

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



Date: Oct 9, 2017  
Starting Time: 5:37 pm  
Ending Time: 6:40 pm  
Benson Tech library

**ATTENDEES:**

Roger Edwards (RE), Ken Bakke (KB), Wes Soderback (WS), Rachael Kuryunny (RK),  
Bob Trimble (BT), Max Baker (MB), Neal Galash (NG)  
Guests: Kevin Clark (KC); Jeanette DeCastro, class of 1997

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Minutes
  - RJ sent the minutes on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. We did not see any responses.
  - Minutes approved as sent/corrected by 10/13/2017.
- Treasurer's Report – ML
  - Balance: 4,386.38
  - Paypal transfer 38.58
  - Payment: 154.71:
  - Questions: how did we do with grand reunion?
    - Broke even, maybe \$100 profit. All events went well, starting with Friday night many more people than expected showing up.
    - Real numbers will come next meeting.
- Incorporation – WS
  - Suggests we incorporate so that we are not liable if anyone ever takes interest in the activities of the group and they are outside the regulations for our group.
  - Note we'll have to redo the bylaws to conform with Oregon regulations. WS says he's put in about 60 hours of work to do this. He will complete it and email it to us.
  - KB will look into this.
- Funds dispersal: JP
  - JP sent an email to the board about the suggested recommendation about if/how groups could request help, including financial assistance, from the BPHSAA.
  - Gist is that we do not disperse funds directly, but can help groups fundraise, primarily by utilizing our membership communication channels and offering technical assistance. This policy would be refined and posted on our website.
  - Current wording:
    - Each year there are a number of worthy groups and causes that the BPHSAA would be justified in supporting with monetary

donations. Unfortunately, our annual income just isn't able to keep pace with our desire to support these groups in an equitable way. Our greatest strength, as an organization, is to communicate with and educate our alumni on what is going on at Benson and how they can each individually support the school. Therefore, it is our recommendation that the BPHSAA:

- establish a policy of not making direct monetary donations to any groups or causes. This would not preclude the BPHSAA from raising money specifically for a cause it identified. It would just preclude the association from earmarking money from its general fund for outside causes or groups.
  - provide on our website a list of resources we are open to making available such as
  - sharing messages to our alumni via email and social media
  - assist groups with establishing crowdfunding campaigns for their causes
  - directing them to the Benson Foundation when their cause is in line with the foundation's guidelines
  - develop a clear and simple process for outside groups to request available assistance. This process should be as free from unnecessary burden as possible, but still provide an adequate level of oversight from the BOD.
- Discussion:
    - Several comments were positive.
    - KC: could include in the 2<sup>nd</sup> point the inclusion of volunteer services like grant writing. These services would be provided by individuals.
    - We will vote on accepting this at the next meeting.
  - Membership report – JP
    - We have 77 members currently
    - PayPal: \$43.09 will be transferred tomorrow.
  - Membership benefits and Merchandise – MB to reach out to Jerome and JP for handoff of info and what to do moving forward.
  - Miscellaneous:
    - Jeanette did an inventory of what classes etc. have donated to the school.
    - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mDFnLAN8rkOkeEAbrFEgptXtfbTLEgo04s1FOcj182XE/edit?usp=sharing>
    - She made a detail list of signs, memorials etc.
      - We'll make this list part of the minutes.
      - Jeanette would like some people to review her list – suggested that she speak with Tammy too.
    - Site Council question – can alumni have some sort of dedicated space to store memorabilia etc.

