

**Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting – Official Minutes - Final**



Date: Oct 10, 2016
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 7:40pm
Benson Tech library

ATTENDEES:

Rob Johns (RJ), Dale Bajema (DB), Ken Bakke (KB), Josh Piper (JP), Neal Galash (NG), Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Annika Johnson (AJ), Max Baker (MB), Bob Trimble (BT), Roger Edwards (RE), Mike Landstrom (ML), Dick Spies (DS); Guests: Kevin Clark, Stuart Emmons, Tammy Hite

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Teresa Tran, Student Body president; Moses Tran, Student Body Treasurer; Advisors and students from the Benson Polytechnic Black Student Union: Nicole Kennedy and JaNae Jamison, advisors, student Sophia Sloan and student (President) Matthew Dress.

MINUTES:

- Guest Speakers
- Teresa:
 - Met with Lincoln advocate and talked with PPS: Bob McKean and others about what might happen in the future with protests. Meeting with PPS board, Lincoln. List of proposals/suggestions. Tomorrow's meeting is closing the loop. Walk-out and Lock-out.
 - They wrote a proposal for a tech pride t-shirts. Cost is \$4000. They are looking for donations and/or replaceable funds. Discussion about using Benson resources to fulfill the demand. Kevin and RJ also discussed opportunities for using crowd funding to raise donations.
- Black Student Union:
 - Meets every Friday at lunch. All guests are welcome.
 - Mission statement:
 - Benson's Black Student Union allows students of all races to rejoice in African American culture, lifestyle, history and activities. Our mission is to strive to make a difference in our community by focusing on leadership, education, and community service; we provide opportunities for students to express their views concerning current events, academics, and cultural arts.
 - Trying to raise money to go on a heritage college tour to Atlanta:
 - During spring break, 3rd weekend in March
 - Cost \$1600 per student; 20 juniors and seniors
 - University, MLKJ birthplace, civil rights museum
 - Talking with major airlines

- Reached out to other businesses as well.
- (DS arrived)
- Students talked about what the trip would mean to them.
 - Savannah: See other people like her in successful positions. First time travelling outside Portland, and on a plane. Boost my confidence knowing there are people that look like me who are striving to be professional leaders.
 - Matthew Dress, president: Club has changed drastically since last year. Police officers have come in, motivational speakers have come. College is something students don't necessarily think is within reach, or they think college won't help them in life. It's not just a visit to experience different culture; it's a way to show that college is not out of their reach. Great opportunity.
 - It's a motivational trip as well: must have attitude and grade reports.
 - We learn and practice having respectful conversations about controversial topics.
 - Sophia – second year, senior. Past few weeks, meeting the police officers was super inspiring. I'm thinking of going into the Coast Guard. They talked about the police academy and how their racial training is changing. Sharing their experiences changes minds about what you can accomplish. Visiting the civil rights museum and learning the history of African Americans is really important.
- Nicole: Fisk University was a great experience for me – taught in a way that related to my culture. I try to do this also in my teaching.
- RK: might want to ask Alaska or Delta about setting up an account where people can donate miles.
- The other large expense is the large bus.
- Stuart Emmons talked about setting up crowd funding site.
 - Jefferson band was in the paper – obituary. Had a meeting with band parents/director. Set up a crowd funding site. He checked them out, and created a site on Crowd Rise. In the last week they've made about \$3,600. Money sent to their PTSA 501C-3, so tax deductible. Donors pay the CC processing fees on top of donation, so that was preferable.
 - Might want students to call business leaders etc.
- Kevin: this is ripe for grant money. Grant proposal won't help this year, but in future years to help sustain a cultural education program in this area. (BT also contributed to this discussion.)
 - Bill and Melinda Gates
 - Oregon Community Foundation
 - Paul G Allen
- Thanks for all this feedback.
- ML passed out an article in the Wall Street Journal – Business 9-27-2016 about how the U.S. is turning to Germany to Fill Jobs.

