

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), Neal Galash (NG), Chuck Heil (CH), Tammy Hite (TH), Josh Piper (JP), Dick Spies (DS) 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
 - 1660 postcards with membership and Tech Show information were mailed within the last few days.
 - Membership is currently at 50
 - ♦ **Action Item:** Board of Directors who still need to pay 2010-11 dues: Chuck, Dick, Neal, Maj Britt, and Kyle. DB to email members.
- Letter was sent to the PPS Board regarding the BPHSAA stance on the upcoming Levy and Bond.
 - There will be mention of the levy and bond in the upcoming newsletter
 - As of recent polls, the levy to support teaching positions is likely to pass and the bond for building repairs, maintenance and replacement will fail.
 - PPS Superintendent recently announced that due to recent budget restraints, 45 jobs at the high school level will be cut and 70 if the levy doesn't pass.
- For the 2011-12 school year, Benson staffing will be based on an enrollment of 873 students.
 - 290 8th graders choose Benson as a 1st choice for the 240 freshman openings.
 - 17 students choose Benson as a 1st choice for the 10 sophomore openings.
- A grant to help support CTE in Oregon is currently in the Ways & Means Committee.
- PPS is still trying to figure out the depth, subject and location of CTE programs in the district.
 - Nearly all of the district high schools currently have at least 1-CTE option with the exception of Grant and Lincoln excluding art programs.
- During the recently annual state testing (NCLB requirement), Benson has passed nearly all areas with the exception of African-American Males Math scores. Amy Slaughter is working with those individuals to raise their scores before the deadline. If she succeeds, the school will have passed all areas of the NCLB report card for the first time in years.

- Steve Olczak has decided to retire at the end of the school year. A meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21st at Benson to discuss the attributes a Benson Principal needs to have. Room 125 (Band Room)
 - **Action Item:** JS to draft a letter to district regarding issue.
- Events Committee
 - Tech Show
 - ♦ TH explained the layout and displays for the show.
 - ♦ List sent around table to sign-up for assignments. TH will send out a formal schedule when it is ready.
 - ♦ \$480.00 check for refreshments will be delivered to the school. The BPHSAA will be asking for donations this year to help recover some of the cost.
 - ♦ CH has ordered the alumni T-Shirts
 - ♦ TH to create a poster for the BPHSAA goals and activities it plans to begin in the next 12-months.
 - Kenton Station—Neal and Ken were the only ones at the March meeting. NG will be sure to remind people at the April meeting about Tech Show.
 - Picnic—The reservation has been made for Sunday, August 14th at Blue Lake. Meetings to discuss the games and activities to happen after Tech Show.
- Benson “Pep” Band
 - Due to the lack of a school band, it has been suggested that the alumni try to organize a band to play at special school events and games.
 - DB has contacted the “One More Time Around” Band and asked them to make an announcement at their next meeting to see if there is any interest.
 - Band could be open to current students.
- Scholarship Committee
 - \$6219.00 is available for scholarships this year.
 - Donations from the 2010 campaign were around \$1550.00.
 - JP is now on the scholarship account and will be taking over for Don LeBarre.
- The new and improved website is still in development.
- Due to lack of participation, the question was posed if Thursday nights still worked or if we should return to Wednesdays.
 - **Action Item:** DB will send out an email to those who were not at the meeting.
- A reminder that when you need a reimbursement for purchases made on behalf of the alumni association, please submit an expense sheet and receipts.
 - TH can send you an expense sheet if you need one.
- Next meeting, Thursday, May 12, 2011, 5:30pm, Benson Library