

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



Date: May 8, 2023
Starting Time: 5:41 pm
Ending Time: 7:01 pm
Hybrid meeting (virtual and in-person)

ATTENDEES:

In-person: Josh Piper (JP); Dale Bajema (DB); Rob Johns (RJ); Roger Edwards (RE); Bob Walker (BW); Bob Trimble (BT); Thomas Smith (TS)

Virtual: Gerry Ochs (GO); Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Mike Landstrom (ML); Jeff Strachan (JS); Rachael Kuryunny (RK);

Guests: Kevin Clark (KC), Dick Spies (DS)

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH)

BUSINESS

- **Booster Update – JS:**
 - Lisa is leaving, there are a few adults, but JS is the one running concessions. They may not have enough adults next year.
 - May not be able to do the senior banners next year.
 - They are done with concessions for the year, but then they found out there would be track meets. They are busy events – the bowling team brought in \$1300 in one afternoon.
 - The day after the tech show, they had track and field events, but the night before, all the food was stolen out of the concession stand under the bleachers. He thinks maybe it was left unlocked. There are no cameras on that area. Between 10PM and 6AM, people got in there. There were no signs of forced entry. KC: does insurance cover losses? JS: There's no insurance on it.
 - Good news is that next year they can plan for the track meets.
 - Are the boosters doing a fundraiser this spring? JS: no.
- **BT arrived**
- **Membership – JP:**
 - 89 members, includes 6 free memberships. Note it's like one every couple of days.
 - Sign up sheets from tech show haven't been added in yet, so there may be other membership info in there.
 - RK noted that we don't usually hit 100 until summer picnic.
- **Treasurer – BT:**

- Took in about \$600
 - Receipts from expenses: about \$300
 - \$5789.66 total
- Minutes – MB:
 - We need to vote on both March and April minutes.
 - GO moved that the minutes be approved as amended. JP seconded. The motion passed.
- Newsletter update – RE:
 - Connie helped get out the newsletter a week or so before tech show.
 - DB and RE agreed that the next newsletter will be prior to the picnic and have these articles.
 - New mascot name
 - Scholarship recipients – RK
 - Graduation statistics
 - Robotics Club feature – DB
 - 15th anniversary of alumni association
 - Idea to make special effort to invite original board members to the picnic
- Dick Spies arrived.
- Simon Benson cutout – RE:
 - Still pursuing the full size cutout of Simon Benson.
 - Had talked with Connie and she said she might know someone to move this forward. Connected Jade and Connie.
 - Connie sent website – cardboardcutoutstandee.com; one of many vendors. They say they only need 3 days. It runs about \$200 and come in a variety of stability. We would want the plasticized cardboard that can stand some weather exposure. The only drawback is there's only one. Jade was going to make the software for the poster that could be reprinted.
 - Use the iconic photograph.
 - Nice to introduce Simon Benson to students. Hoping that they start recognizing him.
 - Idea is that there would be a square with Simon in front of the old front of the school. Comes with talk bubble for Simon, and one for other people they could hold – could pay for photos with Simon and money goes to scholarship fund.
 - Simon is facing straight forward, so might fiddle with that.
 - Might need comparison of vendors with whether they can maintain quality.
 - Connie looking into copyright of photos. Publisher from 1971 is still in existence. Oregonian took the photo earlier than 1920. Could be full public access by now.
- Mascot name – ML
 - A small group will meet to try and cover bases for any questions that might arise before the board meeting for approval of

“Astronaut”/“Astros” to replace previous Techmen. 51% of the students voted.

