

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



Date: Dec 12, 2022
Starting Time: 5:35 pm
Ending Time: 7:25 pm
Virtual meeting

ATTENDEES:

Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Bob Trimble (BT), Roger Edwards (RE), Rob Johns (RJ), Bob Walker (BW), Jeff Strachen (JS), Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Gerry Ochs (GO); Dave Hutchins (DH); Dale Bajema (DB), Michael Landstrom (ML), Josh Piper (JP), Matthew Clark (MC), Thomas Smith (TS)

ABSENT: Paul Rossi (PR), Andy Payne (AP)

GUEST: Former board members and alumni: Ken Bakke, Matt Clark, Benson Tech Athletic Director; Dan Malone, VP of Modernization; Kevin Clark, alum

BUSINESS

- Rob welcomed the guests.
- Dan Malone - construction:
 - Feb 2nd the most likely next walk-through opportunity. It's Groundhog Day!
 - Building update: main building has sheet rock. C wing has framing and some sheetrock. Foundry gutted, E steel framing. Gym ready for new exterior, basement gutted and about to be framed.
 - 2 historical walls divided into 20 year segments. Starting to choose pictures or at least a framework of what will show up. At this point every segment will have the principal with the most number of years during that segment. Different pictures of the school through that time. Something happening in the city, and something emblematic. Student with all tool and dye stuff, student in car, etc. State titles will be like a bumper sticker.
 - He's looking at the total number of pages in every yearbook because they are sending them in to be scanned to be online. Hoping there will be ways to present it online during games or other activities inside the building.
 - By the end of the school year, there will be a new nickname and a new mascot. Still 'Techmen' officially. We need something that is good for all genders. The district has an entire protocol that they are following for this process. The name of the school and the logo

- are staying. It's the nickname and the mascot. A committee is forming, Dan and principal Wilson will select the committee soon.
- Also looking at where to hang the Simon Benson portraits. They are being cleaned.
 - Another picture drop this week.
 - RK: NPR All Things Considered: green energy (or lack thereof). Any talk around that? And is the district planning on responding?
 - DM: There is talk about it. They are still more green than any of the other high school builds. Any retro fitting later is simply adding. I can't comment on the district responding.
 - <https://www.npr.org/2022/11/22/1138555837/school-district-finds-eliminating-natural-gas-from-new-buildings-is-complicated>
- Boosters – JS:
 - Thanks to DM for making sure Boosters have a say in the new building.
 - I encourage everyone to come out to basketball games! Boys have JV, Varsity, Girls have Freshman, JV, Varsity. All teams are doing well.
 - We have the best hot dogs ever!
 - Matt Clark:
 - Overall turnout is good.
 - Boys soccer had 52 turn out and fielded 2 teams, will try for third team next year.
 - Freshman numbers have been up across the board.
 - Wrestling is a success story – 9 kids last year, this year 26.
 - The efforts of the athletic dept have been really good. There may have been the initial dip when we moved but I think we're going to have growth every year. Very pleased with efforts.
 - Football:
 - We don't have an outdoor home for contests.
 - The league said that for our outdoor games we will continue to be at Marshall. Nobody really claims it, athletically. He has a vision for what he wants the fields to look like. If the next bond passes, Cleveland will be the next school to move in there. It's all about scheduling. You have to share facilities no matter what. I was just at a district where 4 schools shared 1 stadium. So I do see that some weeks we'll be the home team and other weeks Cleveland might be using it. There are ways you can do it where it's amazing for the kids and I think we can do it.
 - Team – gauging internal interest in coaching. If we felt like we had a candidate that it might give us a head start in building the program. More to come.
 - Jan 13th: the return of the student section!

- Tech youth project keeps plugging along. The fall soccer clinics were wildly successful. Spring clinics coming.
- Membership – JP:
 - 102 members.
 - For 2023: people should be paying dues, through the website or check.
 - RJ: should we send a reminder?
 - JP: we do a push in January.
- Finances – BT:
 - Reimbursement to RK for Flickr account
 - Savings: \$3001.83
 - Checking: \$2845.57
 - 1 member in PayPal
- Minutes – MB:
 - Since the final revised editions went out at 5:20 before the meeting, we will postpone the voting on accepting November minutes until January 2023.
- Officer elections:
 - Is there anyone that wants to be an officer? Or should we vote on accepting the current slate?
 - ML moved that as previously discussed in the annual minutes and email vote, we accept the current officers to stay on for another year as they are. DB seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed
 - RJ emailed Andy and Paul about continuation on the board. They did not respond, so their positions will expire.
 - JP: We suspended the bylaws to allow the board to continue as needed. BT and RK as board members are up to expire next month. To continue their work and as officers as elected, we should re nominate them.
 - JP: I nominate BT and RK for positions 12 and 13th board positions, to expire in 2025. JS seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Newsletter update - DB:
 - Feb newsletter:
 - Discussed having a Modernization Update (Gerry)
 - Upcoming 100th Tech Show (Roger & Dale)
 - (Include a couple historical pictures over time)
 - KBPS is recording oral histories (a KBPS written story)
 - 2022 Scholarship donors [a bit on past matching offer & list of names of 2022 donors]
 - In Brief (Dale)
 - Updated 2022 graduation rate
 - Planning for a new Benson Tech Nickname and Mascot
 - Plans for Benson's 2023 Invitational track meet
 - Plans for a summer 2023 youth athletic camp

