

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



Date: Sept 12, 2016  
Starting Time: 5:30 pm  
Ending Time: 7:02pm  
Benson Tech library

**ATTENDEES:**

Rob Johns (RJ), Dale Bajema (DB), Mike Landstrom (ML), Ken Bakke (KB), Dick Spies (DS), Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Don Wear (DW), Annika Johnson (AJ), Max Baker (MB).  
Bob Trimble (BT)

**MINUTES:**

- Treasurer's Report – ML:
  - \$3885.12 current balance.
  - MB's receipts for the picnic are outstanding, as well as NG's.
- Membership - JP:
  - 1 new paid member
- Picnic
  - Banner looked great! Curtis is keeping it up as long as he can.
  - RJ and Curtis did tours of the school
    - Tom Walsh and Paul Anthony went through
    - Tom said he thought we'd have to do Benson over 2 bond measures.
  - Note that the \$50 gift cert we gave the janitor last year went a long way – he hung the banner himself.
  - NB moved we give another gift card to the janitor. DS seconded. Motion passed. MB will purchase the card and gift card, write the note to Eric Brown.
  - We will acquire misters for the front next year.
  - We should think about having it the week of the 12<sup>th</sup>, so it's not on the soap box derby weekend.
  - Food was good.
  - There were a few vegetarian requests, but we forgot to bring the veggie burgers. A dozen veggie burgers would cover it.
- Teacher's BBQ – RJ:
  - PacWest development firm bought the PointWest Credit Union building, so this is the last year we can have it in that location.
  - Fewer teachers this year. Thought: perhaps having it the week prior to when kids come it would be better. The first week is usually overwhelming.
  - Norse hall might be open. Maybe the office building.
  - The teachers that came had fun and the alumni members that were there circulated and talked with them.

- Fall Teacher's Appreciation Day – RJ:
  - We think it's in November.
  - DW will be working with the student body.
  - Need better planning and documentation.
  - Darigold has some kind of food matching program.
- Centennial celebration – DB:
  - Next meeting is directly after this one!
  - Meet and greet on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2017
  - Sat noon Picnic and tours of the school.
  - Sat Dinner
  - Sun golf tournament
  - Sun brunch cruise
  - Many venues want deposits.
    - Golf place \$500 (location and catering hold)
    - Janitors \$500
    - Norse Hall
  - Suggestion – keep funds for reunion separate, but in the same account.
  - DB moved that we authorize \$1000 for deposits, to have flexibility in between meetings. DS seconded. Motion passed.
- Measure 98:
  - The measure requires the legislature to separately provide at least \$800 per high school student – adjusted upward annually for inflation/population – to a Department of Education (ODE) administered account. ODE distributes those funds to school districts to establish or expand high school programs providing career-technical education, college-level courses, and dropout-prevention strategies. School districts must apply for grants, meet specified requirements. Districts may use limited portion of fund for administration costs but not unrelated activities. ODE monitors school district performance, ensures compliance, facilitates programs; Secretary of State audits biannually.
  - DS moved that we support this. DW seconded. Motion passed.
  - DB: we need to send a short note that we are in support to the school district, etc.
  - RJ will send a note to PPS's Interim Supt. as well as to the School Board indicating BPHSAA's support of '98' and add our support on Measure 98's webpage.
- RJ will ask JP to post to Alumni an email about the homecoming game and centennial planning.
- Bond Measure – RJ:
  - RJ reported on the school board meeting. About 30 Lincoln kids showed up. They wanted a vote. RJ conceded his speaking time to the kids. Brown was in support of it. Rosen was very vocal questioning the decisions. Paul was in favor. Buel was the swing and his position is that he wants to see what is going to be done for the grade and middle schools.
  - DS: we addressed that in the seismic assessment we did.
  - We got some great press, and good community support.

- There will be a lot of upcoming discussion now that it's going to be in May. If health and safety is truly the piece, it depends on how you define health. Radon first, lead first, seismic issues first.
- DS: Benson has more of these issues than any 2 schools combined.
- We need to be able to communicate a message about how we think it should be approached.
- DB: I'd like a copy of that City of Portland report.
- DS: The report was referred to at the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting when they brought up the safety. The subcommittee ignored the issue. They are fully funding 'fair' schools and not fully funding the 'poor' rated school (for safety), which is Benson Tech. It's important that we lobby that committee based on that position.
- RJ: Knowles and Kohnstamm are standing firm.
- DS: I think we should be meeting with up to 3 of the others at a time and going through it point by point to make sure they understand our position.
- RJ and a nucleus will form a statement of intent to push the bond.
- Much more to come.
- We'd love to find people that would run for PPS board. We need people to run with technical backgrounds. Discussion about districts and possible candidates.
- DS and DW left.
- Minutes – MB:
  - July and August draft minutes were sent. No comments came back.
  - Max passed out hard copies of both months.
  - DB moved to accept. KB seconded. Motion passed.
- Next meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

OLD BUSINESS – things to keep in mind

- Plan for merchandise?
- Archiving location and cataloguing

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary  
BPHS Alumni Association