

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



Date: Feb 13, 2017
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 7:30 pm
Benson Tech library

ATTENDEES:

Josh Piper (JP), Bob Trimble (BT), Ken Bakke (KB), Roger Edwards (RE), Neal Galash (NG), Annika Johnson (AJ), Dale Bajema (DB), Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Mike Landstrom (ML), Gerry Ochs (GO), Rob Johns (RJ), Max Baker (MB), Dick Spies (DS), Wes Soderback (WS); Guests: Kevin Clark (KC); Breanna Falduti, “I have a dream” Foundation Oregon ; Leslie Keith, 1991 graduate, Health Occupations teacher.

MINUTES:

- Guest speaker: Breanna Falduti, “I have a dream” Foundation Oregon
 - <http://www.ihaveadreamfoundation.org/who-we-are/affiliates/portland/>
 - We follow the same group of children from elementary school all the way through college, providing a comprehensive program of support along the way.
 - Our ambition is that 100% of these Dreamers graduate from high school and 80% complete post-secondary education.
 - Working with more than 75 partners and 600 volunteers, we bring whatever it takes to empower Dreamers in Pre-K through post-secondary education, including mentors, academic and social supports, and services helping them overcome poverty-related barriers to academic achievement.
 - Our approach works. According to the Harvard Business School Alumni Association of Oregon, every \$1 invested in Dreamers reaps \$12 for students and society. And in recent statewide tests Dreamer students improved proficiency in reading and math three times faster than their peers.
 - Enrollment criteria – attend school, attend 3rd grade and the parents agree with the program. Working with 3rd graders - \$8k scholarship once they graduate from High School.
 - 2007 I have a dream adopted a group of students
 - She is at Benson every other Tuesday to assist with workshops for college prep, financial aide
 - 10 Students from Benson – Linfield, OSU, Portland State, PCC, and others
 - Gets to work with 20 different schools... lots of interest with Benson especially with the majors available.
- Guest speaker: Leslie Keith, class of 1991. lkeith@pps.net
 - Handout on Health Occupations (at end of minutes).
 - She has 25 years’ experience in Health Care industry

- She is a home care giver, works at Good Samaritan Hospital
- Navy Medical Core – 11 years, 1999 – 2001
- Alternative Medicine: 2 years of school
- Bachelor Degree
- Clinical sites:
 - OHSU Learning Disability
 - Kaiser
 - Memory Care – Medical profession
- Looking for any retired Medical professionals: Doctors, Nurses, PA's, and so on, to come in and speak and/or give one on one time.
- The clinical relationships from the last instruction fell away.
- Would love some job shadow experience. 2 hour shifts of job shadow a day.
- Taught Medical Assisting before Benson Tech, so thinks we're competing with those schools and other high schools that have classes.
- MB, DS, WS arrived.
- Treasurer's Report – ML:
 - \$3347.07 is the current balance.
- Membership – JP:
 - 53 members, 12 new.
 - \$172.08 transferred from PayPal should arrive in the account in a few days.
- Site Council – DB:
 - 3rd meeting of the year last week. Four items with relevance to us.
 - Five-year plan: we're in the fourth year of that plan. They will update the last year and create a new 5 year plan. Looking for input from this board. This looks at significant events and activities we are trying to accomplish here. The bond will affect is as well.
 - Suggestion of Kevin's here: lecture series. Things not covered by regular classroom curriculum, but relevant to the school. Format and topics will be chosen based on input from student council and others. Will start small with maybe 2 or 3 next year. Perhaps a companion series for the staff.
 - Can the Site Council act as a marketplace to bring together opportunities of technology expertise/equipment that would be of value to the school and what teachers and looking for: grant opportunities, etc. There will be more exploration of this idea.
 - Parent involvement – get them involved early.
 - The PTSA is not active currently. Curtis is still working on it.
 - Tech Show may be moved from Feb to later in the spring next year. Lottery process is being moved to before Christmas, so there won't be a connection between Tech Show and 8th grade applications (to attend Benson) anymore.
 - Leslie: Is it possible to have the parents gather on 1st day Freshman come in?
 - DB: In June there's the picnic for incoming Freshman and parents. Then the next thing is in August.

