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

Date: Oct 14, 2019
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 7:30 pm
Benson Polytechnic Library classroom

ATTENDEES:
Roger Edwards (RE), Bob Trimble (BT), Rob Johns (RJ), Rachael Kurynny (RK), Max Baker (MB), Dave Hutchins (DH)

Guests: Kevin Clark (KC) 1984 alum; Paul Rossi, class of 1977 alum

Not present: Mike Landstrom (ML), Gerry Ochs (GO), Josh Piper (JP), Brent Dahl (BD), Dale Bajema (DB), Jerome Martin III (JM)

OLD BUSINESS
- DH's arrival makes the quorum.
- Treasurer's report – BT:
  - $27260.39 balance
  - $213.91 deposits
- Reunions:
  - RE attended 1989 30th reunion:
    - It was at Stadium's in Milwaukie, a sports bar.
    - They will put our alumni association address on their Facebook page, some people picked up the fliers, there was some good conversation.
  - Class of 2000 next year will have it picnic weekend.
- Yearbooks:
  - RK moved to approve purchase 2 yearbooks: library and time capsule. RJ seconded. Motion passed unanimously
  - RE is going to talk to the yearbook advisor to see if we can get a space to advertise the alumni association as the place to check for reunions, etc.
- Minutes:
  - RK moved we approve the minutes as amended by suggestions sent via email. RJ seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Membership:
  - JP reported 123 members.
- DH arrived.
- Annual meeting is coming November 18 at 5:30PM, when we elect new board members. Five positions are coming vacant: RE, JM, RK, and BT
  - Jen Sohm is going to do a modernization presentation.
  - JP will put out announcements.
  - Need 10 paid members to conduct the meeting.

- o Discussion about providing refreshments and agenda that includes a little update on the remodel and tech show volunteer ops.
  - o MB moved that we provide refreshments ($100) for the Annual meeting. RK seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Tech Show 2020:
  - o Centennial celebration because there were 3 years they did not have a tech show. What can we do that's different and special in the room? RK, ML, KC, and DH will kick around some ideas this month.
  - o Benson Tech Pep Band – DB
    - ▪ Reached out to Wayne DeVore about having the Tech Pep Band perform at Tech Show. JP and MB will communicate with him about their participation.
  - o KC suggested some audio of alums talking about what the school means to them. Etc. Stream, KBPS/KSSN, Facebook, etc. Partner with communications to create a booth with prompts, recording device.
  - o RK and RJ, GO and others on the committee will work on this idea and who to contact to make it happen.
  - o Cutouts for photos, simon benson? Benson bubbler?
    - ▪ Construction/Art students?
  - o Alumni Hall of Achievement (not athletics) – idea from other high school alumni associations. Could present an award. Can a class nominate someone?
  - o Planning Committee meeting will be Wed Nov 6th, Ford Food and Drink, 1:15PM.
  - o Giveaways – the foundry coasters were great last year.
- DAG meetings – KC
  - o He'll send out an email with dates.
  - o Nov 24th DAG 6PM E105 (Digital Media room, old print shop)
  - o Historic Landmarks meeting around the 20th.
  - o Teachers are optimistic about the temp space during the remodel. There were some good accommodations made for Grant previously.
  - o Note, we think we'll be under enrolled during the years we are out of the building.
  - o Discussion of what bussing would be provided. RJ and KC discussed bringing up forming a subcommittee for that.
- Reminder: Between Nov and Jan, Board meets to elect officers:
  - o Election of officers in December meeting, do voting first, then hold the meeting.
  - o Old Board should have draft budget to hand to the New Board in December. New board should approve the budget for 2020 at first meeting in January.
  - o BT will make a basic spreadsheet with the information that we have.
  - o Also an annual report at Dec 9th – summary of income and outgoing expenses.
- Report on homecoming event:

- ○ KC went to the game, helped with dance setup. There were many present at the game. Our popup tents weren't up, can follow up with that later.

NEW BUISNESS
- The computer lab was broken into twice. They think master key copies were made. The cameras had been disabled years ago. They won't do video because of student privacy. KC – Grant has external video surveillance cameras. RJ – DB said that Curtis had asked and legal balked. KC – it was never formally discussed in site council. District probably isn't willing to spend a lot of money on this for a campus that will be remodeled. Athletic storage, tools shed, etc.
- Requests for funding – RK
  - ○ More solicitations for funds have come in. Reminder of our mission – how do we decide how we support various student activities? Criteria might be:
    - One time/ or dependency?
    - Aligned with our mission?
    - Visibility of the Association?
  - ○ KC: Previous discussions were to have any requests come in as a proposal, then we create criteria for what we can do. The limited resources we have make the proposals competitive. What we had decided before was that we would not offer monetary assistance to most student activities, but would consider proposals by Curtis.
  - ○ Boosters do have 501C-3 now; Boosters fall under Tech Pride Volunteers. Boosters have the narrow mission of supporting athletics.
  - ○ Benson Tech Foundation can be a source if the activity is for STEAM/CTE.
- PPS Master Plan for College and Career Readiness and Career and Technical Education – RJ
  - ○ District released a detailed draft document.
  - ○ KC mentioned he was in some meetings providing feedback and at least some verbal feedback was not included in the document. The general feeling is that the superintendent's recommendation that Benson Tech remain a comprehensive high school will continue. There are issues with the document, KC provided feedback to the board.
- Next meetings:
  - ○ November 18th, 5:30 – 7:30PM Benson Tech Library (Annual Meeting)
  - ○ December 9th, 5:30 – 7:30PM Benson Tech Library (elect new officers)
  - ○ January 13th, 5:30 – 7:30PM Benson Tech Library
- Parking Lot ideas:
  - ○ Alumni Storage Trailer
  - ○ Finding alumni service as part of Alumni Association services for members.
  - ○ Communication Network/Strategy for urgent needs/issues:
    - Accurate info
    - Timing
    - Communication paths from Principal to groups and back again?
  - ○ Volunteer recruitment and coordination

- Script for school tours, outreach, media talking points
- CTE presence on social media

Respectfully Submitted,

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