

Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association Monthly Board of Directors Meeting – FINAL



Date: Aug 19, 2024
Starting Time: 5:35 pm
Ending Time: 7:36 pm
Hybrid meeting

ATTENDEES:

At Benson: Rob Johns (RJ); Josh Piper (JP); Roger Edwards (RE); Thomas Smith (TS); Gerry Ochs (GO); Rachael Kuryunny (RK); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW), Jeff Strachan (JS); Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Bob Trimble (BT); Mike Landstrom (ML); Dale Bajema (DB); Anthony Reimer (AR)

Guests: Dan Malone (DM), PPS; Kevin Clark (KC); Dick Spies (DS) (virtual), former board member; Devin Graham (DG), PPS; videographer Moses Davis jr. and filmmaker Taylor Maiava-Hall, class of 2003

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH)

BUSINESS

- Guest introductions:
 - DM:
 - Water got in to the gym – lots of work to take out the floor and dry it out. Need new flag.
 - Andersen is going to build a platform so you can walk in and see the banners.
 - Luckily they have the auxillary gym, and two team rooms that will keep programs going.
 - Class of 77/78? First women in graduating class. Tours that day as well.
 - Hall of Fame inductees that night, October 18th. They will do this in the commons.
 - Finishing to be done.
 - Wiring still to be done.
 - Punch list will be opened tomorrow; teachers come Wednesday. Kids come the 27th, regardless of the state of the campus.
 - September 14th – Mr. Wilson wants it in the front – room for 100 seats. About 45 minutes, then Rosarians will plant a rose. Official program 10-1PM. Our program 1-3PM. 2PM Class of 94 guided tour, other tours starting at 11, will be self-guided with a few people posted around the school.

- Food carts are on the other side of the safety fence....
Waiting to see when some of the stuff is out, if there will be room inside the gate.
 - Will find some designator of who is a room ambassador... hard hat or vest or something. They want to get 2 kids in their spaces.
 - RK asked about seats for class of 54, mic and speaker for the courtyard? Mr. Curtis'. Asked about electricity and water for the food courts.
 - DM says they will have programs for the front, around 1000.
 - There can be tables in the commons, but not in the courtyard. Class of 74 will have about 50 people, class of 50 will have 15 people, etc.
 - Commons will be set up as a cafeteria, so people can hang out.
 - Poster: There are 2 designs – 1 is complete, the other could be inspired by what was given by PPS. The picture is too small to blow up well. They could use a full photo.
 - Mr. Wilson will be selling T-Shirts: Astro gear.
 - Signage for the classes: RK will tell the classes to bring their own.
 - Beverages will be provided at the Grand Opening. Alumni association should bring 500 bottles of water.
 - By the tower, there's no parking – all fire lane, also gated on one side until the flooring is out/in.
 - District will probably send invites. Earl B, Mayor, etc. PPS comms will determine it.
 - He'll check if the parking lot up the way is open. The streets down by Franz etc. is open and free.
 - [Email from Alumni Association went out Sep 3rd to email list with invitation to Grand Opening Celebration]
- Dan Malone and Devin left the meeting.
 - Taylor and Moses (Moses Davis Jr, the son of the teacher who started in 1987, still subs at the school)
 - Video
 - About 80% done. Will finish by Sept 14th and will be given to alumni to show in a loop. It will be about 40 minutes. Then we can have links to the full video.
 - JP: DM had asked for us to show something on the big screen in the commons. Depending on sound, etc. May have it in the alumni room.
 - Gift from class of 2003, etc. Started in 2009, covid... nice to finish it out with the new building. Thanks to class of 56's video as well.
- Member report – JP:
 - 98 paid members

