

# BENSON POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL

PREDESIGN - MPC 14

APRIL 16, 2018



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## OVERVIEW

### DETAILS:

APRIL 16, 2018  
HOSTED AT BENSON HIGH SCHOOL  
546 NE 12TH AVE, PORTLAND, OR 97232

### ATTENDEES:

#### PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

JEN SOHM  
DAN JUNG

#### BENSON HIGH SCHOOL:

JULIE TONROY [MPC CO-CHAIR]  
DAVE KETAH [MPC CO-CHAIR]  
CURTIS WILSON JR.  
PAUL ANTHONY  
SIMON CRISWELL  
KEVIN B. CLARK  
BRIAN GERBER  
LUKE HOTCHKISS  
ROB JOHNS  
RICHARD (DICK) SPIES  
MATT PELLICO

#### PUBLIC AUDIENCE:

BOB TRIMBLE  
LAINIE BLOCK WILKER  
BRENT DAHL  
ROGER EDWARDS

#### BASSETTI ARCHITECTS:

JOE ECHEVERRI

### AGENDA:

NO FORMAL AGENDA PROVIDED.  
THE MEETING IS INTENDED TO BE AN INFORMAL  
DISCUSSION AROUND RECENT BUDGET OVERRAGES IN THE  
2017 BOND PROGRAM AND THE IMPACT ON BENSON TECH.

### NOTES ISSUED:

APRIL 30, 2018

## DISCUSSION

### INTRODUCTION:

Jen Sohm provided a brief update on process:

- + New leadership at PPS, including hiring of new industry partnership liaison, Jonathan Garcia.
- + Based on new leadership and focus, industry engagement events to be shifted to the fall.
- + CTE visioning process underway with participation by Jeanne Yerkovich and others.
- + Jen will ask Jonathan and Jeanne to attend one of the next two MPC meetings to provide an update.

### BOND BUDGET UPDATE:

Jen Sohm and Dan Jung gave an overview of the current bond budget concerns:

- + All of the major modernization projects from the 2017 bond (Madison HS, Lincoln HS, Benson Tech HS, Kellogg MS) are dealing with budget overruns based on a number of factors. Jen provided Board subcommittee document that illustrates overages.
- + Construction market costs and escalation higher than anticipated.
- + Benson Tech being last to start construction contributes to larger overages based on escalation, currently estimated to be 5.5 - 6% per year.
- + Bond premium is lower than originally anticipated - approx. \$1 Million.
- + Estimate of interest being assembled.
- + Board workshop planned for May 22 to discuss all bond projects.

### MPC QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

Why was Benson Tech decided to be last for construction?

- + PPS decided to sequence the projects to help with logistical challenges with opening multiple new schools. I.e. move-in coordination, IT installation, etc.
- + Because of the focus option Ed Spec development, more time was deemed helpful for further refinement
- + More time to allow for development of partnerships.

Will overruns at Lincoln and Madison take funds away from Benson Tech?

- + That is not anticipated at this time.
- + Board will consider multiple options to help manage overruns.

Why are other projects ahead in their design process?

- + Because the projects are staggered, the projects moving forward first started on design earlier.

Encourage PPS to help with process to have industry partnerships to fund project - this is a unique aspect of Benson Tech that we can take advantage of.

- + In the past, there have been issues with PPS shutting down opportunities. Jen asked for specific names of PPS staff that shut these efforts down because there has been some turnover in leadership which may open the doors for more support. Jen will ask Jonathan Garcia to attend one of the next two MPCs for insights on PPS direction on industry partnerships.
- + Jen suggested a written plan be created for intent, goals and plan for reaching out with new and established partnerships to share with district.
- + Industry partnerships could help overcome budget shortfalls for PPS.
- + Industry outreach and program development will require buy-in from staff.

### COST SAVING IDEAS:

Bassetti asked that MPC members take the program summary provided and look for ideas and opportunities for efficiencies and sharing options, to be shared in the next MPC meeting, that can benefit the Benson Tech programs, and save space in the masterplan. Some initial ideas brainstormed were:

- + Industry funding for FF&E and/or fit-out of CTE space (naming rights, sponsorship?)
- + Maintain square footage but build as core & shell space for up to 50% of CTE space
- + Maintain areas for summer school and after school programs
- + Can we creatively phase the project to start construction sooner or shorten the construction schedule?
- + Would off-site options save costs?

- + More sharing between academic programs and CTE?
- + All new FF&E is nice, but not necessary, could be a fundraising or industry partnership opportunity.

