

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



Date: Jan 11, 2016

Starting Time: 5:35 pm Ending Time: 7:40pm

Benson Library

ATTENDEES:

Wes Soderback (WS), Neal Galash (NG), Ken Bakke (KB), Roger Edwards (RE), Annika Johnson (AJ), Max Baker (MB), Mike Landstrom (ML), Rob Johns (RJ), Dale Bajema (DB), Dick Spies (DS). Guests: Amy Henry (Career Center), Tammy Hite (Architect teacher and alum), Don Wear (alum), Tim Nesbitt, Stand for children and on the editorial staff of the Oregonian.

MINUTES:

- Amy:
 - Wellness Center:
 - Grand opening Feb 11th. Just hired the coordinator, she starts Wed.
 - We've written several grants to cover her salary until the state of Oregon covers it.
 - Governor Roberts have been asked to do the ribbon cutting.
 - Should be done Jan 31st building it.
 - Open for tech show.
 - There's a lot of buzz about it, Portland Tribune article.
 - First clinic at a high school in 20 years.
 - National Technical Honors Society:
 - Students are coming tonight because Amy and Todd Williams are the advisors for the National Technical Honors Society. National Honor Society is based on overall grades. NTHS is based on your career/technical grades. Heard about it last year at the conference. We opened a chapter here to recognized students' achievements in technical classes. 3.0 overall GPA, here we set that you have to have a 3.3 overall in your career classes.
 - Min 10 hours community service in technical way. BATS, Centennial committee, banquet planning, etc. Next year we are looking to set up service hours more in line with the majors.
 - Friday night at Tech Show is our induction into the society. CTE teachers will be recognizing some employers in the career pathway, and we'll recognize the 45 members of the society.
 - The students were coming to ask for funds to support a reception and decorations for this event at Tech Show. They met with the advisor of the chef's club. They will do the work but need \$350 for their budget.
 - The students arrived: Moses and Lisa, sophomores.

- Banquet before Tech Show begins. Kickstarter to help recruit members. NTHS better represents what we're doing at our school. Gives us a way to acknowledge donors and presenters, too.
 - Donation is for food and decorations. Plaques/Certs for employers.
 - About 100 people, appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks.
 - Last year was the first year Freshman went through full rotation (8); even if HEALTH OCC. Sophomore you have 4 classes, unless HOSA. Then Junior and Senior year is your majors. HOSA is the largest career pathway: About 1/3 of the students.
 - Don Wear suggested the society focus some time on showing parents the worth of technical careers, including the financial rewards.
- Tim Nesbitt:
 - Handed out a "Stand For Children" packet.
 - A measure has been filed that needs final approval. Will go forward in March.
 - Want to direct more state funding to the programs that work for kids in high school: CTE, college credits etc. Targeting kids in 8th grade to make sure they stay on track.
 - We're the 4th lowest graduation rate in the country right now.
 - We know what works and how we can boost that.
 - 8th graders are doing well – average with other kids around the country.
 - Discussion:
 - ML – finding space and qualified teachers for CTE can be difficult
 - Tim: the money has to be used for this as well. The money per child may have to be used the first year to put in the infrastructure.
 - KB – how does PPS school board feel about it?
 - Tim – no official position, but board members are supportive. They can support the measure, and if it passes, they apply for the money, and they have to spend it in the ways specified. There's a limitation on the amount of money that can be spend on administration. The money is in addition to the money already going into the education system. If the estimates of revenue gains don't hold, we will prorate it and phase it in.
 - There is a requirement that every 2 years there are meetings, and every four years Secretary of State has to do an audit.
 - CTE hasn't been defined in a legal sense.
 - WS: how much does it cost to educate a student at Benson compared to other non CTE classes. Answer seems to be that each student gets the same allotment. But that can't be true.
 - Tim – we're trying to get info from the district about how much is spent on each middle school and high school student. We've looked at data at the 20 largest school districts, and across the board districts are choosing to spend more money on K-8 than on

high school, even though high school is more expensive. This is why we are adding more money to high school, not taking money out of K-8 and moving it to high school.

