

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



Date: June 4, 2018  
Starting Time: 5:30 pm  
Ending Time: 7:22 pm  
Benson Tech library

**ATTENDEES:**

Roger Edwards (RE), Max Baker (MB), Jerome Martin III (JM), Bob Trimble (BT), Dale Bajema (DB), Mike Landstrom (ML), Gerry Oaks (GO), Rob Johns (RJ), Rachael Kuryunny (RK)

Guests: Kevin Clark (KC), Chris Blair, class of 1987.

Not present: Josh Piper (JP), Don Wear (DW), Brent Dahl (BD)

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Announcements:
  - Guest Chris Blair, class of 1987. Everyone introduced themselves.
  - Golf team meeting at 3:30PM in the band room – a teacher, Monty Catabay, trying to bring golf back.
- Cruise-In/Golf - GO
  - Sold 13 greens spots. Hopefully we'll have 3 more, 4 sets of 4.
  - Cancelled shotgun start, because we didn't fill the spots, but it should be ok. Would need 36 golfers to fill it.
  - Site fee \$500 and tip (\$270 min) on total this year.
  - \$5 per beer. We purchase the keg at \$300, so the more beer we sell the better. \$10 meal tickets. Last year sold at \$7.
  - Idea: \$20 for a caddy, a football athlete (in future, any athlete, or rotate sports) – could split the proceeds from that with the football team, both of us get funds and connects the alumni with the team members. Well use our new tents for this.
  - RJ invited the senior class to come out.
  - KBPS will be there.
- PPS board meeting updates – RJ
  - Emails have been going out.
  - Kevin, Dale, Roger and I were all at the last meeting. The original amount posted to Madison was \$146 million. Now it will be authorized from \$190-199 million, and the community gets 95% of what they want, not held to the budget. It sets the tone for each school in turn. Lincoln will ask for about \$25 million more than they were allocated. The third school is Benson Tech, and it's a zero sum game, so because of the timing of the next bond in 2020, Benson Tech renovation costs would need will be shifted to that bond. There is no guarantee that bond would pass. Both

Madison and Lincoln want schools that will keep kids from wanted to go to Benson. There is also discussion about what constitutes CTE.

- A group from Portland went including Rob, Dick, Curtis, PPS superintendent and PPS officials went on a bus last Wed to see the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) in Salem – private/public partnership. Investment property management owns the building and remodeled it, lease it to school district for \$1. Auto body program created in partnership with businesses. Construction building little houses, very active private sector advisory panels to each program. Machine, UAV, cosmetology. Private sector makes a presentation/project with kids, they meet the kids and can offer jobs. 1000 kids will go through when the program is full, 6 different school feeders. A/B 2 ½ days a week schedule. Special diploma. Science and English matches their major in between the shop rooms – tech English, tech chemical studies.
- So now it is possible that those PPS leaders see CTECH as the model, not how Benson Tech works today. They are now saying our design specs are ‘weak’. They can’t see that we already have a winning formula for kids – they just want to make a smaller Benson Tech or possibly not have it rebuilt at all.
- Current leaders are from San Francisco, who have CTE light, like the other Portland high schools.
- RK arrived.
  - We will be fighting this through construction, most likely, because they never put an end date on defining ed specs, though they are verbally stating they may have a 6 month deadline. It translates into cost – square footage.
  - Discussion about some members being interested in creating a PAC or creating a relationship with a PAC.
    - Strategy, tactics, implementation.
  - RJ and DB will start with a subcommittee and if we think it might be controversial, we will form a separate committee outside the Alumni Association.
    - [DB sent out an email on 6/5 about the ad hoc committee: BOD members..... to follow up to our June 4th BOD discussion of Benson's modernization and the need for a special group to diligently pursue its advancement, I am hereby creating a new ad hoc BPHSAA committee, Benson Tech Action Committee and appoint Rob as its chairperson and Kevin, Dick and myself as core members. Further, the ad hoc committee's purpose is to develop strategies and tactics as well as to take actions to advance Benson Polytechnic High School's modernization consistent with the recent MPC effort and the 2017 bond measure, the committee will meet regularly and report monthly to the Board, and may add members and supporters as the chairperson deems appropriate and necessary. Our BPHSAA's By-laws provides for such ad hoc committees. I think my creating this group is consistent with our

6/4 discussion and the need to quickly take action. (As a bit of history for newer members, BPHSAA had an ad hoc Long Term Planning Committee in its early years that was instrumental in advancing Benson's inclusion in PPS's modernization effort.) My naming of a core membership is not intended to leave anyone out of the committee's efforts or meetings. Please let Rob know of your interest ..... and, of course, Rob will be keeping the entire BOD informed of meetings, the group's thoughts and actions, etc. as things move along.]

- RJ was excused.
- Minutes:
  - Minutes of the last two months were approved.
- Treasurer's Report: ML
  - Balance: \$2269.09
  - GoFundMe: \$510 for canopies
    - These will be moved into the savings account so we don't mix the money that is earmarked.
  - \$20 membership
  - Transaction for down payment of cruise-in came out this month. \$850
  - ML is meeting with Josh and will ask for another push the GoFundMe.
  - JM will work on that at the event. BT will copy and make sure there are some there.
- Picnic:
  - Tours – class of 98 hoping to tie in to the picnic and tours. We'll have to coordinate with Curtis. We would need tour leaders. Last year RJ, Tammy Hite, and Steve Naganuma did tours. Last year he couldn't get in from the outside.
  - MB emailed contacts for potential Tour guides to RK.
  - DB will talk to Curtis about when the cleanup day is – can't be the 11<sup>th</sup> or they have to do the front lawn first to be done by the time of the picnic.
  - Discussion about freshman picnic vs. Alumni picnic.
    - There's about 6 months after incoming freshman get chosen by lottery and registration. The freshman picnic is one hook to get them connected, August picnic is another one. August picnic might not be the best mechanism to promote freshman interest – but we can give it as a potential platform. We can do as we have with providing a few free meals – the school would have to provide other activities for them.
    - Murchison was previously taught Spanish and did student leadership. She's moving into full time student leadership position, so maybe she'll be more available.
- Teacher's Welcome party – DB
  - Happens the first week teachers are back, before students arrive.
  - Should we have it again? Band room?
  - MB will check with auto place to see if we can use their lot?
  - Other ideas for the future? See's café/voodoo?

- DB will take our ideas and discuss with Curtis.
- July/August meetings – MB
  - Will be at Portland Office Park, Building 2
- Scholarships – DB
  - We will award 3 scholarships for \$300 tonight toward 2 year school. We will track their progress and hopefully get some testimonials.
- Next meeting:
  - Discuss and approve? Privacy policy JP sent out.

#### New Business

- June meeting will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM
  - Providence Office Park, Building 2: 4400 NE Halsey St, Portland, OR 97213 .
  - The entrance to parking is across from 45<sup>th</sup> street on Halsey. Building 2 is the building between the 84 off ramp and 45<sup>th</sup> street.
  - Check in at the security desk with your photo ID.
  - If you are parking in the parking building, you will need to provide your license plate number, so you do not get a ticket. There should be ample street parking by 5PM.
  - If you know guests are coming, please inform Max Baker before the meeting. Security will only allow people in that are on the list. All board members and normal visitors will be on the list.
  - The café closes at 4PM, so please bring any snacks you need – food and nonalcoholic beverages are allowed in the conference room. I will try and remember to have some snacks.
- Picnic will be August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker  
 Secretary  
 BPHS Alumni Association