

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

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2011

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

Location: Benson Library Classroom

ATTENDEES:

Dale Bajema (DB), Ken Bakke (KB), Maj Britt Johnson (MJ), Tammy Hite (TH), Josh Piper (JP) and Joanne Stainbrook (JS)

Guest: Don LeBarre

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.

- Account Balance: Approx. \$3000.00 with \$295.00 in PayPal.
- Membership
 - Currently at 48.
 - **Action Item for All:** Need to verify if all Board of Directors have paid for their memberships.
 - Stamps and labels placed on 1000 postcards being sent to people in database that do not have email accounts.
 - ♦ **Action Item:** TD to warn Sharon Hudson that returns may be coming.
 - Do we want to consider offering a special deal at the class reunions this year similar to that offered at annual picnic?
 - Need to still be sure to get into contact with reunion organizers to see if they are willing to share their information.
 - Thank you letters for new memberships
 - ♦ **Action Item:** JP to update letter
 - ♦ Motion made and passed to include an alumni car cling with the letters
 - ♦ **Action Item:** JP to order car clings for “thank you” letters and Tech Show sales.
- Events Committee
 - Tech Show
 - ♦ Car Show – MJ to help line up participants for the Friday night event.
 - ♦ TH is putting together a slide show of pictures from yearbooks and other sources.
 - ♦ **Action Item:** TH and JP. Announcement to go on website and Facebook by end of March.
 - ♦ **After meeting note:** Through email vote in March, it was agreed that the BPHSAA would fully fund the refreshments for the alumni room at Tech Show. The cost is around \$480.00 for cake, coffee and punch for both nights.

- Annual Summer Picnic
 - ♦ Date is officially Sunday, August 14th at Blue Lake Regional Park, Area 18. This is the same location of the 2008 picnic.
 - ♦ Meeting to discuss details will be held after Tech Show.
- Site Council Meeting
 - Tech Show will likely be moved to February in 2012 to be coordinated with Freshman Recruitment activities.
 - ♦ Magnet night (mini Tech Show) in February was a success, but took a great deal of planning and added another night teachers were required to work.
 - Freshman application.
 - ♦ Numbers as of 03/05/11 there were 361 applicants for the 250 spots available for 2011-12 school year.
 - ♦ Lottery will be held during Spring Break and letters sent home to winners beginning of April.
 - Current enrollment and staffing.
 - ♦ As of 03/07/11 the current enrollment at Benson is 932 students, but it is staffed for 1028. Various reasons for the drop in enrollment.
 - ♦ PPS projects that enrollment will be 870 for 2011/12 school year. This means a cut of at least 6-teachers. Possible 8-more cuts depending on budgets at state and district levels.
 - ♦ There will be cuts in CTE programs and staffing. Depth of cuts unknown.
 - ♦ With the district capping enrollment at 850-students, future cuts should be minimal in future years and teacher positions should begin to stabilize.
 - ♦ Mentoring programs will be vital next year to help with the adjustments and possible loss of programs.
 - Importance of CTE is growing on a national scale.
 - ♦ Race to Nowhere is a documentary focusing on how the current systems are failing students.
 - ♦ 2 Million Minutes documents how students in different countries are spending their time in high school preparing for life after graduation.
- Supporting Benson Projects
 - Better marketing of Benson achievements
 - School Centennial? Is it 2012 (Portland Trades School) or 2016?
- Communication Committee
 - JP has established a Twitter account for people to follow.
 - **Action Item:** TH to contact the Facebook Group creator to add JP
 - Do we want to send Steve O. a request to send a Tweet notice to the teachers?
- Next meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2011, 5:30pm, Benson Library