

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



Date: Jan 10, 2022
Starting Time: 5:32 pm
Ending Time: 6:30 pm
Virtual meeting

ATTENDEES:

Rachael Kuryunny (RK) , Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB), Bob Trimble (BT), Gerry Ochs (GO); Roger Edwards (RE), Rob Johns (RJ), Jeff Strancken (JS), Bob Walker (BW), Michael Landstrom (ML), Dave Hutchins (DH), Andy Payne (AP)

ABSENT: Paul Rossi (PR), Dale Bajema (DB)

GUEST: Kevin Clark, alum (KC); Curtis Wilson (CW), Principal; Daniel Malone (DM), district transition; Amber Kern-Johnson (AKJ)

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

BUSINESS

- Guests:
 - CW:
 - Covid surge has closed 3 schools. There are criteria the district uses to make those decisions. Currently Benson Tech is doing ok, with a few students and staff out. We do an assessment every day.
 - Just finished lottery process. Our biggest concern was the number of students lost with the transition to Marshall. We had 250 students as Freshman this year. We asked to hold staffing levels. We reached out around the Marshall campus. We also made a new video and sent it out, did 2 virtual nights, then waited because we couldn't do anything in person. 348 students forecasted for Benson next year, so it's a question of holding on to them from now until they walk into the building in Aug.
 - We are still shooting for 1700 students at the new school. Once we are back in the school there will be plans to increase to that.
 - About Tech Show: It's not looking good due to the amount of people that will be allowed in the building. Planning would normally begin now, but people are waiting to see if there will be an improvement before they announce it won't happen.
 - For 8th grade forecasting, they will do it virtually, because they can't risk having that many people in the building, with parents.
 - DM:
 - DAG meeting this Thursday!

- Annex is not done yet. Fencing is in the country and being treated. Should be up by end of month.
 - Covered bike area will be next month.
 - Dust collection system and air system and lighting switches still need to be in.
 - No more pictures yet of new building.
 - Starting to work on move-in plans, furniture, etc.
 - Talked about starting to start scanning in yearbooks, newspapers, etc. This will go into a system and the alumni association may be asked to help fund a kiosk to display the info.
 - GO will be touring soon, and DM will also be on campus this week.
 - Omicron has not stopped construction progress.
 - GO: Mark has been fantastic and very helpful. Update from him: most of demo is done. Building C towards Buckman, they are still working on taking off the roof - there were 2 roofs and one is still under asbestos abatement. Submittals are around about 10% done, which is on track. They are blocking and strapping the main building. They finished water line and storm connections on 12th and 15th.
 - AKJ:
 - Games are still happening. Concessions are on hold, since no food/drink is allowed until at least Feb 4th. The 4 events we had before winter break were very successful.
 - New athletic director is fun, enthusiastic and full of great ideas. He's interested in getting more students interested in athletics.
 - Hopscotch program giving out food Fridays is going well - there are volunteer opportunities linked on our site.
 - Banner program going well.
 - In May we did 'Ready, Set, Go Tech' fundraiser did well, so thinking about that again this year. Funds went to every team.
 - People can choose Benson Tech as a donation for Fred Meyer Rewards program. Rachel/Josh will look for a direct link to provide to our list.
 - Grateful for Alumni Association support and involvement!
- Minutes:
 - December minutes will be voted on at the next meeting with Jan minutes.
- Membership - JP:
 - Board members need to renew membership.
 - 23 paid members.
- Finances - BT:
 - \$4381.47 total
 - Year-end report will be sent in February.
- Archiving - RE:
 - The newsletter is about ready to be published but not sure if we want to wait for news of Tech Show.

- Bud Lewis memorial will be included.
- Introduction to Gary Hollands, BPHS '94, who was elected to the PPS Board last May and who spoke enthusiastically about BPHS at the school's renovation ceremony.
- Matt Clark promised an article.
- Connie says her time is limited.
- He will check with Boosters if they want to add anything.
- We can put in a reminder about membership.
- We might be able to get a collection of commencement programs - we could put the word out that we would like to try and collect some more.
- RK will send info on the reunions we know about.
- Newsletter is planned to be virtual.
- Board Nomination: JP nominated Dave Hutchins for the Board of Directors, to expire 4th quarter 2024. RK seconded. Motion passed.
- Next meeting will be virtual: March 14th 5:30PM
 - BOD Meeting:
 - <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:

- 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

