

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



Date: Thursday, April 12, 2012  
Starting Time: 5:30 PM Ending Time: 7:45 PM  
Location: Benson High School Library Conference Room

Attendees: Dale Bajema (DB), Dick Spies (DS), Ken Bakke (KB), Joanne Stainbrook (JS), Josh Piper (JP), Rob Johns (RJ), Wayne Devore (WD)

**Minutes:**

- DB opened the meeting to obtain adoption of the March meeting minutes.
- DB provided update on the 4/10 Site Council Meeting
- DB outlined future BOD meeting times and places: 5/10 Benson, 6/14 Mackenzie, 7/12 Mackenzie, 8/9 Mackenzie, 9/13 Mackenzie, 10/11 Benson, 11/8 Benson, 12/13 Benson.
- DS discussed possible industry group support from local utilities and the former Ashworth Lloyd Center owner is interested in supporting Benson. On this topic, KB mentioned connections at Madden and Leupold & Stevens.
- DB discussed his desire to see our group formulate a list of “go to” industry contact supporters, individuals or businesses that may be able to offer support either directly or through their influence in the community, and further to bounce ideas around with.
- KB, Treasurer’s Report, current bank balance \$3,138.70. There was \$926 received from the recent mass mailing. And JP mentioned there is \$22.70 in PayPal.
- DB made a motion to note that the expenses of the board members participating in the Pep Band Eugene games will donate back to the Association the \$35 each which was intended to help offset incidental expenses for travel. Further, Devin Marshall and Rob Elmer, students, will receive \$35 each from the Association to help offset their travel expenses. Principal Carol Campbell commended the Band for its contribution to school spirit.
- DS commented on the progress of the Benson House (Earth Advantage and LEED Certified Process) , the new date for the Open House will be May 22 from 1-6 PM. The house is located at NE Mallory and Skidmore. DS led the construction class on a real working experience with the Portland Plan Examiner.
- DS commented on the Long Term Planning Committee he has been a member of, and the recent AIA presentation on changes in school design. Three active teams from Benson, Roosevelt and Lincoln participated.
- DS notified the Board that the last in the series of Long Term Planning meetings will be at Rigler School 5:30-8:30 on Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>, and open for public comment, urging those with the time and inclination to attend.
- Susan Hargrave from PTSA attended the Board meeting to discuss the Benson Community Clean up on 4/20 from 9-noon.

- WD invited all to see the Pep Band participate in the Norse Parade commemorating Norway Constitution Day on NE 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM May 17<sup>th</sup>, which will begin at Norse Hall and end at Lloyd Center..
- JP will be planning to speak with Kevin Gale of Portland Work Alliance. RJ will follow up with OSU and OIT potential partnering opportunities with Benson.
- JP mentioned a project that he was planning on determining where alums work. It's a substantial project.
- Scholarship Fund Name Change – JS will be on the account soon, then simply a form to complete for Name Change.
- DB mentioned posting the Benson Picnic in local press – perhaps something that Neal or Max could look into.
- DB mentioned reaching out to other “12” reunions for increasing awareness.
- DB mentioned that the site council was openly supportive of our creating a 501c3. DB would like to see this operational by fall. General discussion followed with regard to 501c3 name, mission, board structure with agreement to develop more formalized approach for filing after May BOD meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

by Rob Johns for  
Maj Britt (Max) Baker  
Secretary  
BPHS Alumni Association