

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



Date: Oct 8, 2018
Starting Time: 5:35 pm
Ending Time: 7:29 pm
Benson Tech library

ATTENDEES:

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

Guests: Kevin Clark (KC)

Not present: Don Wear (DW), Gerry Oaks (GO), Rob Johns (RJ), and Brent Dahl (BD)

NEW BUSINESS

- Opening remarks – DB:
 - Let's try and think outside the box, and not just go with traditional answers or excuses for issues.
- Minutes - MB
 - ML moved that we accept the minutes as edited. RK seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's report – ML
 - Balance is: \$2507.75
 - Checking \$2462.75
 - Savings \$45.00
 - Deposit \$1057.40
 - \$662 cash
 - \$395.40 Eventbrite
 - Deposit from PayPal that will be broken out next time: \$142.26
 - NG has not turned in expenses from picnic yet.
 - Reminder to get expenses in to ML in a timely manner, so we can have our records up to date and get people their money quickly.
- Membership report – JP
 - 84 members
 - 2 teachers signed up at the teacher's welcome.
- Teacher Appreciation event 9/20:
 - It went well. RK – it felt a little awkward to push hard to join.
 - BT – we want to ask to make them feel welcome.
 - KC – invite but no hard sell.
 - What could we do better, what went well?
 - Food – WinCo/Costco. Well done. There was little food waste. Gluten-free was well received.
 - Lots of people came, a lot of small groups talking. Relationship building was great.

- Need to do a sign in sheet next time.
- JM was excused.
- Benson Student Council – MB:
 - Students are very focused and excited.
 - They are also aware about the reconstruction issues with the bond/Benson.
 - Note: RK talked with Jessica Murchison about having the incoming officers come help at the aug picnic.
 - Suggestion from the board to have a short meeting at the school at lunch hour, to include them. April? After tech show but before prom. MB will take this back to the council.
 - The council is looking at other dates/times to meet since their President can't make their selected meeting dates.
- CTE planning for district for the next 5 years – KC
 - Background:
 - PPS asked for RFP (Request For Proposal) from vendors to create a master plan for CTE for the district. They do not seem to have a clear direction at the PPS Office and BOE levels.
 - Measure 98 money and PPS money used for this.
 - Updates:
 - 2 bids were accepted by PPS to move on to the next round. (Not BDs.) One is out of Oakland, CA.
 - May affect Benson's modernization plans.
- DAG – KC
 - About 50 adults and 25 students applied. There were perhaps about 40 in attendance there at the first meeting. It's good to have the cross-section of stakeholders.
 - (By example, there were about 35 accepted membership applications for the MCPC process, but there were only about about 20 members continued to be active by the end of the first year -- 2017. Participation continued to drop during the preDAG process.)
 - The students attending were very knowledgeable and impressive. Not sure how many new people there are. The chair is a Benson Alum from the 90s: Glen Pak, used to work for Bassetti. We could ask to present at Tech Show and BPHSAA BOD meetings.
 - There are major issues to overcome: CTE/Academic programming development, budget escalation-costs, etc. Current official PPS projections are \$269 million, but, in reality, costs mightis-going-to be higher - \$288 or more. We as a community still face the issue of how the district will reconcile the budget and how that will influence our ability to modify, expand and create new programsming.
 - DAG mMeets about once a month, so opportunities to have deep discussions at that level will be limited – probably will happen at the PPS-BPHS steering committee level. (And, remember the Public is always welcome to attend for information gathering and end-of-meeting Q&A.)
 - The alternative pathways-to-graduation programs currently housed at Benson Tech may impact the planning – PPS board chair seems inclined

right now to keep them permanently at BPHSthere. At least Alliance, whiche has become active in trying to stay at Benson Tech. It's an evolving discussion but the arguments are polar opposite. It's in everyone's best interest to get all sides together to find a solution that works.

- Reunion outreach:
 - Class of -78 Reunion – RK
 - RK will be out of town, but got permission for someone to speak about the association to the entire group.
 - JM, ML, GO, and/or RE will go. RK made sheets for them to take.
 - In general, we need to push that at tech show again. We are putting stuff up on the Facebook site.
 - DB – post a blurb every few months that any type of reunion could be fun and easy at the alumni picnic. Class reunion advice?
- Sports update – DB:
 - Homecoming is October 19th. Are we doing anything as an association?
 - There are still questions about where and when it will occur.
 - Brainstorming for next year. Banner that says, “Alumni” for putting on the tent? Everyone likes that idea... then whatever sport you like, take the tent and sign just to talk to people – give out something small, sign up people.
- Scholarship – DB:
 - We're helping kids go to community college.
 - We have roughly \$92,000 invested. Can we raise another \$35-40 thousand more? Give another few kids a jump start to college. How else can we reach out?
 - Industry outreach? Develop an actual marketing strategy?
 - Can we get testimonials from the previous recipients?
 - JP and DB will continue to toss that around.
- Next meetings:
 - November meeting will be the 19th.
 - December meeting will be Tuesday the 11th:
 - Please contact anyone you think would be great on the board so they can come.
 - ML will have the annual treasurer's report ready.
 - Board meeting at 5:30
 - annual meeting 6:15 featuring an update on Benson Modernization with a guest speaker
 - Women's basketball game starts at 7:15PM.
 - Tech Show will be March 14th and 15th.
 - Next year's picnic should be August 10th.

Parking Lot:

- nBrain – KC – will talk about this in November.
- Other event ideas – RK:
 - People agreed the golf/cruise-in event wasn't as well attended this year. We will look for alternatives.

- 6/23: Milk carton boat races with our tents next year. The board agreed this is a good idea. Engineering, families, free!
- Labor Day picnic at Oaks Park. Trade Unions are there.
- Perhaps some rose festival activities would be appropriate as well.
- Central East Side golf:
 - RJ and BD went – they chatted up people as they came through. About every other person was an alum.
- Hood to Coast – health occ kids? Hand out water, might have Benson stuff, etc.
- Take the tents to certain games?

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association