

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



Date: May 14, 2018
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 5:55 pm
Benson Tech library

ATTENDEES:

Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Roger Edwards (RE), Max Baker (MB), Jerome Martin III (JM), Josh Piper (JP), Bob Trimble (BT), Brent Dahl (BD), Dale Bajema (DB), Mike Landstrom (ML)
Guests: Kevin Clark (KC), Ken Bakke (KB)

Not present: Don Wear (DW), Gerry Oaks (GO), Rob Johns (RJ)

NEW BUSINESS

- Announcements:
 - Will cut this meeting short, as per email out, due to planning committee meeting at 6PM
 - Sports
 - Hoping for interest for golf and swimming next year.
 - First day of practice is 13th of august.
 - Curtis and Tammy passed on that 2 students from skills USA are going to nationals. There is a donation page, so let's put it on our website and send it out.
- Newsletter:
 - Ready except for page 1. What should we have on it, since there seems to be new news every day?
 - We'll choose a cutoff time and then if there's breaking news we'll do an update. Plan to have the newsletter for the August picnic.
- Cruise-In - JP
 - Sold 10 greens fees so far. Will go up to 14 this week.
 - 10 other people showed interest
 - Individuals that signed in to the tech show will be contacted by JM.
- Membership committee – RK
 - BT has the sheets from tech show and will scan and send them when he can.
 - RK will enter it in the DB.
 - JM will contact class of 78 members.
- Comments – DB
 - Position paper draft idea – this is where we think Benson Tech is going. We would write a draft and circulate/discuss. We can hand it to media etc. and they can use as they want.
 - Format: op-ed, position paper, etc.

- KC: may want to wait until the 22nd to decide how to prioritize sections of that document.
- Discussion of PPS meeting ensued.
- ML joined the meeting.
- KC: The BOE ~~They~~ has~~ve~~ to decide on funding mechanisms and the potential to have all the budget deficit~~debt~~ pushed to the last project (Benson Tech) is high. We were ~~told~~ not allowed to form the BPHS DAG (Design Advisory Group) as previously planned.; The BPHS DAG, as with other bond-slanted high schools, which would have created recommendations for the~~done the~~ PPS modernization budget reconciliation process. The MPC recommendation went into the bond measure. In many~~some~~ respects the DAG edspecs~~rees~~ will be tied to the MPC edspecs~~rees~~, so ~~these can't~~ modernization plan can't be changed drastically from the original intent: of 1700 students (without possible legal consequences). BOE w~~ork~~ sessions to discuss budget reconciliation through MPC/DAG plan alterations were supposed to be scheduled weekly, but these sessions seem to have been incorporated into~~stead we have only~~ periodic steering committee meetings. When there's a budget crisis, redundancy is often an excuse for program elimination – strong CTE in neighborhood schools can be used as an argument to make Benson Tech smaller. Looking to remodel Benson Tech as small focus school – a trend that~~what~~ is happening nationally – would not be based ~~ing it~~ on the original intent of the Benson Tech MPC recommendations,~~Benson Tech~~ which has~~es~~ depth and breadth.
- A committee will meet to discuss this face to face in the next few weeks.

New Business

- June meeting will be June 4th at 5:30PM at Benson Tech.
- Picnic will be August 11th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association