- Discussion of the history of the alumni picnic for Leslie's benefit.
- RK: Discussion of the reinstatement of the cap?
 - RJ: They've made no attempt to find another home for PISA. The alternative programs have now successfully squeezed our enrollment. Jerry Vincent keeps saying we need to keep the enrollment down because of the construction. There's a contingent of people that believe that Benson pulls kids from the neighborhood schools, which causes problems with their graduation rates.
 - RJ: We attended many of the bond meetings last week. Someone wanted to commission a study on how to keep Madison kids from going to Benson.
- Grand Reunion – DB, RK:
 - Firmed up the events: Friday meet and greet, Sat picnic and tours, Sat dinner, Sunday brunch cruise and minigolf/soccer/car show. Firmed up contracts and arrangements and put together materials.
 - Will be passing info to our radio contacts, we'll have things on the website, will have posters up throughout the building.
 - Lots of detail work still to do for each event before the summer. The planning committee will continue to meet.
 - We've added a raffle, and will be looking for people to help meet and greet, etc.
 - Curtis and DB will meet with teachers around 1st of March to talk about teacher involvement in the Grand Reunion. We'll reach out to former teachers as well.
 - JP set up the website to link to Eventbrite to buy tickets and make reservations.
 - GO is heading up the soccer/golf/cruise-in piece. It's a great venue.
 - RJ is heading up the OHS dinner \$40 and cash bar – identified caterer, can use outside patio as well. Grandson of Benson will do a talk. Accommodates 115. John F Kennedy exhibit is there and we can see it free! It's a short walk to the Benson House too. Follow up still needed there to the PSU foundation that controls that.
 - DB is heading up the picnic tours.
 - RK is heading up the Friday meet and greet.
 - RJ: please talk this up when you are talking to other alums in the old gym.
- WS: Discussion about the Portland School of Trades, which was co-ed, and how that bled into the beginning of Benson Polytechnic. WS discussed the beginnings of Benson Tech, and the beginnings of Tech Show. Purpose was to advertise Benson and raise money for the student body. Previously was a contest to sell the most tickets. WS's dad was an instructor in the 40s, when he first met Principal Cleveland, who was here for 40 years. He started the Portland School of Trades, but we don't know who endowed it.
- MPC/Benson Renovation/Bond – RJ/K/DS:
 - DS – remains to be seen how it all comes together.
 - RJ – bond is still in formative state. Pollsters said 60% of 400 voter sample were in favor of a bond in the range of 745 -790 million. Benson is

\$202 renovation, Lincoln would be a new building. Madison would move to Marshall during their reconstruction. If Kellogg middle school is rebuilt, that's the high number. \$150 million for set of renovation to other schools with safety concerns.

- WS – 1.5 billion to bring all schools up to code on water etc.?
- DS – yes, there's a huge deferred maintenance cost that's not included in the bond.
- WS – people will vote for a new school sooner than they'll vote for fixing an existing school.
- RJ – it keeps coming up that the biggest amount is going to Benson and if they want to cut the cost they'll take it away there.
- RK – feedback is on the website right now. I've been urging people to fill that out.
- RJ – meetings the last few weeks.
- DS – Benson has a higher percentage of deferred maintenance issues that need to be addressed, so it makes sense to get it done on the bond. The other schools don't.
- RJ -2700 kids are here at Benson, which is rated poor for safety. The other schools don't have that volume.
- DS – we have an education platform that is unlike anything in the rest of the state, and possibly the country. We have a chance to build on that in this bond.
- NG – is there still a requirement for the May election to have a higher turnout? Majority of registered voters has to vote – supermajority.
 - MB – it was repealed in 08.
- RJ – so many new people here, they don't know what the school is.
- BT – trying to email the Oregonian staffer Bethany. Called, left voicemails, had no response.
- Discussion of media coverage.
- RK – Betsy Hammond wrote a piece on another school and dismissed Benson's great graduation rate by saying it was a magnet school.
- BT – we can get a few seconds of ad time on radio – join the alumni, come see us etc. We're running 2 spots on KISN 95.1 right now. Support Benson alumni, where we meet etc. It adds to the station because it gives it local flavor. They run it free when they have open space.
- KBOO contacts – MB will send to BT.
- Tech Show – MB:
 - Went over the prep list handout (below).
 - Everyone knows what they are responsible for.
 - Work schedule passed around and filled out.
 - RJ will create an agenda for annual meeting.
- Minutes – MB:
 - MB sent the draft minutes, received 2 corrections, sent out corrected minutes 2/6 and has received no further corrections.
 - ML moved we accept the minutes, NG seconded. Motion passed.
- Next meeting is March 13th 5:30PM in the library.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None
- Things to remember:
 - Idea of paying students to follow up with alumni in the directory.
 - Kevin – we can use response data to help secure grants and partnerships
 - Plan for merchandise?
 - Archiving location and cataloguing

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association

The health occupations major at Benson started in the 90's and has had many different career choices since its inception. Currently, we have 4 career choices; Dental Assisting, Nursing Assisting, Medical Assisting and Emergency Medicine. All of our students get CPR, first aid and HIPAA certified. This is one of Benson's popular choices because of the hands on, out of classroom experience, industry certifications and dual credit opportunities that we offer.

