Glenbrook North High School

Band Parents Organization Board Meeting Minutes

Transition Meeting 7/23/25 Minutes

Call to Order at 7:12pm

Attendance:

BPO Board: Betsy Decker, Pete Herr, Wendy and Michael Latash, Erica Lallas, Savyon Amit, Brian and Kim Sheedy, Derek and Caroline Gau, Harlan and Stephanie Cohen, Rob Strickland, Steve Hodgin, Cecille DeLeon, Erica Sokolowski

Student Band Staff: n/a

Band Directors: Alex Baxmeyer

Student Band President (Harrison Cohen)

- No report/Not Present

Band Directors (Daniel Briggs & Alex Baxmeyer)

- Marching Band Camp
    - First half of Marching Band Camp went great
    - Will evaluate and reflect on how it went
    - May have to stick with this split schedule in future
    - Kids make connections socially right away
    - Learn music early, time to practice, review in Aug, not learning all at once
- Paying for Mr. Kaplan's Marching Band arrangement - does it come from BPO or district? Last year BPO covered the $2000, but was paid back, by the district paying for other funds. It was a new cost due to using EDM music that was not available in a Marching Band arrangement. In addition, it was a conflict of interest for the district to pay him. Funds were moved around to pay BPO back. Kaplan arranged this year's Marching Band music as well. BPO will fund again this year. BPO discussed if it should be a stipend position? Or an increase in the band budget paid by the district. Pete, Alex, Dan, and Wendy will plan to get together to get a meeting set up with Mike Tarjan to discuss, and potentially go to the board.

BPO Band President (Betsy Decker)

- Introductions

- No 4th of July Parade Marching this year - too hard to get enough kids. Derek will reach out to Village to confirm that we are NOT participating.
- Should we be inviting Dr. Bree (color guard staff) to meetings? Or to zoom meetings? Agreed to invite and not necessary for her to participate. Cecille offered to represent the color guard as well.

BPO Board Reports/Transitions

Financial Report and Budget (Pete Herr)

- No Report

Fundraising/External Projects (Erica Sokolowski & Michael Latash)

- Big Focus on Fundraising for Kids EFC Accounts - Kids need the opportunity to raise money for Spain/Portugal Trip
    - Booster Shots - coupon/check books for local businesses, have to order 400 books and pay 10% down, big upfront risk, kids sell for $30 and make $15 per book. Are kids interested in selling (if every kid going on the trip sold six we would meet our goal). We would be the only ones selling this year, CTPO is not participating. Local deals only.
    - Eva will look into a digital coupon book fundraiser https://teambutter.com/digital-discount-app/ as an option, it's a digital card, can be used anywhere in the US, 50% profit, no minimum sales. Erica will find another to investigate and we will report back.
    - Need to figure out which coupon fundraiser and get it going over the summer if possible, so students have the opportunity to start earning money.
    - Pretzel Sale with CTPO?
    - Raffle?
    - Selling to kids - candygram type idea
    - Selling something at football games?
- Sponsorships/Prospectus - will continue with Magnetic advertising on Truck - want to be able to thank sponsors at the football games, not able to put on digital screen, but could have a banner that covers the jarvis or visible on the field somehow. Could add with announcements as the band takes the field. Also we can add sponsors to the show/trip shirts.

Hospitality (Cecile DeLeon & Mike DeLeon)

- No Report

Chaperone Coordination (Wendy Latash & Kim Sheedy)

- No Report

Communications-Social Media (Stephanie Cohen)

- No Report

Website (Rob Strickler)

- No Report

Friends of the BPO/Spiritwear (Michelle Brown)

- Spirit Wear Site is still active
- Friends of the BPO Magnets - have more to pass out, and can order more if needed for upcoming year

Uniforms (Cissy Furusho)

- Has been working on uniforms, sizing, cleaning, etc…

Marching Band Set Crew (Steve Hodgin)

- No Report

New Business

- Next Time Discuss: Open Meetings - 2x a year, inviting principal again

Upcoming Meetings:

- Aug 18, 2025 on Zoom
- Sep 8, 2025 Location TBD

Adjournment at 8:38pm Motioned by Wendy, seconded by Erica