

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



Date: July 11, 2017
Starting Time: 5:33 pm
Ending Time: 7:45 pm
Mackenzie Group Offices

ATTENDEES:

Josh Piper (JP), Gerry Ochs (GO), Mike Landstrom (ML), Dale Bajema (DB), Roger Edwards (RE), Rachael Kuryunny (RK), Bob Trimble (BT), Ken Bakke (KB), Rob Johns (RJ), Wes Soderback (WS). Guests: Kevin Clark (KC), Bobbie Barber (BB, class of '77), Steve Curley (CTE Teacher), Jerome Martin (JM, class of '77).

MINUTES:

Athletics situation background provided by Dale Bajema.

Football seems to be the flashpoint. Athletic Director Haskins has focused on eliminating what he considers Losing Teams. He issued a draft report to PPS Board Director Mike Rosen. That report was focused on reducing Benson sports. He tried this 3 years ago and now has tried again.

Reviewed the Proposed Board Letter on Athletics.

Benson Tech Enrollment has limited student athlete enrollment.

Discussed that we would state that the offered letter puts us in no better position. We concluded that we would not accept Rosen's draft letter as offered in that it did not offer any assurance beyond what we had that PPS would not curtail Benson Sports.

PPS had a separate consultant's report which was not made public, which Steve Curley provided.

We will reserve our right to bring a group of interested students and supporters.

May Minutes accepted.

Treasurers Report: \$5152.57 on deposit. OHS dinner will be reimbursed for \$2224.52. Cash and extra checks from Reunion events to be deposited, approx \$1800 to deposit. Appears close to break even on Grand Reunion events.

Membership: 73 paid members, 5 new members from Reunion.

Signatures for Point West, to set up for the bank. Bring prior Meeting Minutes.

We had a good turnout for the Grand Reunion.

Meet and Greet was approx 113, far more than registered.

School Tours, was well over 200

OHS Dinner, full dinner and speaker, were moving.

Colwood Golf and Cruise-in, great connections across generations were made.

Portland Cruise on Willamette, good turnout.

We gleaned how people learned of the events.

Facebook and Email blasts were supporting elements of communication.

Consensus was to consider annual events, Colwood (meet/greet/golf/cruise) and a possible annual dinner at OMSI (a lower cost alternative to Oregon Historical Society) and OMSI is part of the Innovation Quadrant with Benson Tech.

Roger, Jerome, Max with Josh as a committee to consider a proposal on how to handle assistance requests from Athletics or Student Groups. Ideas can be sent to josh@pdxpipers.com.

August 12 Community Picnic, planning, 11:30-3:30 at Benson Tech.

Jerome Martin asked to be part of the Board, to be voted on at the next meeting.

August 7th is the next Alumni Board meeting.

We will look to Max to help coordinate the Picnic.

Rachael will have her class for their 1997. Reunion the night before and that day.

Class of 1987 having their reunion that same day.

By Law Review Committee (Max, Neal, Wes) results:

- move the Annual Meeting, possibly set up a time Nov-Feb for a specific annual meeting, not tied to Tech Show. Email comments. Bylaws are on the website. Section 1 Article 3. How it would be to have a specific Annual Meeting. Location, date to be determined.

Closing Remarks

Consider including Senior Student officers in our meetings. Closing at 7:45.