#### FURTHER MPC QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

What is the difference between DOWA program from original masterplan to current masterplan Scheme L.1?

- + Scheme L.1 is based on more extensive input from staff and stakeholders, as this was part of the pre-diligence process and Ed Spec development. Existing areas are also more dialed in.

Combining program areas can provide opportunities for creative sharing and boost utilization rates.

- + Some academic and CTE staff currently collaborate in creative ways.
- + Jen to share utilization rate information provided in Benson Tech Ed Spec to MPC. It appears that some opportunity is available to reduce area while maintaining assumed capacity.

In addition to program sharing and efficiencies, we should also consider need for space for things not currently in school.

- + Throughout masterplanning, we've discussed the need for flexibility and adaptability to address program evolutions that we may not be able to anticipate at this time.

Is there a target or limit to fundraising assumptions that we should consider?

- + Sky's the limit at this point - MPC feels that industry can provide big dollars.
- + Who will champion the fundraising effort if big targets are assumed?

Capacity of the cafeteria and serving lines for student capacity need to be considered, as this has been an issue with some of the recently completed schools. Size should accommodate all students.

Bringing the theater up to code and making more usable will be an enormous asset to Benson Tech and the greater community.

Current enrollment projections show in 20 years that every high school, including Marshall, will have over 1,900 students.

How flexible is the \$150 Million health and safety portion of 2017 bond?

- + Bond language is ambiguous
- + Considering tapping into this fund is a consideration, but would be a political hot button.

When is the reconciliation model needed in this process?

- + What is the district criteria for reconciliation?
- + What are the parameters?

Could Benson Tech be moved up in schedule if we come to a reconciliation?

- + All options are on the table, but need to consider that other project designs are well ahead.
- + Would sharing Marshall be an option? PPS would need to consider pros and cons.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

- + Can we save money by reducing 3-year construction plan to 2-years? Are there any programs that could be moved off-site or be shut down for a few years to help shorten the schedule. If so, which ones would make sense because of the burden they place on phasing logistics?

**NEXT MPC MEETINGS:** MONDAY APRIL 30, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 PM, BENSON TECH  
MONDAY MAY 14, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 PM, BENSON TECH



**PPS MEETING SIGN-IN**  
**BPHS Master Planning Committee Members**

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Meeting: MPC Meeting #14

Date: Monday, April 16, 2018

	MPC Member	Affiliation	Signature
1	Paul Anthony	Board of Education, Parents / PTA / PTSA	Attended
2	Dale Bajema	Alumni, Boosters, Chairperson, Benson Site Council	
3	Maya Brown	Students / Alumni	
4	Simon Criswell	Students	Simon Criswell
5	Kevin B. Clark	Alumni, Business Association, higher ed and business advancing STEM education	Attended
6	Angel Dawson	Parents / PTA / PTSA	
7	Michelle Fusak	Parents / PTA / PTSA	
8	Brian Gerber	High school cluster parents, Parents / PTA / PTSA, Teachers	BG
9	Reuben Gilmore	Alumni, Parents / PTA / PTSA	
10	Tammy Hite	Alumni, Program and/or site use partners, Teachers	
11	Angela Jarvis Holland	Parents / PTA / PTSA, students of all abilities	
12	Luke Hotchkiss	Alumni, Teachers	Luke Hotchkiss
13	Eric Huth	Alumni	
14	JaNae Jamison	Teachers, Alumni	
15	Rob Johns	Alumni, Business Association, Legacy Graduate	Rob Johns
16	Kristin Kennedy	Teachers, Alumni	
17	Dave Ketah - MPC Co-Chair	High school cluster parents, Neighborhood Association, Parents / PTA / PTSA	Dave Ketah
18	Jacob M. Masters	Students	
19	Irina Phillips	High school cluster parents, Neighborhood Association, Parents / PTA / PTSA	
20	Jim Piro	PGE CEO; Alumni	
21	Ed Railey	Teachers	
22	Leigh Anne Scherer	High school cluster parents, Parents / PTA / PTSA	
23	James Tompkins	Students	
24	Julie Tonroy - MPC Co-Chair	Business Association. PPS Parent.	Julie Tonroy
25	Matt Pellico	Teachers	Matt Pellico
26	Bryan Smith	Teachers	
27	Richard (Dick) Spies	Alumni, Program and/or site use partners	Richard Spies
28	Lisa White	Boosters, Parents / PTA / PTSA	
29	Curtis Wilson Jr.	BPHS Principal	Curtis Wilson Jr.
30	Rebecca Zich	Students	