- Discussion of whether there is a list of missing items. Note: where is the organ from 1935? Three separate rumors, including that it's in storage at Cleveland. (or in Salem, or in CA)
- Discussion of movement of the sundial (56) from the back to the front.
- Action items:
  - Can someone catalogue the inside items?
  - Can someone talk to site council about getting a space for alumni storage of artifacts and/or even display space?
  - Can someone talk to Chuck's daughter about the current list of artifacts and ask about any items we think might be missing?
  - Can someone start researching about the organ?
- [Tammy's comments after reading the minutes:]
  - Two years ago, my architecture students put pictures of many of the Benson artifacts into a report we created for designers to help them better understand Benson culture which can be located on the Benson Bond webpage (see below for link) which includes pictures of the items inside and out.
  - Benson bubbler does work. Why it is currently turned off, I don't know, but it was operating back in August during the Benson picnic.
    - [Note from RE: In regard to the BPHS Benson bubbler, it and its cousins throughout Portland are maintained by the Water Bureau. This utility keeps close track of the water flowing into and out of the reservoirs in the Bull Run watershed. It is their policy to curtail flow in the bubblers when the reservoir intake is not sufficient to prevent the draw down of the reservoirs.]
  - With the upcoming remodel, it is important to keep in mind that as many as possible of the historical items will be kept, but many have to be moved to other locations. We will lose some completely that are attached to parts of the building that will no longer exist (D-wing) or old concrete stairs and pathways that will be relocated, rebuilt or removed. The entire front lawn area is going to be redone.
  - Space for memorabilia: Unfortunately, secure and dry storage is very limited at Benson since the school is home to several different district programs that all feel they don't have enough space as it is. Rooms where historical items were previously stored have been taken over or broken into. If there is a secure storeroom, it typically needs to be cleaned out and organized (with shelves, cabinets and boxes) which would take hours to do. Also, these storerooms are generally within another classroom that is occupied so it is hard to know where they might be.

- Currently most archive items such the old school newspapers and the yearbooks displayed during Tech Show are stored in my room, however, I don't have room for much else and I am one of the most organized individuals at the school.
- Organ...I don't know the reasoning for trying to find the organ. If the hope is to have it put back at Benson, I am confident that PPS won't do it. Where the pipes used to live is now home to plumbing and HVAC infrastructure. The cost would be outrageously high to put back an item that no one would use. Our concert piano, which needs a lot of TLC, is only used a couple times a year. In the Benson redesign, I'm having to fight to even get a space for a band room since we currently do not have a music program.
- <https://www.pps.net/cms/lib/OR01913224/Centricity/Domain/62/BS%20Culture%20and%20Campus%20student%20presentationSMALL%203-5-16.pdf>

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Report on football games:
  - They've won a few and lost a few.
  - Difficult to run concessions as everything would have to be packed in and out again, and because there is currently no Booster club.
- RJ might be willing to host a social event for the board over the holidays.
- Nobody has heard anything about the idea of sports going away from Benson Tech next year yet:
  - There is an unfinished audit of the status of district sports, requested by PPS board of director's audit committee.
  - There is a new board, so we don't know how the land lays right now.
- Has the new deadline for 8<sup>th</sup> grader's application for high school been announced? We haven't seen it anywhere but we heard it was around Thanksgiving.
  - [Max update after meeting:]
  - Opens: November 13, 2017 at 8:00 AM
  - Closes: December 1, 2017 at 5:00 PM
- Next meeting November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at Benson Tech.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker  
Secretary, Pro-Tem  
BPHS Alumni Association