- Tech Show review – RK:
 - GO: It was excellent. So many alumni, so many people there. The energy was great. Surprised by how many current students wanted to come in and talk. It felt like Tech show. Jerome was great, Thomas was engaging.
 - RK: Great to have so many people at the front desk to talk to people. Made it easy when they made it to RK/JP table. Back to basics – Yearbooks are a huge draw. Feels like more people came over to talk to RK/JP, probably location was good.
 - BT: Standing out and directing people at D2. 7th grader walked past BT, takes one look down the aisle of cars and is so excited and trots down the aisles. He lives in Cully, would have to bus in. Good to see enthusiasm that the middle graders have. They were excited to be the first graduating class in the new building.
 - RK: lots of 7th graders there, and that was a huge aspect they implemented this year. Many alumni with 7th grade kids came into the alumni room.
 - RK: I think we saw more young alumni due to folks that feel that they missed out during the pandemic. JP: we have about 60 contacts from 2020,21,22.
 - JS: People were there and engaged – everyone that was manning the table engaging folks right when they come through the door, that was huge. Having concessions open gave a great boost, and cakes, too, and the food outside the door (shaved ice) -helped.
 - RK: Having hotdogs, etc. was great – allowed parents to linger because if kids were hungry they could get food. It was also great to be able to walk around a bit.
 - RK: Having retired teachers there is also a draw, like Mr. Wong.
 - GO: Most engaging question: What did you do with your major, did it help you? Everyone has the story.
 - DB: Our future location in Tech Show in the new building, if we hold it out of the alumni room, is going to be harder to find, and no food.
 - RJ: We may want to stay in the old gym near concessions, then have a contingent in the alumni room. We'll need more people.
 - RK: Maybe we could have a board that people could put sticky notes on... could do other questions too.
 - RK: also may consider: cake/punch in the alumni room, special things for the class that didn't have a tech show.
 - RK: What is important to you about Benson? Might talk about support of girls sports, social gatherings, etc. but it could be helpful if we could collectively between now and next meeting, in a separate email thread, where people can add to their talking points list.

- RJ: the teachers were appreciative of how many alumni came to Tech Show. They extended a thank you to us for drawing so many people in. Thurs evening the superintendent came with his son alone. It was nice to just have a short talk and thank him for the comprehensive nature of the rebuild in a casual way. We may have enrollment battle ahead but for now we are good. Class of 64 all came and camped out in the room – it was nice.
- RK: Have told Jen that we appreciate her commitment to the entire project.
- KC: We should acknowledge her commitment. She has built a good relationship with the BPHS community since the beginning of the BPHS Modernization Master Planning process and was promoted within the project team because of her involvement.
- RJ: She's turned down other projects to see ours through.
- RK: Let's think about people we want to recognize the people that have gone above and beyond. The 2017 class reunion was at the Eco trust reunion – Joe (Echeverri) waited around to offer to display the Bassetti Architects boards at the reunion.
- Scholarship Committee – RK:
 - This year we had \$9500 in scholarship money to award. It was fun to give away money to people who need it. There were 9 applicants. Transcripts and other information are there, including financial need. Then it's helpful to talk with counselor/teachers to get a feel for what info might be missing. There were 6 students chosen and it will be great to have articles about them in the newsletter.
 - We also need to follow up with last year's recipients that might go in summer or autumn.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Task: Where will we meet July/Aug? RJ will check with Curtis/Dan. We might be virtual only.**
- **Task: Need thank you list for when we move into the new building, for committed partners.**
- August 12th will be the picnic.
- June 12th is our next meeting at 5:30PM; hybrid

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association



BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$3,002.14	\$262.08	-\$0.00	\$3,264.22
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.31	\$0.00		

Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
04/26	04/26	Deposit CUSC Trnsctn 04/26 - IQ CREDIT UNION - 7017 NE VANCOUVER MALL VANCOUVER WA	262.00	3264.14
04/30	04/30	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 30 Days	0.08	3264.22

BUSINESS FLEX CHCK	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BFLX00	\$2,877.51	\$328.81	-\$680.88	\$2,525.44
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		

Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
04/06	04/06	Deposit CUSC Trnsctn 04/06 - IQ CREDIT UNION - 7017 NE VANCOUVER MALL VANCOUVER WA	40.00	2917.51
04/10	04/07	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #204 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-379.88	2537.63
04/10	04/10	Deposit ACH PointWest CU*Mobile Dep	50.00	2587.63
04/11	04/11	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER	18.81	2606.44
04/13	04/12	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #206 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-187.00	2419.44
04/13	04/12	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #205 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-114.00	2305.44
04/13	04/13	Deposit ACH PointWest CU*Mobile Dep	20.00	2325.44

Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
04/13	04/13	Deposit ACH PointWest CU*Mobile Dep	200.00	2525.44

TOTAL OVERDRAFT AND RETURNED ITEM FEES		
Fee Type	Total For This Period	Total Year-To-Date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Items	\$0.00	\$0.00

CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK								
CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
204	04/07	379.88	205	04/12	114.00	206	04/12	187.00