

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



Date: Dec 14, 2020
Starting Time: 5:34 pm
Ending Time: 7:22 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), Mike Landstrom (ML), Gerry Ochs (GO), Jeff Stranchen (JS)

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

GUEST: Dick Spies, Kevin Clark, alum; Daniel Malone, Parker Myrus: current 2nd year student

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

OLD BUSINESS

- RJ welcomed everyone
- Daniel Malone:
 - The review with teachers about what goes/stays etc. is done. Most everyone is happy. The new building at Marshall is permitted. Discussed some details about items that are staying. A dentist in Gresham is donating some chairs for Marshall then there will be new chairs when we move back.
 - Might want to consider whether the Foundation wants to do a fundraiser for the school, selling some things they are getting rid of, like auditorium seats, drill presses, etc.
 - There's an opportunity about how to honor folks and show history - murals, plaques, etc. kiosk with history per year, etc.
 - RK asked about access to things in the school - waiting for clearance.
 - RK asked about community room. It will be about 50 paces, room for mural. Ceiling projector. RJ: Simon Benson bust might go in there. We might check with Chet, the great grandson, and Sig, who is a cousin and a storyteller.
 - DM: Fantastic idea. RJ will connect them all and RE.
 - RJ: What is the timing of chairs and other things for auction? DM: probably May. Waiting for district to decide about 2nd semester.
 - DM: transportation plan coming soon. Meeting last Friday, and they had their plan ready to go. Curtis will be releasing the plan probably this week.

- DM: Don't forget every school goes through a dip during construction. Roosevelt student count is about twice what it was during construction.
- KC: Discussion about reclaiming the auditorium organ that was originally ours that is now at Cleveland. We probably need to revisit that.
- DM: Didn't know about the organ.
- KC: Any further talk about repurposing the auditorium chairs? Maybe for the community room.
- DM: There has been very little discussion about it. I'll bring it up.
- KC: Alumni Association and DAG have discussed selling repurposed brick for inscription and installation in the modernized BPHS - is that still an ongoing discussion?
- DM: I haven't heard that kind of detail. I'll bring it up.
- KC: Is it true all the wooden bleachers from the old gym have been removed? Can they be located and reused somewhere in the modernized BPHS?
- DM: The old bleachers could be used. Floor in the old gym is going to be repurposed.
- KC: Is DM on the BPHS modernization steering committee? District and School admins, Project Team, etc. I had sat unofficially on those meetings as a member of the public.
- DM: Yes. My job is to give feedback from school, teacher/admin, supervision perspective, and report to Mr. Wilson for direction.
- KC: Good that you can be our point of contact on project cost escalation and value engineering.
- DM: Have to make it functional; may trade pretty for functionality.
- KC: We would support that, but advocate community communication. The alumni association and other school affinity groups would be willing to raise product and financial donations through partnerships and other sources when needed, but we can't do that unless we are informed.
- DS: Very pleased with the whole design process. If we can maintain grasp on cost and overseeing value engineering decisions, we'll have a fabulous school. Friend's husband left behind collection of vintage woodworking tools that could be available if there is interest. Also, would love to rekindle design curriculum at Benson Tech. Stuart Emmond was working on a new curriculum with various aspects of design, so there is that possibility for that and we can't lose sight of it.
- Parker said he was happy to meet Dan.
- Rob thanked Dan for all his advocacy, listening and caring.
- Dan Malone was excused from the meeting.
- Treasurer's report - BT:
 - \$1000.22 savings
 - \$2845.47 checking
 - RJ will talk to Roisan and if there's something to pick up at the school BT will get it.

- Membership report - JP
 - 87 members - no changes.
- Officer election - RJ
 - Treasurer:
 - DB nominated Bob Trimble. RK Moved that we elect BT at Treasurer. ML seconded. The motion passed.
- Newsletter - DB:
 - Deadline of Jan 15th.
 - RE gave an article from Parker, RE, RK. There are several articles in draft. He'll polish those and get them to Connie. Should have a newsletter draft at the beginning of Jan, and we can add late breaking info on school decisions etc. Modernization moving along and bond measure passed will get in there.
 - RK asked Parker if he could supply any photos for the newsletter. He'll see what he can get.
 - RK will see if DM or someone can provide empty classroom/hallway pics, per KC's suggestion. She'll also try and get a photo of the construction kits that PPS sent out.
- Parker gave an update on how school is going, from the student perspective.
 - Many students went to Benson Tech because they like to do and build things, work with hands. This is mostly lost with online.
 - Recognition that online is not as good as in person.
 - Starting at a new school - students are saying that transition has been very difficult - to create connections.
 - Benson Tech without CTE hands-on feels different and odd. Kids that did really well in person are now having a difficult time.
 - RJ - Benson Tech without shops is not the same experience. Maybe having the shops open over the summer would give kids those opportunities. Trying to do projects with online is a lot of organization and planning to make things happen.
- Parker gave update of FFA/Anderson connection:
 - Originally from Nebraska and met with Dept of Education, also an administrator with FFA in Oregon. Talking to him and Mr. Anderson about bringing an FFA chapter to Oregon, focused on agricultural machinery. The move to Marshall will complicate things but he was interested in talking about it.
- Enrollment:
 - RJ pushed around Thanksgiving weekend when we heard there were only 100 applications, since we'd worked hard to up the cap. We're sitting around 250 now. PPS did some work around information on the website, reached out.
 - Parker: previous to the shutdown, I was on a committee (PPS Guiding Community Coalition for SE PDX) that was looking at school capacity.

