

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



Date: Aug 11, 2014

Starting Time: 5:30 pm Ending Time: 7:30 pm

Mackenzie - 1515 SE Water Ave #100, Portland, OR 97214

ATTENDEES:

Dick Spies (DS), Don Wear (DW), Max Baker (MB), Rob Johns (RJ), Josh Piper (JP), Neal Galash (NG), RE (Rodger Edwards), Joanne Stainbrook (JS). Guest Paul Anthony

MINUTES:

- Introduction by RJ. Paul Anthony has a daughter Colleen at Benson, sophomore in the Robotics club.
- Tammy said she won't need help the week of the 18th. Might need help on the 24th or 25th. We'll check in with her at the picnic. DS has old computers to donate and will talk with her about it. Important to continue to build relationships with the teachers, like this opportunity to donate the computers. We need to look for more ways to connect.
- GeoTech class structure:
 - It's a huge can of worms. The city is saying we have to treat it as an addition to the building, which means sprinkler system etc.
 - Alternative options discussed. Might move the prefab structure away from the buildings. Dick will see if he can get buy in.
- Booster club update: DB is on vacation.
 - Did see somewhere there was an attempt by KGW connection to have high school sports page in the paper. They are reaching into media, who is reaching into high schools to feed into USA Today.
 - NG: Rodger and I were at the last meeting with Kristy and Lisa. They made final draft of bylaws. Neal will do the application for articles of incorporation.
 - RE: Lisa met with new athletic director, so he knows there is work underway and can help us figure out how to use our resources wisely.
 - RJ: We can invite her here to see how we can support them.
- Picnic Planning:
 - MB went over the details on layout, signup sheet, and who is bringing what.
 - Table setup and take down was discussed.
 - Newsletter was discussed.
 - Josh will email the cost of mailing the newsletter to those members without email so that we can vote on it.
- RJ: First week of October is design week. Ziba celebrates its 30 anniversary. The marketing dept. usually has a dinner. Can they raise money for a cause? Someone remembered Benson. Now that we have the 501C-3, we qualify. Their marketing will contact RJ. This is a great thing that came about because people high up are active on committees dealing with school issues.
 - DS: Henry Chan and Felix toured and loved Benson.
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- RJ: This is the benefit of partnering with people.
- DS: And this helps keep Benson in the forefront for getting on the next Bond measure.
- Advisory committees:
 - RJ: We envision that each major has that advisory committee. Instead of bringing in people to tell you how to do it 'right', which is really wrong, you have advisors that can leverage their real world experience. This is why the picnic is so great also. When talking to alums - what if you could be involved in your major's advisory committee? That might spark some interest.
 - DW: Manufacturing and transportation - a lot of it is intermingled. I'm talking to the teachers about separating these and partnering with people dedicated to those areas.
 - RJ: Dental program opportunities. Jeane Jamison. Benson grad, licensed dental hygienist, come back as a teacher, started midterm last year. Interesting perspective in trying to be active in the community. Paul has contacts with Creston elementary that has a free dental program. There are retired dentists interested in this. Dental students could have higher accreditation, etc.
 - Paul: Medical Teams International are the ones that run free dental vans. They want Benson students volunteering on the vans and learning to be dental assistants. Hands on opportunities and relationships. Most of the dentists are still practicing - do it for tax breaks. Contacts with mentors/ jobs. We're looking at applying for a \$300,000 grant to start a clinic. It looks promising.
 - DS: Julie Ernest has a medical background, used to be high up in OHSU. I've been trying to get her connected to Health Occ.
 - Paul: We have some great potential.
 - RJ: the location of the school, public transportation, etc. It's great.
- Aug 28th – back to school social for teachers. Curtis thinks only 1/2 teachers will show up. Trying to get the credit union space. 4-6pm.
- Future guests for board meetings:
 - We are hoping to catch the student body president, who probably will be there Sat. Jessica Murchison, to talk about student leadership - what they do and how we can help.
 - JP - would like to present review of online presence.
 - RJ - need to discuss materials for the Foundation. Sept 16th 6PM meeting set, will email the group.
- NG: Lisa lined up a Providence doctor to do free physicals for athletes. Rob sent a note to Amy about that.
- At the next meeting we'll be helping with getting the newsletters ready for mailing.
- Adjourned at 7:30pm

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