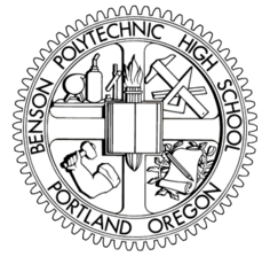


**Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting – Official Minutes - Final**



Date: Dec 8, 2014
Starting Time: 5:30 pm Ending Time: 7:30 pm
Benson Tech Library

ATTENDEES:

Josh Piper (JP), Ken Bakke (KB), Dale Bajema (DB), Roger Edwards (RE), Annika Johnson (AJ), Max Baker (MB), Rob Johns (RJ), Dick Spies (DS), Mike Landstrom (ML)

Guests: Larry Burkett, 1974 grad, Real Estate Broker (larry@eleetere.com 503-680-3018); Tammy Hite – faculty and 1991 grade; Paul Athony, parent.

MINUTES:

- Tammy spoke about the drafting classes for sophomores:
 - The first quarter was full, the last three fairly small. Still having some kids that had no drafting. This next year will be the first that all freshmen will be required to take drafting as part of the CTE rotation.
 - We used all our grant money. If we have any left, or can find more, we'll get updated text books.
- Treasurer's report - KB:
 - \$2010.59 is the balance
- Membership – JP:
 - December Membership: 177 (1 new, 3 renewals)
 - Paypal: \$76.48 (Transferred to OnPoint checking account on 12/8)
 - Josh will let the board know who needs to pay dues.
- Newsletter – JP:
 - JP sent out the newsletter draft in an email. Several of the board made suggestions.
 - JP will finalize the letter and send it.
- Minutes: MB sent November minutes on 12/4, revised minutes today. We will accept further revisions until Friday.
- Benson House – DS:
 - There was discussion about the Benson house and several possibilities for the next few years. There are three properties clustered together that could be used for sustainable, contemporary design, and one property that would work for a more traditional single family home. We've asked for all of them now, so that we can plan the next few houses. We'll see how the district chooses to proceed.
- School renovation bond – DS:
 - Benson is on the plan. Starting early next year we will have \$500,000 available for school planning. We need to have our story and the plans in place in order to convince the public to vote for the bond. All the work we have done and continue to do to strengthen business relationships will help.

- Working with Curtis and the faculty to help build strong advisory councils with invested business partners will help inform the curriculum, and therefore the building plans.
- Lincoln is already ahead of the game. They've had a meeting with supporters already, handing out surveys to get ideas from the public on what they want to see happen. We need to get Curtis onboard with the idea that it's not too early to start this also. DS and DB will emphasize this when they meet with Curtis about various subjects over the next few weeks.
- Athletics/Boosters – DB:
 - There is an upcoming boosters meeting. They are trying to get organized for upcoming sports events.
 - The district will be meeting with DB, Curtis, Sanjay to determine what Benson sports will look like next year.
- Site Council – DB
 - The five year plan is still being consulted. (What specifically did you say?)
- Benson Tech Forward – RJ
 - Need to think about what we want to call our new vision for Benson. Like the idea of “Benson Tech Forward”, possibly 2020, since that's around when we think the school would be finished. It will be important to be able to speak about our vision for the school in order to get the bond passed, and to keep partners and supporters on the same quest.
- Tech Show – MB:
 - Last year worked well. We will contact Kathy Skatch about having the video player station, as that's a nice draw for the recent graduates to see their class videos. We'll also ask for the Benson promotional video as well as the history.
 - Please think about who you can wrangle to help volunteer at Tech Show. We always need more people to help at the front.
 - We have two more meetings. More details will come at January meeting.
- Alumni archives – RE and AJ:
 - RE and AJ met with Lisa Wilke and saw the space the items are stored in.
 - It's very hot in that room. Would be good to get a space where we can keep it secure but accessible, have our own key etc.
 - Lisa has software with items already archived.
 - It would be good to have a laptop dedicated for this that has the software and information accessible.
 - Rob will check with Curtis.
- RJ: We need to be thinking about replacing board members whose terms are coming to an end.
 - Ken's term is up. Perhaps Joanne will take over as she is the assistant? Rob will email her.
 - MB: We should try and increase the minority membership on the board if we can.
 - If replacements cannot be found, we could keep people on, either by changing the bylaws or by having nobody fill the position and the chairman re-appointing them.
- Future guests:

- Sanjay?
- MB and RJ to set a date with Connie Mar (grad and Marketing consultant) for the Foundation Marketing meeting. Then they will inform the board so interested persons can attend.
- RJ reiterated his invite to his event for board members and Benson supporters: CELLAR 55, 1812 WASHINGTON ST. IN VANCOUVER, WA. Dec 18th, 6:30-9:30. Wine tasting with cheese, crackers and desserts provided.
- Paul updated the board on progress being made with having a dental clinic hosted at Benson. There is a lot of positive interest and key stakeholders are on board.
- MB: Contacted Miranda Ryan about having someone from the alumni association speak at the awards banquet this year, about the alumni association. No reply yet.

OLD BUSINESS – things to keep in mind

- Benson 5 year plan.
- Who do we talk to at the awards ceremony about getting time to address students about the alumni association?
- Plan for merchandise?
- ‘Pathways to Manufacturing’ that is managed by Impact NW. Currently Vigors and Daimler participate in the program with Franklin and Centennial students.
- Points West does financial seminars in the community and would be willing to come to Benson and talk to students. This idea needs to be followed up with Principal Wilson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association