticker for all paid members.
  - Discussed making a pie chart showing where your \$20 membership fees go.
  - Side panels for the tents
    - \$100 or 4 for \$350
    - Previous discussion was 2 to say alumni, 2 to say Benson Tech Alumni, to use on the Point West tents.
    - RK moved that we spend \$350 to order 4 side panels for our tents, 2 to say Alumni, 2 to say Benson Tech. MB seconded.
    - Discussion – want to wait for budget, check into other options.
    - BT moved we table the motion, GO seconded. We'll discuss again next meeting. KB suggested vista print, where their boat show vinyl signs. Vote was unanimous to table the motion.
- Benson Modernization – KC:
  - Board meeting tomorrow that should discuss previous resolutions and a new draft resolution. This new draft resolution will include modernization descriptions for Benson Tech campus proper and the projected multi-pathways to graduation programs building on the SE parking lot. Meeting materials have been posted on PPS website, and all meetings are recorded and generally uploaded within 24 hours after meeting adjournment completion. Not all the discussions happen on camera, so it's good to be there in person.
  - DAG meeting end of Feb after last BPHSAA board meeting, but the information provided was nothing new.
  - Resolution 57-80 requires superintendent and staff to provide board of education with completed plan at the end of March for approval. At the moment, the plan is to continue housing 4 multiple pathways to graduation programs on the Benson Campus in B wing: Virtual Sscholars, Pioneerfrontier Hhigh Sschool, PISA and Portland Evening and Summer Scholarsanother. A fair number of Benson Tech students utilize those programs, Bbut when asked for exact numbers, PPS representatives have

not provided the information. District staff may not have yet collated and assessed all data~~is not available yet~~. It's been suggested that there is a justification to house those 4 programs in Benson Tech because of student use.

- PPS department of Office of School Modernization representative Jen Sohm and lead Bassetti architect Joe Echeverri will be at Tech Show~~there~~ to generally describe the school design and modernization projections. Room 114 has been reserved for a Tech Show OSM workshop with~~for~~ some interactive activity and with DAG members present to help with discussion. We will encourage alumni to go there to find out more.
- The Site Council and Paul Anthony discussed re-establishing band several years ago without real progress. There also has been an effort through the modernization process to re-establish the band, but that's years down the road. The Superintendent has ~~been~~ supported ~~of~~ re-establishing a Benson Tech visual and fine arts program in keeping with comprehensive high school edspeccs. Without inside connections, ~~y~~ou could expect to hit a wall in trying to get money from corporations – they now often operate through employee-based stewardship programs ~~with their employees~~. Many of these programs refuse to fund bands, athletics, and other extra circulars ~~s~~ because ~~nationwide~~ these activities programs are being cut nationwide, so they are inundated with donation requests. If we take a CTE angle, we might get more private individual and corporate donations as well as various grants, such as from NSF.
- Student Council liaison:
  - MB has been trying to connect with Jessica Murchison. Can't get the meeting dates/times. She'll try again.
  - DB, RK and MB will try and meet with Jessica at Tech Show in person.
- Other:
  - Any news of reunions this summer? RK has posted class of 1999, which she will attend, class of 84 in July – KC or ML will attend. Connected with class of 1989 as well but they have no plans yet.
  - KB – School rally for the girls basketball victory coming. There was great turnout by Benson Tech.
- Guest comments:
  - Bill found a window decal in his drawer from high school – made 500 stickers. He'll let us sell them at Tech Show, just need to eventually get him money back at \$1 each. We will sell them for \$5 each.
- Next meetings:
  - April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Benson Tech library at 5:30PM.
  - Picnic will be August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker  
Secretary

BPHS Alumni Association