Glenbrook North High School

Band Parents Organization Board Meeting Minutes

3/2/26 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 7:05pm

Attendance:

BPO Board: Betsy Decker, Cecille de Leon, Erica Sokolowski, Pete Herr, Kim Sheedy, Wendy Latash, Stephanie Cohen, Rob Strickler, Michelle Brown, Cissy Furusho, Steve Hodgin

Student Band Staff: Harrison Cohen

Band Directors: Alex Baxmeyer & Dan Briggs

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

Student Band President (Harrison Cohen)

- This Friday band staff meeting
    - Week of 15th will have spirit days leading up to the trip with themes for Spain and Portugal
    - Suggested scavenger hunt challenges during the trip/best picture each day/award at the end of the trip. Band staff will discuss.
- 4/29 open CSO rehearsal
- Six Flags opens April 25. Would like the band to go sometime between April 25 and the end of the year.
- Kick ball between bands
- Harrison will email if they need anything

Band Directors (Daniel Briggs & Alex Baxmeyer)

Past

- V-show was fantastic. Dan was amazing.
- Rich Chapman worked with the kids as Jazz in the Meadows clinician.
- Both bands had a fabulous performance at Jazz in the Meadows. Both groups sounded exceptional. B&B are proud of how they represented the school - kind, flexible, great teammates. Both got Division 1 - best possible ranking! Will continue attending going forward.
- Harrison and Leah received awards for outstanding musicians!

Upcoming

- Tomorrow 7pm Jazz Concert in the CPA with the middle schools about 1hr 15 min
- Thursday 6pm trip rehearsal. Working on pieces and marching band tunes.
- Next week Tuesday trip rehearsal 7pm and parent meeting 7pm to hear what travel with GBN band will look like. Students can meet chaperones. Alex, Dan, and Sue can answer questions - packing, safety, instruments, percussion manifest, and activities.
- Rehearsal on the 12th will likely not happen.
- Final rehearsal Tuesday the 17th.
- Leave Thursday the 19th. Be ready to go when leaving for school in the morning. Flight is at 6:40pm. Will be leaving from school. Students responsible for luggage in the morning. Expect no time to pack after school.
- Freshman numbers look really good.
- Full week band camp - traditional band camp in August.

BPO Band President (Betsy Decker)

- Scholarship applications have not gone out to kids yet. They will go out soon. Alex has it on her list to do this week. Have volunteers for committees.
- Need 3-5 people on the nominating committee - any band parent can be on the committee. Have names from the last open meeting. Craig will do anything. Might move current people and take on one or two new people. Betsy is working on it. The nominating committee will reach out to people who expressed interest at our last meeting.
- In March, we need to send out Band Banquet official invites. Digital invites to band members and paper invites to senior families. Post on socials and send out via newsletter. Pete to get sign up created by the end of the month - post trip. Same venue. Cecille and Pete to coordinate.

BPO Board Reports/Transitions

Financial Report and Budget (Pete Herr)

Current balances (as of March 2, 2026):

Checking balance: $11,181.84

Savings balance: $15,880.78 (includes interest of $26.49 earned for month of February)

Credits

- Culvers Fundraiser - $45.59
- Late spin class contribution - $35.00

Debits:

- EFC Payouts - $75
- Charitable Trust Bureau - Annual Report Fee - $15

- Mailchimp monthly - $27.50

Fundraising/External Projects (Erica Sokolowski & Michael Latash)

- Lazy Dog fundraiser March 6-8. Print flyer or show on your phone.Can go anytime that weekend. Should print and hand out at Jazz Concert. Erica will forward to Brigg who will make copies.

Hospitality (Cecille de Leon & Mike de Leon)

- B& B will facilitate kid to kid senior gifts.
- We will need to start looking at senior gifts from BPO. Cecille will reach out to Katie for info. Harrison suggested an engraved water bottle with GBN Band 2026/instrument/kid's name. Band staff can write a note to each person inside.
- Senior flowers for the last concert. Can discuss in our next meeting.

Chaperone Coordination (Wendy Latash & Kim Sheedy)

- Will need volunteers for the Memorial Day Parade
- April 6th - should we have a breakout room for parents at marching band kick off?

Communications-Social Media (Stephanie Cohen)

- Posting about Lazy Dog
- Trying to post the video from Jazz in the Meadows. It's long.

Website (Rob Strickler)

- Could potentially link video from Jazz in the Meadows to You Tube on the website directly
- Rob has all the info to turn on Google workspace
- Email, storage on google drive, sheets, forms - one ecosystem of tools
- Google sites - can post Instagram feed in website, live calendar, videos
    - Managing email lists through forms to join and forms to unsubscribe - must manually manage
    - Can we migrate existing Gmail accounts? Ex. volunteer sign up
    - Alumni list - data base for fundraising
    - Domain name? GBNBands.com, BPOGBNBands.com, GBN.Band

Friends of the BPO/Spiritwear (Michelle Brown)

- Jazz band shirts - will sell for $10 at tomorrow's concert. Originally paid $15/shirt. All in agreement that it's better to sell.
- Poster with QR codes at table. Briggs to help with a table.

Uniforms (Cissy Furusho)

- Band uniform person can take over plumes
- Nicole looking into free donated garment bags
- Amazon garment bags from $6-8. Who pays? Think about a back up plan.
- Often returned in dry cleaning bags. Seniors turn in garment bags - no need to dry clean. May need to force a recollect of garment bags as a turn in requirement.

Marching Band Set Crew (Steve Hodgin)

- 4 Drum workshop sessions - 3 with current high school students and 1 for 8th graders
    - Andre and Harrison helped

New Business

- Memorial Day Parade is day after grad night. Seniors will have been up all night. Something to think about going forward.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 4/6/26, 5/4/26

Adjournment at 8:14pm. Motioned by Pete, seconded by Cissy.