- <https://www.google.com/amp/www.wsj.com/amp/articles/u-s-companies-turn-to-german-training-model-to-fill-jobs-gap-1474911069>
- Bob Trimble presented an article in Vancouver:
 - http://www.oregonlive.com/clark-county/index.ssf/2012/01/vancouver_school_district_to_o.html
- Treasurer's Report – ML:
 - \$3113.45 current balance.
 - NG's receipt from picnic outstanding.
- Membership - JP:
 - 52 current members
- Centennial celebration – DB:
 - Meet and greet on Friday, June 9th 2017
 - Sat noon Picnic and tours of the school.
 - Sat Dinner
 - Sun golf tournament
 - RJ said reserving the space is a \$600 deposit. He still has to sit down and hash out all the details.
 - Sun brunch cruise Portland Spirit
 - In our last meeting, we decided we need a working contact in each of the classes, back to 1950 or so. This would be a point person for the class. Easier to take a call, do something, attend if it's someone from your class calling you. Rachael is taking the lead on establishing a list.
 - RK – mined Facebook and got contacts. At the end of the evening, please check with her to see if you know a contact for your class.
 - Discussion about getting an Eventbrite site set up for alums to purchase tickets for events, contact papers, TV stations, radio stations, etc.
 - JP – if we can nail all the details down by end of year, we can include it in the December mailing as well.
 - Big push will happen in January.
 - Tammy Hite:
 - Hard to get people at Benson to help with planning.
 - Rose Festival Princesses and drivers will be contacted. But we're not sure how to use them yet.
 - Starlight parade float: It's not just KBPS. Could invite alumni to march with the float, wear blue and orange. Band?
 - Hold the banner in the parade.
 - Historical displays around the school.. just need to run it by Brett.
 - Medical, BATs, Robotics are slowly making comebacks. Computer science, construction – house should be up for sale by Christmas. What other groups can you feature?
 - SkillsUSA doesn't currently have an advisor.
 - Digital Media's new person is here from KGW – she'll be heading up video production.
 - Benson House: design will be ready by Jan. They want to lay concrete in Feb. Lot is on NE Height, a block from Humbolt elementary.

- Tech Show space planning:
 - Presell reunion events
 - Space for advertising, signage. Cash register. Way to pay online.
 - Story Corps in KBPS or video production for alumni
 - Old projects from when alumni were students?
 - Students vs. alumni athletics?
 - Shows in the auditorium?
 - Ham Radio station? Steve Naganuma?
- Master Planning Committee – RJ:
 - DS, Kevin was there.
 - DS – in addition to maintaining contact with where they are with planning efforts and hiring architects, we are renewing the effort for Benson expansion – where can the other programs go? We need square footage as enrollment goes up. Alliance would like to relocate – so our chances might be better.
 - RJ – PPS management has changed – new superintendent. Paul Anthony is also on board. An informal group is meeting twice a month. Lisa White (PTSA/booster) is keeping track of things.
 - Next meeting is the 19th at 6PM in the Benson Tech Library room.
 - Curtis is the building representative.
 - DB- the board did vote to investigate where to move those other programs, so we do have that hook. Next year potentially 1100 students. 1000 today is leading to some classroom crowding.
 - Tammy Hits – 13 different classrooms are being used by alternative classes.
 - Stuart Emmons – you’ll need to go to PPS if they try and go with splitting Benson’s remodel into 2 bonds. It is a Billion dollar problem and a \$750,000 bond. Everyone’s concern is that if they phase Benson they’ll never do the 2nd phase.
- Tool theft was from the area near KBPS, where they are building the small homes from the homeless. The community and alumni is giving support and the tools will be replaced this week. They also will have a shipping container to store everything in.
- Minutes – MB:
 - September draft minutes had 2 minor changes, attachment sent today.
 - Max passed out hard copies.
 - There is one more correction from RJ and ML has a corrected treasurer’s amount.
 - MB moved that the draft be kept open until Friday for further corrections, then be accepted. KB seconded. Motion passed.
- Homecoming is the 21st. There’s a website that shows the game is at 7:30PM, but that can’t be right because the dance is at 7:30PM. Look at the Benson website for updates.
- Next meeting is November 14th at the high school.

OLD BUSINESS – things to keep in mind

- Plan for merchandise?
- Archiving location and cataloguing

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association