- Don – there is academic thinking and technical thinking. A lot of the high school students dropping out have technical minds and don't have academic thinking to comprehend academic teaching.
 - Tim – hands on learning, problem solving. Microsoft recruits in the farm belt because they know how to fix things.
 - Tim – You'll vote on it in November if everything goes right. It's going to be a crowded ballot.
- Finance – ML:
 - By next board meeting we'll be out of OnPoint and be 100% over at PointWest.
 - \$2955.01 is the total between the 2 accounts.
 - Dues are due today. It's on JP's list to send out dues reminders.
 - Budget for 2016 will be placed in a spreadsheet and sent out to the board. Remember that there's been many types of money coming in. We need to make sure we're trying to use our funds correctly and not overspend.
 - NG paid his dues; RJ paid his dues.
 - 2015 books are now closed.
- Site Council – haven't met yet this year.
- RJ: Two alumni donated \$5000 to the Foundation for Barth's foundation program.
 - Tammy: he might need that money for consumables, since Perkins covers equipment usually.
- DS was excused.
- Minutes – MB:
 - Last month's minutes will come out tonight. This month's minutes will come out tonight.
 - Please send all additions, corrections to Max by next Friday.
 - We will vote on both months at the next meeting.
- Tech Show review – MB:
 - Check with Tech Algebra if they need tables. – RJ will check.
 - WS: whiteboard or blackboard or just piece of paper for alums to write notes? MB will take this.
 - DB: upcoming 2017 reunion info? Questionnaire of interest of things to do? 100 years coming, bond measure etc. DB will put that together.
 - Schedule:
 - 11th DB and KB.
 - 12th, all shifts ML
 - Both: WS
 - MB will send around the spreadsheet
 - Everyone should fill in when they will be there.
 - BATS – Nathan might help us set up the projection corner. JP to request screen and media cart.
 - JP – can you put together historical video and other centennial slides together so it will play continuously?

- Tammy – extra yearbooks will be sold out of the lockers at Tammy’s class. 1970 to 2012. Tammy will have signs all over saying yearbooks for sale.
- Suggestions from March:
 - Sign outside the old gym to inform people what’s in there.
 - Signs around the school indicating where alumni should go. MB will make signs.
 - Are we on the map? Tammy will check
 - Save the date cards at front office will happen again.
 - NG: Donations box? Tammy has a Ballot box – Tammy to bring it.
 - Alumni Association applications are at the front door:
 - Get some apps to Tammy for yearbook sales – someone take them to her that Thurs.
 - Get alumni to sign up for the association, even if they don’t pay that day.
 - MB to check with JP about extra computer for registration somewhere – at the front.
 - Tent signs with years at each sign-in sheet making easier to see years. MB to do.
 - Tammy’s kids will bring the yearbooks down.
 - Newsletter – **Feb 5th deadline for articles to MB**
 - DB – Centennial
 - Benson House – Rich Webber or Luke Hodgekiss (RJ)
 - Tammy – architectural program growth, feed into remodel and master planning committee.
 - Rob Johns – Alumni Update
 - Amy Henry – medical center opening – MB will contact
 - Curtis – athletics update – DB to contact
 - Paul Anthony – bond measure – RJ to contact
 - Curtis – blurb – RJ to contact
 - RJ – Geotech
 - Computer Science – Dave Beckler – RJ will contact
 - NTHS – MB to contact Amy about that
 - Motion for food and paper products to spend up to \$200 – ML
 - NG seconded.
 - All in favor. Motion passes.
 - Motion for authorization of up to \$150 to print newsletter – ML
 - KB seconded.
 - All in favor. Motion passes.
- MB asked if anyone was set on helium balloons for tech show this year. It costs about \$80. There was discussion about the cost and the environmental impact, and it was decided to reuse decorations from the picnic. MB will check with JP on supply and supplement anything needed.
- The NTHS request for funds will go to the Foundation.

- RJ to check with Curtis about an August date for the picnic. Third weekend preferred.
- Next meeting Feb 8th at the Benson Tech library.

OLD BUSINESS – things to keep in mind

- Plan for merchandise?
- Archiving location and cataloguing

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association