

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

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2009
Starting Time: 5:30 pm Ending Time: 7:00pm
Location: Benson H.S. Library Classroom

ATTENDEES:

Dale Bajema, Kyle Andersen, Josh Piper, Neal Galash,, Joanne Stainbrook, Andrew Scorgie, Shannon Scorgie, Dick Spies and Tammy Hite

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.

- Opening statements from Dale
- Minutes from November meeting approved
- Bylaw changes
 - Neal passed out new verbiage of the for Article IV, Section 5
 - *Section 5: Quarom. A Board of Directors meeting must be attended by a “majority of the currently filled Board positions” before business can be transacted or motions made or passed.*
 - Motion made and carried to accept changes.
- Tammy to send out an email to see if anyone is interested in serving on the Executive Committee.
 - Comments made that with the monthly BOD meetings; it seems like a lot of meetings. The Executive committee was originally established to handle business between BOD meetings when BOD would meet quarterly instead of monthly.
- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - One concern that arose from the conferences is “how do you deal with teachers who don’t support the school?”
 - ♦ A new generation of teachers may be more open and many current teachers are retiring.
 - ♦ Tammy mentioned how difficult it has always been to get the teachers to incorporate CTE curriculum into the academics.
 - The conferences were worth attending to make connection with the teachers and parents.
- Events Committee and & Membership Committee
 - Need to focus more on Benson pride

- Possible merchandise for the alumni...hats, t-shirts, etc.
- Need to extend invitations to industry leaders to the Tech Show.
- Need to still speak to the Tech Show committee to see if the ideas of a “Cruise-in” and talent showcase are possible in conjunction with the alumni room.
 - ♦ Friday—Alumni Night
- A meeting still needs to be held to discuss the procedures for handling membership applications and dues.
- A Campus Clean-up before the Tech Show is scheduled

- LTDC
 - The current work by the district on the redesign of the high schools doesn’t include Benson. They are focusing more on the community schools and which ones will be closed.
 - Dick is trying to get either an official or unofficial endorsement so that the LTDC can move forward.
 - Roosevelt, Madison, Franklin and Marshall are all possible future closures.
 - Dick is still encouraging the district to keep the campuses, but open them up and become more multi-functional facilities.
 - Concern about how the district is handing the TAG students
 - Focus on equity in the district.
 - Numbers is a major underlining issue
 - ♦ Sports are a factor since schools won’t qualify for 6A if they fall below a certain enrollment (1000?)
 - ♦ Intramural programs?
 - Dick is having some difficulty being kept in the “loop” for the research being done on the grant he helped the district to obtain on developing curriculum for CTE programs related to “green” industries.
 - Bond is being moved to November election and will be focused on building improvements.
 - Possible next steps for the LTDC
 - ♦ Meet with Steve Olczak and see if he will meet with Carole Smith
 - ♦ Develop curriculum
 - ♦ Make new connections and strength existing ones.

- Finance
 - We need to start keeping track of volunteer hours. These numbers are needed when applying for certain grants.
 - We need to keep better record of donated funds vs. dues.
 - Proposed budget handed out but costs for many items still need calculating.

- Scholarship
 - Only \$60.00 collected from the Pay-pal.