

**Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association
Annual Meeting – Official Minutes**



Date: Aug 4th, 2012

Starting Time: 2:00 pm Ending Time: 2:45 pm

Location: Blue Lake Park

ATTENDEES:

Dale Bajema (DB), Dick Spies (DS), Ken Bakke (KB), Neal Galash (NG), Tammy Hite (TH), Josh Piper (JP), Rob Johns (RJ), Max Baker (MB), Chuck Heil (CH), Don Wear (DW)

MINUTES:

- DB did a quick introduction and discussion of the Alumni Association and school's accomplishments over the last year.
- Carol Campbell spoke about plans for the school for the coming year:
 - Introduction of the Construction Design class
 - No program cuts
 - Reduced teaching staff, but might get some back in the fall.
 - KBPS – still in operation but off the air for a bit. Kevin Flink will be back to teach and KBPS will go back on air in August.
 - Aug 25th school cleanup. Last year there were 100 people helping. Please come.
 - Does anyone have a self propelled lawn mower? Thinking about school grounds care and supplementing district schedule.
 - There is still an enrollment cap. Last year's was 240, this year it's 260. Over 400 kids applied, so there are many on the waiting list. The capping plan is now up for revisiting by the district. It is still lottery based.
 - Visiting 8th graders to talk about the programs and ask them to only apply if they really want to study those programs.
 - Looking at new partnerships, internships.
 - Tech show went great.
 - Feels good to advocate for a full 1200 student school again.
 - Remember, Tech Show will again be in February to help with 8th grade recruitment.
- DS spoke:
 - There have been several planning committees doing work on the bond measure for this year. This is setting the stage for a new Benson High School in the next measure in 4 years. Benson, Lincoln, Cleveland. So support the measure! This next four years is our time to put partnerships in place.
- DB:
 - Thanks to the Robotics club kids and advisors for coming and demonstrating their award winning robots.
 - There is an alumni pep band and we'd love to have more student and alumni participation, so spread the word.

- Benson Tech Foundation – please take a flyer for more information. The foundation will manage in kind and cash donations for CTE needs.
- BPHSAA Board elections: There are two nominations: Don Wear and Mike Landstrom. The vote was unanimous to accept the nominees as new board members.
- CH: There are alumni T-shirts for sale.
- DB:
 - We have 4th Tuesday informal alumni meetings at Kenton station in N Portland at 5PM.
 - The minutes from this and all alumni meetings are available at our website online.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association