Number	Name	Location	Condition	Description	Photos
1	Score Sign	South side of C-Wing, SE Glisan St Alley	Unknown. Defaced with paint (thrown?)	Score display for athletic events. Blue with traditional (incandescent) lighting for numbers.	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvbzJxUDNOcnJweXc">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvbzJxUDNOcnJweXc</a>
2	Robert Laherty Memorial	Glisan St Alley, east of stairs to Buckman Field.	Undermining of subgrade below concrete slab.	2 concrete benches, east and west. Placed on exposed aggregate slab. Inset brass plaque reads: "Robert Raherty 1911-1972 "We Miss You Bob"	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvRGRhSEJPY0gwa28">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvRGRhSEJPY0gwa28</a>
3	Ye Olde Concrete Steps	Glisan St Alley, from BPHS campus to Buckman Field. South of C-wing and radio tower.	Some chipping of concrete. Missing handrail section at bottom east-side.	Class of 1972 multi-major project. Concrete, 12 steps, top and bottom landing, 3 metal tube rails (appears to be retrofit). East rail is missing a bottom peice. Erosion/loss of subgrade in adjacent slab to east at top landing.	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvUmRoawpCUTZuVzA">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvUmRoawpCUTZuVzA</a>
4A	Benches - Class of 1957	South side of front entrance in landscaping.	Weathering of concrete.	Three concrete benches on concrete slab in landscaping area. Two noted/imprinted as Class of 1957, one noted as memorial. Memorial banch plaque reads: "Deodar Cedars deticated to Glenn U. AnDyke 1896 1957".	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvU1JHZ3V6b19NOGM">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvU1JHZ3V6b19NOGM</a>
4B	WWI, WWII, Korea Memorial	South side of front entrance in landscaping.	Slight discoloration on top 1/4 of marble.	Marble monument with carved dedication to veteran alumni of WWI, WWII, and Korean Conflict. Includes quote from President Lincoln.	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvR2g1d1FoOFI3TFU">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvR2g1d1FoOFI3TFU</a>

5A	Benches - Class of 1959	South side of front entrance in landscaping.	One bench is missing top.	Three concrete benches on concrete slab in landscaping area. One noted/imprinted as Class of 1959. One plain and is missing top. Is the top still on campus?	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvTnBDWE1Cam9sSlk">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvTnBDWE1Cam9sSlk</a>
5B	Simon Benson Memorial	South side of front entrance in landscaping.	Some oxidation of brass.	Marble monument with brass medallion showing portrait of Simon Benson, description of donation to school, and life. From Seniors of Class of 1960. Located on concrete slab.	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvYkxGZXBEZE9STnc">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvYkxGZXBEZE9STnc</a>
5C	Boot Scrapers	North side and south side of front entrance in concrete steps.	Intact.	Fabricated from metal pipe and screwed-on pipe cap, with metal strap welded to serve as scraper. Unknown origin and date. Appear to have been placed in concrete when steps poured.	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvSDBabm9pQ2o5UWs">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvSDBabm9pQ2o5UWs</a>
6	Bench - Class of 2006	North side of front entrance in landscaping.	Good.	One concrete bench, light- colored concrete. Class of 2006 on top of bench.	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvckg4UVBBbTd2YjQ">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvckg4UVBBbTd2YjQ</a>

7	Benson Bubbler	At front entrance, near NE 12th Avenue sidewalk in concrete walkway. Just east of water meter box.	Some graffitti. Water is turned off. Unclear if fountain works.	Traditional Benson Bubbler design (4 bowl). One of two made by Benson High School students at behest of City of Portland: <a href="https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/article/352768">https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/article/352768</a> Plaque brass inset in concrete: This fountain presented by the graduating class of 1975 Benson High School. Fountain base includes "Presented by The Simon Benson Fund 1976" and "MFD Benson HS".	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvR2tIRFMtZTIYZDQ">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvR2tIRFMtZTIYZDQ</a>
8	Sundail - Class of 1956	South of front entrance walkway, in lawn. (Behind handrails).	Weathering of concrete.	Concrete column ~3' tall and 1' diameter. Includes brass face showing globe and hour markings in Roman Numerals, and Walt Witman quotation. Is on concrete slab and includes brass plaque "Class of 1956". "You, Earth and Life, / Till The Last Ray Gleams, / I Sing, / - Walt Witman - "	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvUG1jQ2lsYnFRaE0">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvUG1jQ2lsYnFRaE0</a>
9	Benches - Class of 58	Front walkway, around flag pole.	Some chips in base.	Two concrete benches on concrete slab base. Noted/imprint "Class of 58".	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvLTk1WjFqR21fLWs">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvLTk1WjFqR21fLWs</a>
10	ODOT survey monument	Front stairs, embedded in adjacent stairwall.	Unknown.	G688 1981 "Oregon State Highway Div. Do not disturb. Benchmark"	<a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvTjIXTEuUUS1ObWM">https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BweFIV7BjjHvTjIXTEuUUS1ObWM</a>

