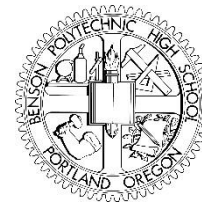


**Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association  
Board of Directors Meeting - Official Minutes - Draft**



Date: Monday August 6 2018

Starting Time: 5:34pm

Ending Time: 6:47pm

Location: Providence Health Office Park

ATTENDEES: Dale Bajema (DB), Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Rob Johns (RB), Brent Dahl (BD), Roger Edwards (RE), Mike Landstrom (ML), Ken Bakke (KB), Bob Trimble (BT), Ken Bakke (KB), Kevin Clark (KC), Neil Galash (NG), Josh Piper (JP), **Chuck**

Not present: Dick Spies (DS), Max Baker (MB), Jerome Martin (JM), Gerry Ochs (GO)

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Minutes** - (DB) July minutes not approved due to absence of MB. Minutes taken (BD) in her absence.
- **Treasurer Report** - (ML) Available funds are trending down, currently \$1728.15 with approximately \$40 of that in savings. From a financial standpoint the Colwood Golf/Cruise In did not go well in that revenue was only \$814.06. Discussion began about changing venue or even format for 2019. The Portland Rose Festival milk carton races in June 2019 was suggested as a family friendly alternative. Also, on the balance sheet the \$200 Benson freshman picnic donation (expense) came through.
- **Newsletter** - (BD) Stories have been gathered but not completely. Need more copy and time to edit/ prep. Goal is to print this week for distribution at Saturday August 12 picnic. If not then distribution in late August. Mention was made to include a thank you to area neighbors like Franz Bread for their unwavering support. Just to get the word out about the August 12 picnic and the August 18 Project Community Care Day (campus cleanup) a "save the date" one-page flyer was sent to BPHSAA membership list. All BPHSAA members and board were encouraged to participate.
- **August 2018 Picnic** - (RK) Teachers, alumni, students/families invited but always hard to predict actual attendance. Never exceeds 200 but last year about 120 hamburgers, 80 sausage were served. Incoming freshman get free food. RJ stated that surplus items from 2018 cruise-in (Colwood) would be used. RK will make up a sign (thanks to Franz) and circulated the volunteer signup sheet once again. JP will have meal tickets. KB, NG will bring a lot of the food, plates, napkins, forks. BT will bring extra coolers. KB to get celebratory cake from Costco to honor Curtis Wilson as Oregon principal of the year.

Motion made and passed to finance food at \$300, plus Costco cakes \$ 75 for a \$400 total budget. With the newsletter expenses added in (\$50 postage, printing) the total should be under \$500. Discussion ensued about ways to get new BPHSAA members at the event. Motion was made (passed) to provide an inducement to join onsite with the membership extending through the end of 2019. Campus tours will be at 1pm with RJ, BD leading. Expected to attend the picnic were many members of Class of '98 since the '98 class reunion is later that day.

- **Football team equipment** - (RJ) An unexplained fire on the south corner of the school campus destroyed a shed used by the athletic department that contained football equipment including shoulder pads and tackle dummies. An online fundraising ask (GoFundMe) is underway and coach Mychal Gann is attempting to raise \$12,000. Portland Public Schools insurance adjusters have noted that the loss is under a policy deductible limit but may still write a check to cover some of the equipment replacement cost.
- **Benson Tech Action Committee-** (RJ) the committee has been meeting almost every Monday evening to discuss ongoing PPS modernization bond cost overruns. RJ announced change in PPS board of education leadership with Rita Moore (Zone 4) replacing Julia Brim-Edwards (Zone 6) as board chair. RJ and Benson supporter Paul Anthony (Zone 2) met with PPS superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero and a half dozen other PPS staffers regarding the swing space concept for Benson programming during the upcoming construction activity expected in 2021-2024. At the meeting Julia Brim-Edwards suggested that Marshall High School serve as alternative swing space but RJ was able to counter the idea due in part to commute time and logistics. RJ mentioned recent media coverage by local newspapers and local television news teams of the May 2017 PPS bond and noted that the cost overruns are getting more exposure. RJ appeared in at least one of the television reports.
- **Welcome Back Teacher Event** - (DB) is not sure if it is going to happen but will ask Curtis Wilson about it. if it is a go. August 27 is the first day of school.

September meeting will be Monday September 10 at 5:30pm at Benson Tech library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brent Dahl  
Director  
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