

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



Date: Nov 9, 2015
Starting Time: 5:05 pm Ending Time: 5:52 pm
Benson Tech Library

ATTENDEES:

Neal Galash (NG), Ken Bakke (KB), Roger Edwards (RE), Wes Soderback (WS), Dale Bajema (DB), Mike Landstrom (ML), Rob Johns (RJ), Dick Spies (DS), Max Baker (MB), Josh Piper (JP). Guests Don Wear and Amy Henry, Benson Tech Counselor

MINUTES:

- Guest Amy Henry spoke:
 - Remodeling is starting 11/10 for the Student Health Center.
 - Soft opening 2nd semester, grand opening at Tech Show in Feb 2016.
 - Two substantial grants to help in the operation totaling \$180,000.
 - Benson Tech has joined the National Technical Honor Society
 - It requires a 3.0 overall GPA.
 - For the CTE major itself, the GPA is threshold is 3.25.
 - There are 45 sophomore and junior students enrolled.
 - Community service is required, and that could include Centennial Committee Banquet to recognize business/employing partners, and some teachers need help to create their employer networks.
 - Enrollment is 878 students at Benson Tech.
 - The rotation through the CTE strands in freshman and sophomore years has proven to be a good process to expose the kids to all the program majors they can consider for their Jr and Sr years.
 - Amy was very positive about the changes and improvements going on at Benson Tech.
- We'll cover what we can today before the 6PM athletic meeting.
- Treasurer's Report – ML:
 - \$2216 before an additional \$500 from PayPal that Josh transferred, new number \$2796 as balance.
 - Pointe West account is now opened with a \$800 deposit. Starting to transfer other funds over.
 - ML has the EIN paperwork memorialized for any future need.
 - \$500 more to come from PayPal in Dec per Josh.
 - Yearbook sales in PayPal: \$1168.23; \$500 was transferred in Nov to onpoint.
- Membership – JP:
 - 139 members, 67 paying members, 69 recent student grads who are not required to pay dues.
- MB arrived 5:27PM

- DB: thoughts on all class reunion only in 2017.
 - Something formal, plan for 500? 2 day event, including a dinner one day and other even next day? Need to start planning now.
 - Moved that we create a committee and agree to sponsor (agree to plan and perhaps some funding) an all class reunion.
 - May have to put holding funds down.
 - WS seconded, and the motion passed.
 - DB to chair, WS, DS, RJ on the committee
- School board meeting update – DS:
 - Board had selected 3 members to be in the committee. The 2 women had overridden Paul Anthony in the enrollment cap for the planning committee. They limited to 1350 students + 500 alliance students.
 - Paul and DS lobbied for 1700 cap restoration. A resolution passed (board voted unanimously) to make it 1700 and to have Carol Smith find the best place for alliance to reside. Paul really worked hard behind the scenes to make that happen.
 - They are at least a year behind in the planning process for the bond measure in my opinion.
 - DB: looking ahead, who is going to promote the bond measure?
 - DS: there is a group that will help promote Benson. We have a contact there and will plug in.
- We will pick a date in the second week of Jan in the December meeting and make invitations: State of Benson Tech. Invite partners, have Curtis talk, Bond Measure and other pertinent topics for community discussion.
- Dec 14th is our next board meeting, 5:30 at the Benson Tech library.
- Don Wear had to leave.
- Minutes: accepted as emailed by unanimous vote.
- Adjourned to attend the district athletic update meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – things to keep in mind

- Plan for merchandise?
- Archiving location and cataloguing

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association