

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



Date: Nov 23, 2020
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 6:15 pm
Virtual meeting

ATTENDEES:

Roger Edwards (RE), Rob Johns (RJ), Josh Piper (JP), Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB), Dale Bajema (DB), Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Bob Trimble (BT), Gerry Ochs (GO), Mike Landstrom (ML)

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH), Paul Rossi (PR), Andy Payne (AP)

GUEST: Kevin Clark, alum; Parker Myrus: current 2nd year student; Chuck Heil, former board member and alum; Mike Clancy; Curtis Wilson, Principal (CW); Doug Nicoli, Class of 1954.

Virtual meetings will commence until we can safely meet in person again.

ANNUAL MEETING

- Treasurer's report – BT: \$3847
- Membership - JP: 87
- Board Nominations:
 - Nomination slate:
 - Jeff Stranchen (JS)
 - Rob Johns
 - Dale Bajema
 - Josh Piper
 - RE moved that we vote to confirm the nominations. JP seconded.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Annual meeting closed by unanimous consent at 5:49PM

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

- Welcome to Jeff Stranchen
- Welcome to Parker Myrus
- Parker Myrus spoke about himself and the current student experience in virtual school.
 - current student, District Student Council representative, VP Sophomore class
 - Virtual classes have been an adjustment.
 - Talking to teachers about the equipment that is being gotten rid of and how this equipment might be made available to others.

- General discussion of the walkthrough the board did, examining what to keep/what to get rid of.
- Curtis Wilson joined.
- RJ:
 - The schedule is tight. School closes in June, move happens in July, and it will be here sooner than we know. There's over 1000 items on Dan's list and it's a living list. All of the things belong to PPS, we just have to find out if we can help or assist with anything - things that are slated to be tossed might be made available but there also may be legal waivers needed.
 - BT: there is tons of stuff. Would be good to get timelines of when things will be tossed.
 - CW: Dan Malone is handling all the micro questions. The district would rather get things they would toss to anyone that wants it first. Taking items to the dump would be the last resort. Jen Sohms/Dan Malone would have more specific info about any auction or giveaway activities. KC asked about recycling. CW answered that there is a process the district has to go through to account for anything that would be discarded. So, they are doing all this now. They are trying to find buyers for the cars, etc. Goal is to have most of it done by June.
 - RJ: Dan was very complimentary of how Brett was handling the automotive equipment.
 - JS: Example of hoops - when Ford truck was donated, it was under condition it never was driven. For this vehicle, they have to watch it get crushed at the junk yard. These are the types of conditions that inform the processes that the administration has to deal with.
 - CW: Current freeze is until Dec 16th. If you want to schedule a walkthrough before then, you have to push it up the chain.
- Curtis Wilson:
 - Virtual. The schools are waiting to call sports because it impacts so many families. Right now they are looking at students back in the building after holiday break, but personally, since we know there are spikes in numbers of cases, we all can foresee that this is not going to happen. They just can't announce it until the right time. We are moving forward with comprehensive distance learning, planning through the rest of the year.
 - It was strange with 8th grade night last week, to have it all online. Superintendent did intro, then there were three sessions for focus schools. We'll do another one in December. 150 parents at 6PM meeting. 6:50PM meeting had 111 parents, and third meeting, 8 parents. Talked about Marshall, new Benson, etc. One application process, so we made it easy and got rid of the Benson process. For the most part, pretty much anyone will get in because less people were applying because of the move. Right now there are about 100 applications. Closes on Dec 12th. We are 1/3 of the way there. Thurs Dec 3rd 6-7:00PM will be the next

night. The district has the entire city list. We'll get it after Thanksgiving break and send an email out then.

- Parker volunteered to be a student at that meeting to answer questions, he'll coordinate with Amy Henry.
- RK: please send us the info and we'll push it on our social media.
- The majors/classes have projects they want to do, but the district is putting together packets of equipment and materials to families, give to CTE teachers, then CTE will distribute to families, because of liability. The other schools don't have the same equipment, so they are also concerned with equity. They've spent millions on equipment and have produced instruction videos.
- Each quarter is now a semester, completed in 9 weeks. At the end of the year they will have 8 credits by the end of the school year.
- RK: Salem-Keizer school district reported a shockingly high number of students not passing - do we have concerns?
- CW: We've been working hard to keep students on track. We have about 1000 kids, there were maybe 50 fails. Counselors reached out to talk to teachers about the students and how they got to that point and will then be working with the kids.
- There's a new flyer for Benson Tech:
https://www.pps.net/cms/lib/OR01913224/Centricity/Domain/62/Benson%20Mod%20flyer-%20fall%202020_FINAL%2011-18-20%20ENG.pdf
- New Benson Tech gear from a new company:
<https://www.bsnteamssports.com/shop/0fnaFsPSzd>
- CW was excused.
- Newsletter - DB:
 - Deadline of Jan 15th.
 - Items:
 - Annual meeting and election of Directors - DB/RJ
 - Status of in school classes - DB will include district info and also coordinate with Parker for student perspective, including sports/lack of.
 - Modernization remains on schedule - DB with Dan Malone
 - Recent 'alumni walk-through' - BT will send notes to DB. JS will also send his thoughts.
 - Bond measure results - RJ
 - Expected enrollment numbers through the modernization - DB will work with CW.
 - Basketball and winter sports update including first scores - DB will reach out to Scott Archer.
 - Outlook for Football and other "fall" and spring sports - DB
 - "A bit of Benson History" - RE focused on former Principal Cleveland, who molded the shape of Benson Tech.
 - Class Reunion news - RK

- Benson Tech Boosters and TPV news - DB reaching out to Elizabeth and Amber for updates.
- RK - soliciting info on class reunions. Are we going to have an alumni picnic next year? Idea to move picnic at Marshall to September.
- Discussion - Tech Show will probably not be in-person. DB will reach out to Jen about access to Marshall campus in Aug/Sept.
- JP: Class of 71 is trying to plan, wanted to know about picnic. He'll email RK so she can inform them.
- BT: we found some cool stuff in our walkthrough of the school - things laying around in the shops that we can take photos of and make available online, as well as giving out some things to alumni when they join. Photos of the old shops might be good souvenirs. KC: an historical booklet for each major? Dan talked about taking pictures and document each area. This could be made into a memory book.
- Discussion about a special Tech Show newsletter about past, current and future Benson Tech. We will discuss further in future months.

NEW BUSINESS

- RJ: I was concerned about only 100 applications for Benson Tech so far. Should we consider some kind of advertisement? RK: Yes, it was concerning that PPS didn't get information out very quickly. JP: Glad to see Jefferson and MLC had their own nights scheduled just a few days before. MB and JP can distribute to their kids' middle schools, Parker's said he'd be happy to get the info to his sister's middle school as well.
- Minutes: MB:
 - October minutes need to be updated with comments from DB and KC and sent for review before a vote.
- Next meetings will be virtual: December 14th at 5:30PM.
 - <https://meet.google.com/goo-dwsy-ryi>
 - You can also join via phone by calling:
 - Dial-in: (US) +1 816-944-1361
 - PIN: 512 701 146#
- Any information that comes in after the next meeting and before draft minutes are sent out will be included below.

Parking Lot:

- Time Capsule contents during rebuild?
- sending out recognition of milestone birthdays to alums, including Benson Tech information, and estate planning. (Leftover Benson branded things that Curtis has - can we send them?)

MEETING AJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association

