

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

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2011

Starting Time: 5:35pm Ending Time: 7:30pm

Location: Benson Library Classroom

ATTENDEES:

Dale Bajema (DB), Ken Bakke (KB), Charles Heil (CH), Tammy Hite (TH), Josh Piper (JP) and Joanne Stainbrook (JS). *The list of attendees has been misplaced. If I missed anyone, please let me know... Tammy*

MINUTES:

Note: Items may not be in the exact order in which they were discussed. If any corrections or additions need to be made, please forward them to Tammy Hite.

- There are 8-openings on the BPHSAA Board of Directors in August. Tammy, Dale, Dick, Ken and Neal all have terms expiring.
- TH is moving to Bend, Oregon by the end of May. She may be able to attend meetings via web or conference call.
 - JP offered to take possession of the alumni materials TH has been storing.
- Site Council Update by DB.
 - Small turnout at the last meeting.
 - It was decided to wait until the Fall to fill the open position on the council since no one knows who will still be at the school next year.
 - ♦ There is a desire to continue to have alumni serve on the council.
 - Mark Davalos, PPS Deputy Superintendent and supporter of CTE will be leaving the district to become the Superintendent of St. Helens School District.
 - Equal opportunity and sensitivity to minorities will be the mission for the 2011-12 school year.
 - The district is moving towards an 8-period block schedule for all the high schools.
- Minutes for April approved.
- Account Balance: Approx. \$2135.56 and \$303.00 in Paypal.
 - \$460.00 was earned at Tech Show through donations, memberships and merchandise sales.
- Membership
 - Approximately 100
 - 13 at Tech Show and 29 from the postcard mailing.
- Tech Show Review
 - **Action Item:** JP and JS will enter the contact information from the sign-in sheets.
 - Next year BPHSAA will supply the beverages rather than have them catered. Cost difference is significant. Catered punch was nearly \$100 per night. For future shows, 5-gallon coolers of water and lemonade for each night.
 - Overall set-up worked well.

- Need more signs around the school to remind people to visit the alumni room.
 - Slide show might have attracted more people if there had been music.
 - Still would be nice to have some form of entertainment, either a band or vocal group.
 - Only 1-person signed up to assist the BPHSAA in the future.
 - Tech Show will be in February next year to better serve Freshman recruitment.
- Benson Centennial
 - A subcommittee will need to be formed to address the future school centennial
 - TH researched the Benson history. The Portland Trades School was started in 1908. It was renamed in 1915 after Simon Benson made his donation.
 - ♦ Since 2008 has already passed, it was suggested that the centennial celebration be during the 2015-2016 school year.
 - ♦ The freshman entering the school in fall 2012 will be the Centennial Graduating Class. It was suggested that marketing for the event should begin that year.
- Upcoming reunions
 - Mr. Foust with the class of '61 was given tri-folds during Tech Show to hand out to his classmates.
 - CH says that '56 is planning something
 - '91 will be joining us at the August Picnic
- Events
 - Kenton Station saw about 15-people at the April meeting
 - Other events in difference areas of Portland should be considered; southern part of the metro area.
 - Picnic
 - ♦ CH to bring his blow horn again.
 - ♦ Most of the details are made. TH will be sending out the duty sign-up at the end of July.
 - ♦ Nhi is in charge of organizing games.
- Mentoring would play a significant part in the school's student retention rate which is currently at 66%. The expected graduation rate is 77%. Effort should be made to find a contact at the school to help begin a program.
- New School Principal
 - A new principal has not yet been chosen. The choice is likely to be made from candidates already in the district.
 - An interview committee is in the processing of being formed, but they are having difficulty finding people to volunteer.
 - They hope to have a choice made by the end of May.
 - **Action Item:** DB will send the BOD the email asking for volunteers for the interview committee.
- **Action Item:** TH to send JP the email regarding the Senior Awards assembly so that he may let Ginger Taylor know that he will be presenting the awards this year.
 - There are 3-new school board members being elected this month. The BPHSAA may want to contact them after the election in order to introduce them to the association and the school.
 - DB will be out of town for the June meeting.
 - Next meeting: Thursday, June 9th, Benson Library Classroom, 5:30pm.