

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

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Starting Time: 5:30 pm Ending Time: 7:00pm
Location: Benson H.S. Classroom 116

ATTENDEES:

Dale Bajema, Kyle Andersen, Bob Hyland, Josh Piper, Neal Galash,, Joanne Stainbrook, Andrew Scorgie, 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.

- Announcements from Site Council
 - 2-students from Benson have been selected to participate in the Metro Youth Apprenticeship Program which includes 500-hours per year. The positions generally go to students at the community college level.
 - School district update
 - ♦ A new set of meetings have been scheduled through November to gain more community input on the neighborhood school model.
 - ♦ Carole Smith is tentatively scheduled to appear in front of the school board on December 14th to announcement the enrollment numbers for the high schools. Specific schools to be closed will NOT be mentioned, only the estimated number.
 - ♦ There is talk about making Jefferson an Arts Magnet, but nothing firm.
 - ♦ Bond issue has been moved to Fall 2010.
 - Benson Application process is being developed.
 - ♦ 2-round approach
 - 1st Round: Allows a specified # of available slots for each neighborhood school
 - 2nd Round: Will fill the remaining slots
- LTDC update per Dale
 - Dick will be attending a meeting with the Office of School Modernization at the end of the week.
 - Dick to call a meeting of the LTDC within the next few weeks.
- Minutes approved with the correct to change the next meeting date from “October 14th” to “November 18th”.
- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Conference are Monday (11/23), 5-8pm and Tuesday (11/24), 8:30-12, 1:30-3:30 & 5-8pm.
 - It is a good time to speak with the teachers since they are required to be in attendance.
 - Objective of BPHSAA attending is to gather information from the teachers.
 - BPHSAA will only attend the Tuesday, 1:30 to 3:30 shift and will consist of Neal, Kyle, and Bob.

- Tammy will get the old newsletters to Kyle
 - A list of questions can be sent to Josh for a survey form. Kyle to print.
- By-laws: New verbiage passed out to be adopted at next meeting if quorum.
- Dale to email BOD members to see who would be interest in filling the two open positions on the Executive Committee
- There is still 1-opening on the BOD
- Account balance is \$1573.67
 - Budget for 2010 is under development with an outline to be submitted at next meeting.
 - Need a list of possible events and marketing strategies from Shannon.
- Membership Numbers: 175
 - Nearly all of the current membership expire at end of December
 - Need to remind people that their dues are our only source of income along with what we have done in the past year and what our intentions are for next year.
 - We should have an on-line application by the end of the year.
- Events Update
 - Dance
 - ♦ Need to put out some feelers for a possible dance. Cost for gym rental is around \$65 per hour plus custodial which can range from \$28 to \$48 depending on the day of week. 4-hour minimum. We would also need to estimate the time for set-up and take-down.
 - ♦ Cost of renting equipment a possible issue. School system may be an option.
 - Picnic: Combine with a car show
- Bob mentioned that “Friends of Trees” assists people with the cost of purchasing trees and that he would like to see some planted at the front of the school.
 - Good item for the LTDC
- Coordination with other alumni associations should be considered to see how they attract members.
- Scholarship Committee Update
 - 301 hard copy letters mailed to previous donors and over 700 emails sent out. 20% of the emails addresses were bad.
 - Within a few days, \$60.00 in pay-pal account by 3-people.
- Communications Update
 - Josh has found a site that allows us to send out up to 3000 emails per month for free.
- “Help Benson Now”
 - If people wish to contribute funds, BPHSAA will serve as a central place to do so. If they wish to donate equipment or other items, they can send directly to school.
 - A display case will cost about \$1500 to build.

- ♦ Tammy is concerned that current cases are not used effectively. Perhaps the alumni can occupy part of one already built. There are other items the alumni can sponsor such as sound systems and outside seating.
- PTSA next meeting in January. Tammy to send out the date.
- Next meeting to be held on December 9th at Benson starting at 5:30pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm