Glenbrook North High School

Band Parents Organization Board Meeting Minutes

2/2/26 Open Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 7:04

Attendance:

BPO Board: Betsy Decker, Cecile DeLeon, Erica Sokolowski, Eva Footlik, Wendy Latash, Rob Strickler, Cissy Furusho, Steve Hodgin

Student Band Staff: not present

Band Directors: Alex Baxmeyer & Dan Briggs

Friends of the BPO in attendance!

Introductions

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

Student Band President (Harrison Cohen)

- Turnabout week went well! Lots of raffle ticket sales ($150+) and lots of spirited students!
- Thank you BPO, the donuts were greatly appreciated.
- V-Show coming up.

Band Directors (Daniel Briggs & Alex Baxmeyer)

- Turnabout was great - decorations looked great. Prices seemed to increase for some of the activities, so students were able to cut some corners with decor without much impact
- Jazz Bands worked with two technicians Rich Chapman and Jim Cull (sp?), Jazz Festival is coming up on 2/28
- Lots of excited incoming Freshman! Current Freshman have been great ambassadors!
- March 3 - combined concert at feeder schools
- Convo with Director of Counseling - if kids regret not registering for band, COME to B&B to discuss!
- Excited about the change in tone from the district about the Arts and possible future funding for our programs.

BPO Band President (Betsy Decker)

- Working on scholarship applications. Need 3+ senior parents and 3+ non-senior parents

BPO Board Reports/Transitions

Financial Report and Budget (Pete Herr)

February 2, 2026

- Current balances (as of February 2, 2026):
  Checking balance: $10,714.70
  Savings balance: $15,854.29 (includes interest of $29.27 earned for month of January)
- Credits
  Humankind (Spirit Wear) - $45.00
  Glasscard payout - $504.05
- Debits:
  EFC Payouts are in process - $1021.30 (more will be paid out this month...)
  Winter Jazz Concert decorations - $62.50
  Mailchimp monthly - $27.50

Fundraising/External Projects (Erica Sokolowski & Michael Latash)

- Lazy Dog - Whole Weekend of March 6-8

Hospitality (Cecile DeLeon & Mike DeLeon)

- Lemonade and Cookies provided tonight! Eat up!

Chaperone Coordination (Wendy Latash & Kim Sheedy)

- Sheedys and Steve H. were at the Freshman Activity Night - good traffic
- Wondering about chaperone needs for upcoming Jazz in the Meadows - B&B will let Wendy know

Communications-Social Media (Stephanie Cohen)

- Please keep sending anything you'd like posted!

Website (Rob Strickler)

- Want to pursue a Non-Profit Google Workspace (we'll need to share our Tax ID and await their vetting process; all our online content and official minutes should prove we're legit)
    - shared storage
    - multiple online applications (spreadsheets, documents, websites)
    - establish inheritable email addresses by board role (eg. president@... and fundraising@...; even drum-major@...)
- Consideration: website domain
    - keep gbnband.com?
    - gbn.band is available, change?
    - establish subdomains for specific groups (eg. bpo.gbn.band, jazz.gbn.band, marching.gbn.band)
- Figured out a method to create a single feed from combining the Facebook and Instagram feeds together (RSS.app)
- Source LED strips from Alibaba (so many messages)
    - power consideration: 5V vs 15V vs. 24V LEDs, to light up all LEDs with sufficient power
    - power consideration: electricity source on field/at competitions (own generator? piggy back on existing setup?)

Friends of the BPO/Spiritwear (Michelle Brown)

- Closes out by April
- Will set up for next year when fees go out on power school with multiple giving options.

Uniforms (Cissy Furusho)

- Looking into garment bags that have been lost, will have an amnesty period and also might take donations
- possibility for new uniforms? It would be $$$$
- Check in with Evan Silver - Schack's dad (Daniel) - he might have sourcing for garment bags at a good price. Also call Men's Warehouse for donations.

Marching Band Set Crew (Steve Hodgin)

- No Report

New Business

- Wendy moves to using google workspace to consolidate our communications and docs, etc… 2nd by Rob. Motion passes.
- Steve is going to be a new Percussion tech alongside Kevin. Discussed removing position from board.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 3/2/26
- 4/6/26

Adjournment at 7:54 Motioned by Erica, seconded by Wendy.