- Accreditation process underway
 - Planning to bring back football
 - 2023 Reunions (Rachael -----mini-article especially asking for class input)
 - Benson Trivia Quiz (Roger with suggestions)
 - BTB News
 - ? How Benson's staff and teachers, during the pandemic, kept up Benson graduation, etc rates
 - ? contractors/PPS vision for Benson CTE))
 - April newsletter for Tech Show (6-8 pages):
 - Celebrating Tech Show's 100th with a mini-history of Benson's Tech Show (Roger with input)
 - Update on Modernization with a couple of pictures (Gerry)
 - The Plan to bring back Benson Football (written by Benson's AD and/or new coach)
 - Progress in implementing the CTE Academies
 - In Brief (Dale)
 - 2023 Invitational track & field meet
 - Winter sports wrap-up
 - Update in developing a new Nickname and Mascot
 - upcoming 2023 graduation
 - Announcement of a Benson Community Picnic – time, place and initial detail
 - Plans for a 2023 Benson Youth Camp written by Mat Clark (incl. how to apply)
 - 2023 Class Reunion info (Rachael)
 - Benson Tech Trivia (Roger with input)
 - BTB News
 - Any new topics and contributors are welcome!
 - RJ: the newsletters have never looked better and we applaud the consistency and it's a work of art.
 - JP: members get an email right away when we have a newsletter – email has a link directly to the newsletter hosted on our website. Nonmembers get a note the next time we send a blast out – did you see the newsletter?
- Tech show is the 20th and 21st of April.
 - DB brought up the idea that it's not too soon to form a committee to think about what we might do at Tech Show that is special for alumni.
 - RJ: I'll be on that committee, could talk to Principal Wilson about the kids making signage.
 - JS volunteered to be on the committee, could open concessions.
 - RK volunteered to be on the committee.
 - MB will bring cakes from Costco.
- Scholarship Committee:
 - DB, RK, RE, and KC put together a nice letter.

- KB and RJ will match contributions up to \$1000.
- The letter went to previous known supporters, current and past board members. There were about 65 people.
- There was discussion about who received the email and who should receive it. RK reread the letter and there's nothing specific in it, it could go to the entire list.
- JP will send it out.
- Yearbook purchase:
 - RE has the 2021 and 2022 yearbooks.
 - RK moved that we fund the purchase of 2 2023 yearbooks, one for the library and one for the alumni associations collection. ML seconded. The motion passed.
 - BT will ask Hazel who to write the check to the request for funds for 2 yearbooks for 2023 and tell her to contact RE, who will pick them up.
- RJ: I recommend the Trivory App – it has all the sports games and calendar for the school. Developed by a Roosevelt student/graduate. <https://trivory.com/>
- Business Cards and badges:
 - We will work with ML's sister's company on getting business cards for the officers.
 - BT has the template for the badges.
- New nickname and mascot:
 - ML, MB, and DH volunteered. RJ will check with Principal Wilson about how many spots.
- Next meeting will be Jan 23rd, 2023. Hybrid if weather allows in person.

- 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?)

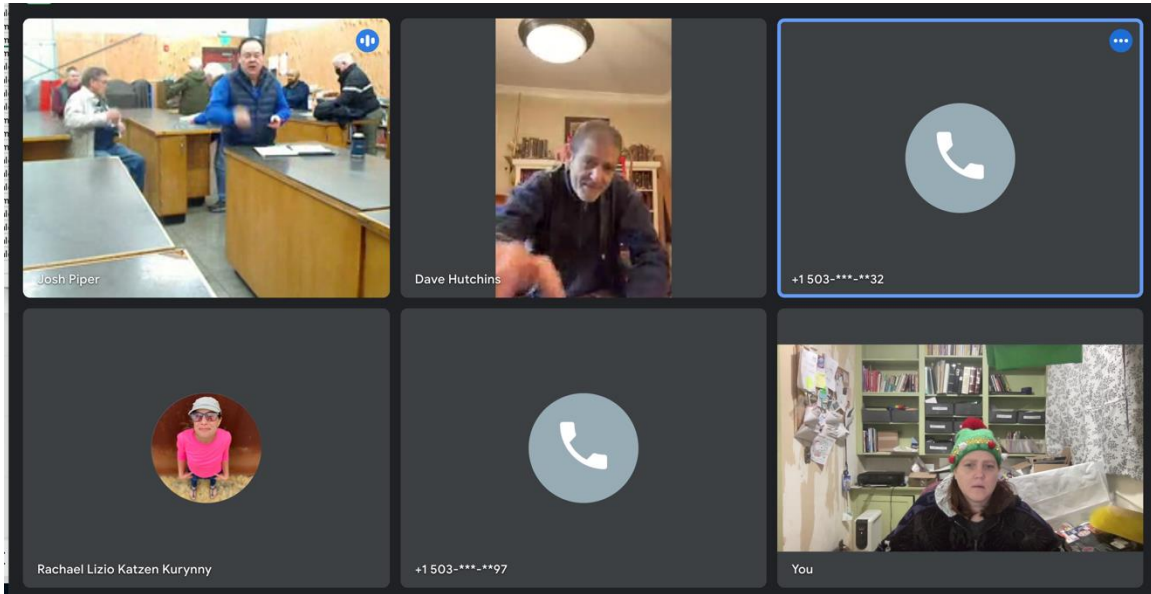
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Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker

Secretary

BPHS Alumni Association



BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
	\$3,001.76	\$0.07	-\$0.00	\$3,001.83
BSAV00	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.83	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
11/30	11/30	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 30 Days	0.07	3001.83

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	\$3,106.76	\$18.81	-\$280.00	\$2,845.57
BFLX00	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
11/15	11/15	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER	18.81	3125.57
11/22	11/21	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #198 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-280.00	2845.57