

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



Date: Oct 3, 2022
Starting Time: 5:36 pm
Ending Time: 7:14 pm
Virtual meeting

ATTENDEES:

Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Bob Trimble (BT), Roger Edwards (RE), Rob Johns (RJ), Bob Walker (BW), Jeff Strancken (JS), Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB)

ABSENT: Gerry Ochs (GO); Paul Rossi (PR), Andy Payne (AP); Michael Landstrom (ML), Dale Bajema (DB), Josh Piper (JP), Dave Hutchins (DH)

GUEST: Curtis Wilson, Principal; Kevin Clark, alum (KC); Thomas Smith (93 grad), Rob Atterbury and Julie Koenke, ConnectEd; Dick Spies, alum; Dan Malone

BUSINESS

- ConnectED introduction:
 - <https://connectednational.org/meet/our-partners/districts/>
 - ConnectED partners with school, district, and community leaders to transform education through Linked Learning pathways so that all students, especially those furthest from opportunity, are prepared to succeed in college, career, and civic life.
 - Connecting academics with CTE, improving student outcomes.
- ConnectEd presentation:
 - Looking for our feedback. Jamboards to add ideas:
 - What should Benson Graduates know and be able to do upon graduation in 4 years to be able to contribute to the greater Portland community?
 - As Alumni, what traditions, strengths and assets do you want to see carried into the future that you believe would help students gain these skills?
 - Showed slide on industry job openings coming.
 - Showed slide on Covid recession recovery takeaways.
 - Labor is back to full employment
 - Reduced demand for office space
 - Faster industrial job growth
 - Equity Considerations:
 - Income disparities: Black and Native Americans median income around 60-70% of others.

- Industrial and office sector jobs help reduce the disparity.
- Feedback:
 - MB: Anecdotally there appears to be demand for trade jobs out there.
 - DS: Design and Construction demand. Opportunities to rekindle and expanding Architecture, product design, environmental focus as part of the Portland message. A much broader approach than what we have done in the past.
 - Thomas Smith: We are having trouble filling open roles in trade. Environmental concerns and sustainability is big right now in design.
- Overview of partnership:
 - District contacted them to apply through bid process to support school district to take CTE and pair it with academics throughout the district. Benson Tech, McDaniel, and Ida B Wells surfaced. Benson Tech was really interested in participating. We've gone through some design institutes with teachers and come up with three academies that will center around career fields. We'll identify the skills they need to be successful.
- Academies:
 - Communications and Design Academy
 - Health Sciences Academy
 - Tech Skills Academy
 - Majors
 - Automotive
 - Building Construction
 - Electrical
 - Manufacturing
- Everything focused around the four competencies
- Components
 - CTE
 - 2 core content classes
 - Career based learning
 - Graduate profile skills are the center
 - Students and teachers enter cohort in grade 10 where CTE courses align to a career theme
- Start with Single Subject Integration, then over time multi-subject integration where academics include the career theme.
- Over time the curriculum moves from Teacher Team Designed and Directed into Student Designed and Directed learning.
- Feedback:
 - What resonates and excites you?
 - What questions are emerging?
 - Comments:

- CW: We have 850 students right now. We're building for 1700. If they want aviation, etc. it's up to us to get those reinstated.
- KC: Concern over the years – The academies are vertical education opportunities, but we also need horizontal ones as well. Elective courses could provide that solution.
- ConnectEd: Schools do projects across the pathways and students cut across the pathways to solve the problems.
- MB: kids don't usually pull interests out of the air, so how we present options to kids to present their interest will be important as we move into details about that.
- RK: agreed
- JS: agreed. Also, if they indicate interest and there are many that want it, how long would it take to implement it?
- Bob: There are many factors that go into selection of pathways – partners in the region, demand in the area, etc. Usually, a menu of options is created for students to choose from.
- KC: Community response on what programs should be created/started would be beneficial. Time and cost to implement are important. If talking to middle school students who express interest in something new, they must understand that a new program may not be ready until they are already graduating.
 - They will share feedback at a town hall Nov 14th.
 - CW: Right now when students forecast, it's for classes that are already here. We are always talking with teachers about their ideas for new classes – after some fleshing out we add to forecasting and if students choose it we figure out how to get it done. Every year we struggle with FTE – what stays and what goes. With this new structure, we can find a new way to work together on this. Looking forward to the feedback.
 - Jamboard will be up if you want to continue to add comments.
- CW and the ConnectEd peeps left the meeting
- Dan Malone:
 - DAG tour on Oct 27th
 - Old waivers work.
 - School construction continues.
- What are the thoughts about the presentation?
 - Max: Excited, but devil is in the details. There will be trial and error. However, the district is supporting this model of integrating academics and CTE, so that's exciting.
 - RK: Interested in how the teachers feel at the end of the year.

