

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

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Starting Time: 5:42 pm Ending Time: 7:15pm

Location: Benson Polytechnic H.S. Library Classroom

ATTENDEES:

Dale Bajema, Paul Benninghoff, Don La Barre, Bob Hyland, Josh Piper, Dick Spies, Joanne Stainbrook, and Tammy Hite

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.

- Introductory Remarks—What can we do for the school? (Dale)
 - One suggestion made by the site council was to have a new display case built or pay for repairs to existing ones.

- LTDC Update (Dick)
 - Dick has met with the Mayor and a few of his staff members.
 - ♦ Mayor support regional magnet schools.
 - June 19th Forum will be held at Group MacKenzie and will include representatives from many of the local universities and colleges, the City of Portland, PPS, and industry.
 - ♦ Purpose is to develop 3-task forces to answer:
 - What: Help define the big ideas (program)
 - Who: Community outreach
 - How: Implementation of ideas
 - ♦ Main objective is to have a polished story that can be used to gain support.
 - Carol Smith to announce the plans for the district high schools around June 24th.
 - ♦ Still unclear if they plan to make Benson a 2-year Skills Center or 4-year school.
 - ♦ Once the announcement is made the Executive Committee will meet to discuss next steps
 - Dick feels it is still not the right time to involve the media.
 - ♦ The Asian Reporter is owned by a Benson Alumni.

- Tammy reminded everyone that the association By-laws state that in order to hold an official BOD meeting, we must have 8 BOD members for a quorum. This was written with the assumption that the BOD would consist of 15 members.
 - Suggestion is to rephrase to “50% of BOD members plus one.”
 - To be discussed at later meetings.

- Reunion Picnic (Tammy and Neal)
 - Color code name tags to distinguish between paying members and guests
 - May purchase cakes to celebrate 1-year anniversary—up to 5.
 - Tasks will include set-up, garbage and compost disposal, and tear-down.
 - Procedures for annual meeting still need to be discussed.
 - ♦ Making ballots and taking nominations
 - ♦ Who will speak
 - ♦ Displays
 - If people wish to join the association at the picnic so that they can vote in the election they should be allowed to.
 - ♦ Special offer of \$15.00 for remainder of 2009 and all of 2010?
 - Newsletter will need to be written to hand out. It would be appreciated if more people could contribute to writing articles.
 - ♦ Accomplishments of the past year.

- Tech Show Recap
 - Overall response from alumni and Benson teachers was great. They really enjoyed being in a larger and more open space.
 - Welcome table needs to be in a more strategic location to get everyone who attends to stop at the table.
 - A greater attempt should be made to get the Hall of Fame involved
 - ♦ Bob to talk to Chuck Charnquist about coming to the reunion picnic.
 - ♦ Perhaps they could have something we could post on our website.
 - Tammy still in the process of entering new contact information from the sign-in sheets.

- Finance Report—Current balance: \$2072.53

- Scholarship Committee
 - Tammy was present at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 10th to present the 3-check of \$1500.00 each. She will get the names from Ginger (counselor) and pass them on to Josh.
 - The committee would like to have the BPSHAA pay them back for funds borrowed earlier in the year.

- Membership Committee
 - Membership Database has been placed on Google Documents. Tammy and Josh have access to up-date.
 - Reunions
 - ♦ Class of '59 will be sending us their contact list.
 - ♦ Establish a “Reunion” page on the website
 - ♦ Need to find out who is organizing the reunions for other decades

- Next Meeting to be held in July. Date TBD.