Glenbrook North High School

Band Parents Organization Board Meeting Minutes

11/3/25 Zoom Minutes

Call to Order at 7:01

Attendance:

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

Band Parents: Nicole Zamir

Student Band Staff: Harrison Cohen

Band Directors: Alex Baxmeyer & Dan Briggs

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

Student Band President (Harrison Cohen)

- Last Band Staff Meeting went well!
- Nov. 21st Bandsgiving, using Sunset Foods
- Dec. 11th White Elephant Gift/Pep Band that night
- CSO Open Rehearsal in Early April - More info coming soon
- Turnabout - Spirit Days and Theme
- Pumpkin Carving went great, great turn out, lots of freshman, mix of marching band and regular band, Thank you to Latash Family for bringing extra carving tools
- Corn Sale went well

Band Directors (Daniel Briggs & Alex Baxmeyer)

- School Policy Changes around Band - Band Locker Room can no longer be an unsupervised hangout space. There had been some poor behavior happening, issues have continued to creep up over the past month and were being reported to the dean. Kids can only use the Band Locker Room during transitions to drop off and pick up instruments. Kids can hang out in the band room with supervision. Lunch Time Band Room Hang Out will be open on Thursdays and Fridays only.

Can practice before/after school when teachers are there, or can arrange for a teacher to supervise if B&B won't be there (v-show or audition practice).

- Registration for Sophomores and Juniors is coming up. B&B have been sharing with kids how to register. Freshman registration will be in January.
- All students in Freshman Band/Band 1 will register for Band 2 or Marching Band 2 (if they are planning on Marching Band)
- Band 2 or Band 3 wishing to audition up will register for the band they are currently in. Audition will be in January, and will be adjusted based on auditions. Band 2 and Band 3 if planning on Marching Band, they will instead register for Marching Band 2 or Marching Band 3
- Band 4 register for Band 4 or Marching Band 4
- If interested in Jazz Band (all grades) they need to register for Jazz Band. If currently in Jazz Ensemble, then register for Jazz Ensemble. Jazz Lab students register for Jazz Lab regardless if they will audition up. Freshman register for Jazz Lab.

BPO Band President (Betsy Decker)

- Bought Thank You Cards and thought we could send handwritten notes to thank the business sponsors. Already sent one to Sunset for the corn sale.
- Still have several glasscards available, can sell at Jazz Band
- Have leftover paper plates for Bandsgiving, will put in band closet with other supplies
- Can we create a list of needs/goals for fundraising for the general BPO funds to purchase? Think about ideas.
- CTPO have a rule for their EFC funds (parents must be a CTPO member for kids to have access to EFC funds). We don't want to do this because families that need funds, might not be able to afford the membership

BPO Board Reports/Transitions

Financial Report and Budget (Pete Herr)

- Current balances (as of November 3, 2025):
  Checking balance: $11,610.64
  Savings balance: $15,764.11

- Credits: *highlighted not a part of balance total above
  Max & Benny's proceeds - $223.76
  Spin Class proceeds - $280.00 + $35 cash (Eva needs to give to Pete)
  Spiritwear sales of $9.00
  Glass Card sales totaling $225 (at Corn Sale) + $1700 other student sales

- Debits:
    Mailchimp - $27.50
    Reimbursements for MB snacks and corn sale supplies - $312.16

- Issues with Zelle QR code not working for some bank apps - need to look into what the problem might be for future use

Fundraising/External Projects (Erica Sokolowski & Michael Latash)

- Thank you to everyone who helped out at the corn sale!
- Nov 14th - City BBQ
- Culvers Night - submitted request for a December date.
- Will work on the QR code issue to have the QR code working for the upcoming donation campaign

Hospitality (Cecile DeLeon & Mike DeLeon)

- Placed order with Sunset Foods for Bandsgiving and asked for GF rolls and GF desserts. Also getting brownies. Estimated for 36 kids based on last year's numbers, but need final count by 17th of November. B&B will send out a google form to find out who is attending. Food will be delivered on the 21st
- Also going to have kids do Pot Luck for desserts.
- BPO no longer needs to provide the funding for pizza for middle school nights.

Chaperone Coordination (Wendy Latash & Kim Sheedy)

- Serving Pizza for Junior High Kids went well
- Corn Sale - miscommunication with parent signup (kids signed up on parent form), but Michael was able to cover it last minute
- Thank you to all the volunteers during Marching Band Season! And thank you to the Sheedy's for hosting the coaches meeting!
- Will need volunteers for Dec. Concert, including supervision in stairwells.

Communications-Social Media (Stephanie Cohen)

- Will continue posting!

Website (Rob Strickler)

- Website is updated, can add more posts if needed.

Friends of the BPO/Spiritwear (Michelle Brown)

- Had display at the last concert but didn't get much interested
- One order came in from HumanKind for $9
- Wanted to bring up the Boat House jackets to see if we should change style to try to make a profit or just keep with the same style/company even thought it's $$$

Uniforms (Cissy Furusho)

- Incoming 8th Grade parents are very excited about band and Marching band!

Marching Band Set Crew (Steve Hodgin)

- Not much to report
- Thinking about if this role be expanded past Marching Band Season

New Business

- None

Upcoming Meetings:

- 12/1/25 Zoom
- 1/5/26 Zoom
- 2/2/26 will be at GBN and Open to all Band Parents

Adjournment at 8:06 Motioned by Wendy, seconded by Cissy.