DENTAL

In Dental we teach the basics of oral health including oral anatomy and basic dental skills. Students work with a Dental Hygienist and a Dentist at school to practice skills in our dental practice lab, then they go off campus to shadow and sometimes practice skills in dental offices around the city. They also have an opportunity to get a dental x-ray certification.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

Medical Professions prepares students for a variety of medical careers. Students learn the fundamentals of Medical Assisting and gain knowledge necessary for the rigors of Medical School. In class, they gain hands-on experience with minor surgery techniques, lab procedures, infection control, head to toe physical exams, pharmacology, wellness promotion, and therapeutic treatment. During their junior and senior year, students practice professionalism in the workplace and observe healthcare occupations in the community. They work one on one with preceptors and providers at specialty clinics and hospitals such as Kaiser, OHSU and the Portland VA Hospital. Upon graduation, students can anticipate the needs of a provider. Additionally, they are able to make informed decisions about their healthcare career path.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Emergency medicine is a new major for us and we plan to focus on first responder skills and a 911 operator certification.

NURSING

Nursing prepares students for a variety of Nursing careers including but not limited to child development, hospital care and nursing homes. They learn many skills needed to become a Nursing Assistant and to treat patients that need long or short term care.

- 1) Layout – see layout doc:
 - a. Check in and Alumni Materials tables at entrance
 - b. Grand Reunion table at front
 - c. Merchandise
 - d. Refreshments (2)
 - e. Other materials – Benson house etc.
 - f. Yearbook tables (6)
 - g. Obituaries table
 - h. Video area
- 2) Decorations:
 - a. Table decorations - Josh
 - b. Plastic cover for cake table - Max
 - c. Notebooks w/years photos - Josh
 - d. Hanging Banners – Josh
 - e. Flyers for hanging up around the school: alumni in old gym - Max
- 3) Activities:
 - a. Refreshments:
 - i. Make our own coffee – Neal and Ken
 - ii. Make our own punch – Neal and Ken
 - iii. Costco cakes – Ken will bring!
 1. 2 each night for alums = 4
 2. 1 each night for seniors that sign up = 2
 - b. Movie/Slide Show – Josh to coordinate
 - c. Grand Reunion materials – Dale and Rachael
 - d. Roger:
 - i. Benson Tech timeline
 - ii. Obituaries
 - iii. slide rule
- 4) Supplies:
 - a. Josh:
 - i. Tablet and printer for Grand Reunion payment and tickets
 - ii. Cups and napkins – Josh to check storage
 - iii. Name labels – Josh (check storage)
 - iv. Registration forms – Josh (check storage)
 - v. Cash box – Josh storage
 - vi. Merchandise - Josh
 - vii. Materials for video/slide presentation - Josh
 - b. Bob:
 - i. Volunteer sign-up sheet

- ii. Any fliers on volunteer/board needs
- iii. Sign in sheets – 2 copies each decade, more of 2000 and 2010
- c. Max:
 - i. Twine/string for hanging heavy banners
 - ii. Pens
 - iii. Box envelopes
 - iv. Cash – small bills for cash box
 - v. Paper slips for voting if needed
 - vi. Paper Tents reminding people to sign in, for yearbook tables
 - vii. Sign for donation container
- d. Please bring nametags if you have them. Josh to bring bag in supplies.**
- e. Coffee and coffee maker/s – Neal and Ken
- f. Punch and container – Neal and Ken
- g. Donation container for scholarship – Dale
- h. Alumni Assoc Newsletters
 - i. Foundation blurb – DB/RJ
 - ii. Club list to put in? RJ to get from Curtis
 - iii. Grand Reunion/Centennial - DB or RK
 - iv. Benson House – Rich Webber or Luke Hodgekiss (RJ)
 - v. Tammy – architectural program growth?
 - vi. Remodel and master planning committee. (kevin)
 - vii. Rob Johns – Alumni Update
 - viii. Amy Henry – anything on medical center or apprenticeships/scholarships – MB will contact
 - ix. Curtis – athletics update – DB to contact
 - 1. Independent 6A this year (2nd year), next year normal PPS 6A.
 - x. Paul Anthony – bond measure – RJ to contact
 - xi. Curtis – blurb – RJ to contact
 - 1. Max can use whatever the latest from the parent newsletter is if necessary.
 - xii. RJ – Geotech/GeoAlgebra updates
 - xiii. Computer Science – Dave Beckler – Max will contact
 - xiv. pending engineering program development - RJ to ask Curtis
 - xv. further development of transportation (auto, aviation, etc.) - RJ
 - xvi. robotics – Gerry Ochs will contact Brian Gerber: bgerber@pps.net
 - xvii. KBPS – summer sound? – Max to contact Steve snaganum@pps.net
 - 1. Offer to have them put out materials.

- i. Annual meeting:
 - i. Thursday the 16th 8PM
 - 1. Posted on social media by Josh
 - 2. Sign by Max
 - ii. JP to contact tech guy for picnic announcement setup
 - iii. RJ to create agenda, let ML know what is needed for treasurer's report.
 - iv. Board members terms are up:
 - 1. RE
 - 2. BT
 - 3. AJ
 - 4. JP – he will step down from board but still work on website/social media and scholarship unless he finds replacement.
 - 5. RK
- j. Other ideas
 - i. Story Corps in KBPS or video production for alumni
 - ii. Old projects from when alumni were students?