- RK – DB proposed that the free membership cards that Jeff printed out – have piles of those at the Grand Re-opening. So we won't be taking membership money in, but for anyone that uses it around that day, we don't have to give them a membership that expires in a year, we can say that you get membership for the rest of 2024. We still have bumper stickers and decals, so we could offer those to people who would pay for membership, and then their membership would expire end of 2025.
 - Everyone agreed.
- Badges – one set of new board members
 - **RK moved to a lot up to \$100 for new badges**
 - JS seconded.
 - The motion passed
- Financial Report – BT:
 - \$3265.42 savings, \$1233.84 in savings.
 - \$206 in Paypal
- Meeting minutes approval
 - June minutes – draft 2 was sent out last week, there were no other corrections/additions reported.
 - JP moved, JS seconded that minutes be approved as amended. Motion passed.
- Digital Scanning:
 - In January, the board authorized up to \$500 for the 20-21 year digitizing.
 - In March, RE reported the cost for digitizing 20-21 was \$241.00
 - RE turned in an invoice for \$250 for additional scanning of years of previous archival Tech Peps, 1922 and 1923. RE donated \$200 for this effort, and is asking for the reimbursement of the original \$50 originally allocated in the March 2024 minutes.
 - RE mentioned that moving forward the bill will be about \$500 a month. RE has offered to pay for this effort moving forward.
 - There was discussion about having classes fund these efforts, rather than having RE fund it personally. Others can also donate.
 - ML: Our funding comes fourth quarter. Do we have any idea how much money we've brought in over the last few years? RK says for 2nd or 3rd quarter is when it comes in. We have approximately \$180 of money per month.
 - RJ talked about having people donate to the Foundation for Educational Materials for this, so their donations could be tax deductible.
 - **ML moved that we support the archiving process that RE has begun, to approve payment for up to \$500 for this effort.**
 - **GO seconded the motion, and the motion passed.**
 - Note there is a movement to start a digital Tech Pep.
- Newsletter -RE:
 - Sept 14th re-opening dedication is the new target.

- There will be information on Simon Benson.
- Target of the reconstruction timeline. GO will do a summary of what happened each year.
- Scholarship winners/follow up.
- Alumni room.
- Art program/Robotics program.
- Need to figure out number of pages to do a cost estimate. He'll send this via email and then we can email vote or wait until Sept 9th.
- Site Council – DB
 - meeting moving to 4:00PM to help get students/teachers attend. Sept 19th, and announce topics in advance. Also will be inviting shop, possibly academics, teachers to attend.
 - District asked Mr. Wilson to update the Vision Statement::
 - [Provided by DM after the meeting in an email Aug 19th]
 - Benson Tech Mission Statement: Within an environment that fosters diversity, Benson's mission is to integrate hands-on career technical education and core academics today for the innovations of tomorrow.
 - Benson Tech Vision Statement: A graduate of Portland Public Schools will be a compassionate critical thinker, able to collaborate and solve problems and be prepared to lead a more socially just world.
 - RJ asked if we could get the Vision Statement to circulate for comment. DB will ask.
- Alumni Room – JP:
 - Our entrance date was pushed back, but we should be set up and good to go by the next meeting.
 - At this point we have a plan for the cabinets right outside of the room – the rest is evolving. There is a small cabinet in the main hall we also need to plan for.
- Scholarship Committee - RK:
 - DB met with the scholarship people and it's difficult to incorporate our requirements into the OSAC portal. We only heard from 2 of the 4 recipients this year.
 - OSAC communicated with OCF, and they contacted DB and RK. They are 'taking it under advisement'.
 - So they are thinking of other ways they could get continued contact.
 - Discussion about calling parents before the assembly, coming to that assembly. Could do a reception after the assembly, where we give them the information we need over the next few months.
 - RJ suggested we might be able to include other seniors – up to 50? And how we could effectively get their participation.
- Large poster of Simon Benson – RE
 - RE set it up in the front hallway today.
- Boosters – JS:

