

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



Date: September 11, 2017
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 7:15 pm
Benson Tech library

ATTENDEES:

Roger Edwards (RE), Ken Bakke (KB), Wes Soderback (WS), Josh Piper (JP), Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Bob Trimble (BT), Rob Johns (RJ), Michael Landstrom (ML), Neal Galash (NG)

Guests: Kevin Clark (KC), other guest Jeanette DeCastro

MINUTES:

Opening Remarks – Ken Bakke
Treasurer's Report – Michael Landstrom
Membership Report – Josh Piper

\$4502.51 in checking account (ML)

Grand Reunion financial review next meeting (ML)

Membership now at 76 (JP), \$38.58 in Paypal account to be transferred to Alumni checking.

Minutes to be reviewed by September 15 to be voted on October meeting for July and August

Class of '97 donated \$540 to the Alumni Assn

Kevin, Rob, Ken, and Bob reviewed the Athletic Meeting at PPS in Aug 29th following a community meeting where we met to discuss this issue as a Benson Tech Sports Athletic Committee (BTSAC). Met with Board Member Rosen and Athletic Director Haskins. It was an airing of our disagreements regarding the enrollment cap affect on the viability of Benson Athletics. We debated several points of the Plan B Consultancy draft report. Rosen committed that the Plan B report would be used as an opinion and not a recommendation. We have discussed the concepts of feeder systems and enrollment improvement for student athletes.

Jeanette DeCastro, '97 coming back around to involving herself with the school. Jeanette recounted her experience for ADA/accessibility based on her own experiences.

A review of the Benson Community Picnic, August 12th: Rachel commented that the Benson Tours were held successfully for the Class of '97. Having alumni back on campus with teachers leading the tours. Great food, high turnout. Josh will follow up with numbers of participants.

Rachel suggested that our website encourage other class reunions participate for the Reunions at the Benson Community Picnic. Rachel suggested August 11th for the 2018 community picnic.

By-Law Discussion (Neal, Wes, Max), draft suggestions handed out. Options to vote by proxy was discussed. The Board mail out the method of proxy voting to leave leeway to come up with a way to allow people who cannot attend to vote. Wes suggested to eliminate the two 3 year consecutive limit. Kevin suggested a means to consider continuing service if position is unopposed. Neal to send out Word doc draft to allow members to comment back to him. Wes is donating a book of Robert's Rules of Order (Modern Edition).

On Benson Activities Committee (Josh, Roger, Rachel), will have something for the board at the next meeting (October).

Old Business: Membership benefits, merchandise for alumni, membership chairman, car decals, license plate frames, Zazzel has programs for merchandising.

Volunteer for Membership Chair, Jerome Martin had expressed enthusiasm (not present at this meeting).

Bob brought in Thank You Certificates to appreciate the special efforts of donors and those who gave special time to make the Grand Reunion successful. We can set this up for future use.

Rob will ask Curtis for an USB download to give to Rachel for Instagram from events where Alumni have participated and supported.

Bob gave a review of the Benson Community Cleanup in August. A number of alums will donate 6 new rose bushes personally. Ken will donate a Rose. Bob will pick a date and advise Alumni Board.

Inventory of gifts/donations from prior classes as part of Renovation. Plans for Renovation discussed, the Design Advisory Group will be created in the Fall. We need to help formulate the plan on where the CTE programs move offsite during Renovation.

Ken mentioned the Sun Dial, Neal the concrete bench and Benson Bubbler, as items that were donated by earlier classes that have not been maintained and to count them in for the Renovation planning.

Sept 22nd is Homecoming.

Meeting adjourned, 7:15 PM.