Glenbrook North High School

Band Parents Organization Board Meeting Minutes

10/6/25 Zoom Minutes

Call to Order at 7:02pm

Attendance:

BPO Board: Betsy Decker, Cecile DeLeon,Erica Sokolowski, Pete Herr, Eva Footlik, Wendy Latash, Kim Sheedy, Rob Strickler, Cissy Furusho, Stephanie Cohen,

Michelle Brown, Steve Hodgin

Student Band Staff: Harrison Cohen

Band Directors: Alex Baxmeyer & Dan Briggs

Approval of past minutes: Motioned by Cissy, seconded by Erica.

Student Band President (Harrison Cohen)

- Met twice to plan Turnabout and the Pumpkin Carving Event
- Pumpkin Carving - Oct. 23 in the Courtyard, Max and Benny's fundraiser is the same night, so people can pick up food and come to the event. It will be Bring Your Own Pumpkin. Would like to order extra carving stuff to have on hand. Will be watching Hotel Transylvania. Cissy will provide a screen and speaker. School will provide a projector.
- Food Fundraisers - Thursdays and Fridays are the preferred dates
- Merch Requests - Jazz merch with the logo with out the "Briggy with It," Hoodies, Comfy Cuffed Gray Sweatpants
- Upperclassmen Form Put Out - for upperclassmen to teach 20 min lessons to lower classman. 4 signed up so far.
- Making a marching band promo video to share at the middle school night.
- Corn Sale - Erica will be looking into new dates

Band Directors (Daniel Briggs & Alex Baxmeyer)

- Great last month with competitions. Kids had fun and did a great job. We really appreciate the parent community to help foster a great experience for the kids and for the parents.

- Downers Grove was a new contest for us, got great feedback, good experience. Saw a lot of new bands! Freshman are excited for next year.
- Tue/Thurs - Final Rehearsals for Marching Band; Tuesday Photos; Thursday performing for middle school students
- Friday Game - GBN goes pink and Senior Night; please fill out google form if you have a senior to make sure the name pronunciation is correct. 5:00 call time for students, 6:15 for parents at the field/bleachers. Posters are ready.
- Monday, Oct. 20th - hosting middle schoolers during the day for a side by side rehearsal and sectionals, will also provide pizza. Need help from 4 parents 10:30am-12pm to serve students. Students will see what it's like to sit next to a confident high school musician. And night, also having the 7pm concert with the Junior Highs.
- Tuesday, Oct. 21st - Fall Band Concert, Call Time - TBD, Concert info and attire will be out in the newsletter. Concert will finish by 8:15
- Collab with Max and Benny's Fundraiser and Pumpkin Carving Event. RSVP will be coming out in Band Newsletter
- Glass Card Fundraiser is open until 10/15/25
- New Speakers/Gear in Place and used it on Friday and Saturday and it made such a massive difference. Excited for the potential it will have with Jazz band and future performances. Speakers were a gift from the class of 2025, Amp from the school.

BPO Band President (Betsy Decker)

- Senior Posters done and ready!
- Oct 20th Program Submissions (sponsors, QR for joining friends) needed by Monday 10/13/25
- Glasscard Sale - could we offer an incentive for the top seller? B&B have extra cards if kids need more. So far about 100 cards sold, and $275 purchased online apps
- Financial Support for Instruments - can we create a list for parents to know what they are donating to?

BPO Board Reports/Transitions

Financial Report and Budget (Pete Herr)

- Budget was sent out to the group
- Current balances (as of October 6, 2025):
  - Checking balance: $8987.66
  - Savings balance: $15,730.11
- Credits:
  - Lou Malnati's proceeds - $156.20

Glass Card signups totaling - $1775.00

- Debits:
  Sweetwater - $1625.12 purchase of loudspeakers
  Mailchimp - $27.50

Fundraising/External Projects (Erica Sokolowski & Michael Latash)

- Glass Card Sale Going On Now
- Rescheduling Corn Sale
- Studio Spin Fundraiser - Nov. 1st 11am, working on flyer
- Donation - Purchase Free Fundraiser

Hospitality (Cecile DeLeon & Mike DeLeon)

- Getting ready for the last game.
- Senior Speeches - get snacks and bring to speeches
- Bandsgiving on Friday, Nov. 21st - City BBQ is on the schedule for the same date. Erica will see if we can switch the fundraiser to a different day, so it doesn't conflict with Bandsgiving. Kids will pay through the books store. Cecille will reach out to Sunset Foods to find out about food orders. Parents will provide desserts.

Chaperone Coordination (Wendy Latash & Kim Sheedy)

- Thank you to all the chaperones! 2 back to back weekends and hot weather. We were able to use all the helpers that came.
- Having Steve Hodgin there has been so helpful to understand parent needs for equipment and truck loading and unloading.
- Remind has been a great way to communicate!
- Show Shirts - It was helpful to have extra show shirts for kids to use at the contest
- Found a way to feed volunteers by pre-ordering Jimmy Johns!
- One more game left - on Friday
- We should start recruiting for BPO volunteers next year. Ask volunteers at the last game.

Communications-Social Media (Stephanie Cohen)

- Let Stephanie know if there is anything to post or schedule ahead.
- Check out Harlan's pit video!

Website (Rob Strickler)

- Found a way to pull in an auto feed of instagram and facebook posts - needs account log ins to make it work
- Going to work on the signage/display elements for band contests and sponsorship signage

Friends of the BPO/Spiritwear (Michelle Brown)

- Keeping up with Friends memberships through Anna at school.
- Through the powerschool - around 33 friends, and 5 additional that weren't counted
- Boathouse jackets were ordered and delivered - we don't make any profit on them, so looking into other options with "humankind" (on demand ordering)
- Waiting to hear back from "humankind" about ordering in time for holidays

Uniforms (Cissy Furusho)

- Uniforms don't seem to be fitting well, Cissy wants to figure out how we can better fit for next year, especially regarding shoulder straps, etc…
- Uniform Amnesty Call out to find lost uniforms - Cissy will send something to Betsty and Betsy will post it.

Marching Band Set Crew (Steve Hodgin)

- Steve is a ROCKSTAR! He did a really good job of coordinating parent volunteers with where to be and how to help.

New Business

- Ben Orr noticed that other parents had tents/canopy for shade - do we want to do this for the future? We could get our logo or hang sponsorships.
- Betsy will print big posters with QR code for donations to display at concerts. Can also display on TVs in lobby.
- Plan an "Open Meeting" for Feb?

Upcoming Meetings:

- 11/3/25 Zoom
- 12/1/25 at GBN

- 1/5/26 TBD

Adjournment at 8:10pm Motioned by Pete, seconded by Stephanie.