- Concession stand was designed for medium sized people! But there's a great group of people for next year. Several boosters were here for the tour. Lonnie is an alum with no kids at Benson Tech, but he's the new Treasurer.
- New Football Coach, Kendall Lewis – JP went to practice and took some pictures. DM talked to him today – makeshift weight room/training room. Very positive. There are 23 kids right now. If they all stay and get cleared, that's the minimum we need. One of the campus security folks will be the assistant coach. Social media accounts are active. He hoped to be here tonight but will come soon. He's planning. Some Kenton Station social events.
- [RJ reached out to Kendall on Aug 28, 2024 through email to invite him to our Sep 9 board meeting.]
- Astro gear stuff? - DM
 - Mr. Wilson has the monopoly on the T-Shirts.
 - Then there will be a meeting with Boosters, Alumni, etc. will sell what. Hats, hoodies, water bottles, etc.
 - The logo on the OSA website has been switched.
 - JP: There's a link to the order website for Benson Tech stuff on our alumni website, but that's old logo stuff.
- Promoting Benson Tech alumni owned businesses – TS:
 - TS put together a nice article.
 - Discussion around whether we include all businesses.
 - DM – if it's somehow aligned with the school webpage, it's different. If it's on the alumni webpage, then that's different.
 - Since the alumni association is for adults, a directory that includes a cigar shop or weed shop would be acceptable. This will continue to be at the discretion of the Alumni Association.
 - Side note: Some foodcarts wanted 900-1500 guaranteed minimum. So they put it on the website, and Benson owned carts came forward, and if they had a minimum, they waived it. For this, it gives us the opportunity to thank/promote them.
 - This can also be promoted in our newsletter.
 - We need a link to a google form to collect the data about the businesses.
- Need date for Annual meeting to put in newsletter.
 - 18th of November we were thinking is a good day.
 - GO moved that we have the annual meeting on Nov 18th at 5:30PM. RK seconded. Motion passed.
- RK: BW emailed in July re poster board for reunions/events that summarizes what we do.
 - Foam poster board – what we support, 5 bullet points, etc.?
 - Where does the money go?
 - RK – we long need this for the Grand Re-opening.

- RJ – we have been through iterations of this – put this in an email and we can brainstorm, give feedback.
- We need feedback to get it finalized and printed before next meeting.
- [Email on Aug 21st sent by RK contained the following beginning thoughts]
 - What does the BPHSAA do? ("ACED")
 - Advocate — (list some of the many ways we've gone to bat for the school here, incl. mounting a campaign to fight the school board's proposal to turn the school into a 2-year skills academy, pushing back on proposals to eliminate sports entirely or combine athletics with Jefferson, our ongoing efforts to get the enrollment cap raised if not entirely lifted.... plus our advocacy for the modernization bond measures, the ways in which many of us participated in the modernization visioning process, our wide-ranging efforts to increase awareness of BPHS's unique programs, and to and forge connections with local industry....)
 - Coordinate — facilitate alumni social events including the annual Community Picnic, Alumni room at Tech show, and celebrations incl the centennial "Grand Reunion" and the 2024 Grand Reopening
 - Elevate — promote and support (volunteering, community outreach and partnerships, financial and material support including via the Benson Tech Foundation and Alumni Scholarship Fund) the school, its staff, programs, athletic teams and clubs, and students
 - Disseminate — communicate with alumni and community members regarding the school, class reunions, and the BPHSAA's assorted initiatives using our website, social media accounts, and regular newsletters

UPCOMING BUSINESS

- Task: Need thank you list for when we move into the new building, for committed partners:
 - Jen Sohm, Devan Graham, Dan Malone, Curtis Wilson, Mark Kline, Joe Escavneri (lead architect), Andersen, Jamie Hurd (had furniture)
 - Framed letter, honor them at a meeting.
- **Next board meeting is:** Sep 9th in the Community Room, as the Alumni room will probably not be ready.
- Oct 14th - Monthly Alumni meeting - Alumni Room

- Nov 18th- Annual Meeting followed by monthly meeting - Alumni Room?

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association



BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$3,265.26	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,265.34
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.48	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
06/30	06/30	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 30 Days	0.08	3265.34

TOTAL OVERDRAFT AND RETURNED ITEM FEES		
Fee Type	Total For This Period	Total Year-To-Date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Items	\$0.00	\$0.00

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BFLX00	\$1,233.84	\$0.00	-\$0.00	\$1,233.84
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Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance

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BSAV00	\$3,265.34	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,265.42	
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD			
	\$0.56	\$0.00			
Actual Effective Transaction Description				Amount	Balance
07/31	07/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days		0.08	3265.42

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