Benson Tech was at about half capacity. I suggested raising Benson Tech's enrollment cap since other schools were over capacity.

- RJ - it was 'lift the cap' - maybe now it's 'fill the void'.
- ML - Kids at over capacity schools could be moved to Marshall while they figure out plans.
- DB - we have not only 300 entering as Freshman, but we have the approx. 25 of sophomores that could transfer in. What about raising that and offering it to Franklin students?
- KC pointed out that any messaging about moving over-enrolled Franklin kids into a focus option CTE school may not be a message welcomed by the district due to the revitalized CTE facilities in the newly re-opened school. Such messaging might be best phrased in terms of improved student health and safety through reduced overcrowding.
- RJ: There are a lot of students at Madison that historically would be health occ students that could go to Benson Tech.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Minutes - MB:
 - KC said no changes needed.
 - ML moved to accept the minutes as amended. RK seconded. The motion was accepted.
- Next year's picnic - September at Marshall: RJ:
 - Could create enthusiasm around the new space, and the plans.
 - DB says what they are hearing is September would be good.
 - What if we approach Curtis Wilson with the idea of finding an event that is already scheduled?
 - Discussion about having it on 9/11 (Sat). We can acknowledge the date with a statement and moment of silence.
 - Tentative for now.
 - Blurb in the newsletter. Also include homecoming/cleanup etc.
 - KC: Should note that there will not be a tech show this year.
- Program possibility - RJ:
 - Dual-credit functional aspect, but need branding and corporate support. Application for that program, for instance - 6 years/dual majors.
- Other Discussions:
 - Scholarships handed out in May.
- Next meetings will be virtual: Jan 11th 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.

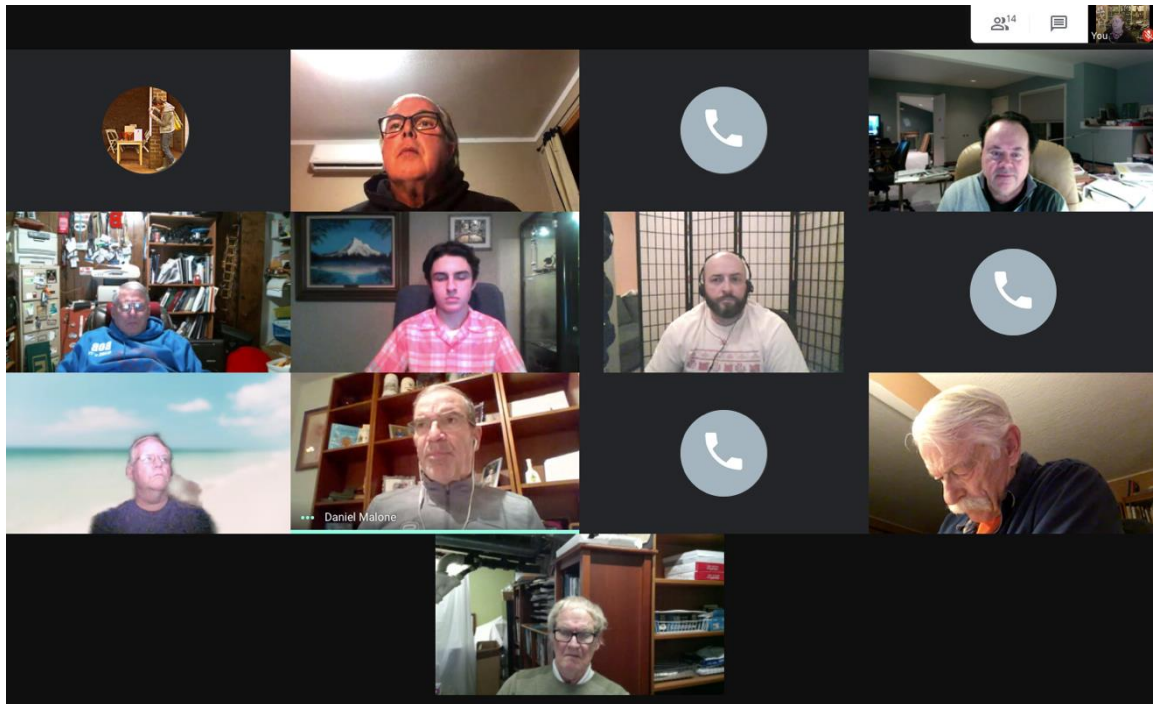
Parking Lot:

- 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



10 - BUSINESS SAVINGS				
Trans. Date	Posted Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
		Beginning Balance		1,000.20
11/30		Deposit Dividend Annual Percentage Yield 0.03% Annual Percentage Yield Earned 0.03% (11/01/2020 - 11/30/2020)	0.02	1,000.22
		New Balance		1,000.22
DIVIDENDS SUMMARY				
Dividends W/H YTD: 0.00			Dividends YTD: 0.22	

Deposits and Other Credits				
Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description
11/30	Deposit Dividend Annual Percentage Yield 0.03	0.02		
Total Deposits: 0.02				

90 - BUSINESS CHECKING				
Trans. Date	Posted Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
		Beginning Balance		2,845.47
		New Balance		2,845.47
DIVIDENDS SUMMARY				
Dividends W/H YTD: 0.00			Dividends YTD: 0.00	

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