- RE: Benson Tech started in 1916 choosing between vocational or technical training in a trade. The vocational courses prepared students to begin working in their trade after three years of instruction. The technical track took an additional year. The curriculum underwent many changes in the decades that followed but regardless of the relationship between shop and academic classes, Benson Tech graduates were readily hired into their chosen trades. So long as CTE training continues to be the focus at Benson, rearranging the instruction into Academies should not disrupt this success.
- DS: We can't look to the students to form the new programs – we really need to look at community and employment needs, find leaders in the community (design); Educators at the higher level can inform what they need.
- KC: Faculty were very excited about this change in academics, but haven't touched base with them lately. We should invite them to come talk to us about their experiences.
- JS: There is a lot of excitement this year among students and staff. Though change is hard, we need to remember that we must work inside the PPS and school system..
- Newsletter:
 - All articles are due Oct 21st:
 - Updated Status of Benson Modernization with photo's (Gerry Ochs)
 - August Benson Community Picnic with photo's (Dale & Rachael)
 - Recent Benson Tech Foundation Activities (Rob)
 - KBPS is recording oral histories from Benson Alumni --- (Jacob Patterson - KBPS)[including instructions re how to get recorded]
 - Benson Tech Booster activities (someone from BTB)
 - In Brief
 - Fall Enrollment and staffing (DB)
 - Tech Show date set for 2023 (DB)
 - Recap of recent Class Reunions (Rachael K)
 - Benson Tech Trivia (Roger)
 - Photos of Clean-up with captions
 - Announcement of BPHSAA Annual meeting 11/14 [This could be a simple 'boxed' announcement]
 - Announcement of "year end contributions" to the Scholarship Fund (Rachael) [This could be a simple 'boxed note" of how to do and perhaps a reference to the 2022 recipients and the Picnic Newsletter article]
 - An update acknowledgement to contributors, editor and Connie
 - May have to defer to next issue ----A Vision of Benson Tech's Future Athletic Program
- Support senior banners for boosters:

- RK will route via email the banner vote for the boosters/seniors.
- Financial Report - BT:
 - Savings has 3001.68
 - Checking has 3325.49
 - BT will mail needed items to RJ's house.
- Minutes:
 - MB sent out July, Aug, Sep minutes.
 - We do not have a quorum, so MB will email for vote on accepting revised minutes.
- Annual meeting
 - Nov 14th will be annual meeting, but it's also the town hall mentioned earlier.
 - Hybrid in person and online.
 - RK and JP will post and email out the notice. There is one open seat.
 - RK and BT term out of the board at the end of this year. MB and JP will look at what we said before regarding exceptions to the bylaws.
- Homecoming – JS: Small event since no big sport to anchor on?
- Picnic discussion:
 - Tours for incoming Freshman were very successful. There were hordes of people.
 - Even though food ran out it was great.
 - Mat Clark gave a great talk as well.

- Any information that comes in after the next meeting and before draft minutes are sent out will be included below.
 - October bank statement shows:
 - Savings: \$3001.68
 - Checking: \$3326.49
 - 10-3-2022: MB emailed with a motion to suspend the bylaws regarding elections for the upcoming year, 2023. The motion, which leaves the by-laws intact, is:
 - To maintain continuous and effective functioning of the Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association (BPHSAA) through the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, which has made it impossible to have normal in-person alumni social events, public Board of Director meetings, and standard alumni and membership outreach efforts, the Association's Board of Directors hereby suspend for one year, beginning on this date, the following the By-laws , to facilitate filling any vacant Director or Officer vacancy that may occur in that period:
 - Article IV, Section 4:
 - Terms. Board members will be elected to 3-year terms. Board members are limited to two

consecutive 3-year terms but there is no limit on nonconsecutive terms a member may serve.

- Article IV, Section 7 (select clause):
 - Officers will be elected to 2-year terms which will begin on January 1 follow
- The email responses are as follows:
 - 10-4-2022: JP seconded the motion
 - 10-4-2022: Discussion: ML asked if this means terms are extended or that the same officers can be re-elected?
MB: all terms are extended for one year, to keep the position expirations staggered.
 - 10-4-2022: RJ called for the vote
 - 10-4-2022: BT voted yes
 - 10-4-2022: RK voted yes
 - 10-4-2022: GO voted yes
 - 10-4-2022: JS voted yes
 - 10-4-2022: ML voted yes
 - 10-4-2022: RE voted yes
 - 10-4-2022: JP voted yes
 - 10-4-2022: MB voted yes
 - 10-4-2022: RJ voted yes
 - Motion passed.

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?)

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Respectfully Submitted,


Maj Britt (Max) Baker

Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association

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Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose




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