



Operational Group Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017

Operational Board Facilitator: Birch Boyer

Culture Moment: Heidi's advisory is continuing their Pick Me Up Pantry, a service for all Polarians to grab something to eat if they forgot a lunch, missed breakfast, or just need a snack in the middle of the day. In addition, they're also teaming up with Mike's Family Group two Fridays a month for art and literature discussions.

Environmental Club: Every Thursday, Environmental Club will meet during lunch in Bryan's room. There are multiple projects in the works, from growing plants to a possible trip to Homer. If you're interested in joining, just show up to the meetings during lunch, or talk to Canzada Maruskie.

Resolution #9: Resolution #9 was voted on and passed 10-1. The houses for homecoming this year will be as follows:

South House: Larry, Joe, Jeff, Sarah, Andrea, and Tuyen

North House: Christian, Heidi, Mindi, Allie, and Bryan

Homecoming: Homecoming is approaching once more! During Homecoming Week, October 2nd - 6th, games will be hosted during advisory. The dance will be on Friday, October 6th. The Homecoming Committee will be meeting in Heidi's room on Fridays during lunch. Stop by if you would like to help plan this fun event. Homecoming will be kicked off with a banner parade. If your advisory does not have a banner or would like to make a new one, start planning and making your banner.

Op Group Elections: The deadline for declaring candidacy for the open Operational Group positions is Wednesday, September 20th. There are four Underclassmen Board positions (Grades 9 & 10) and two middle school mentee positions. If you are interested, please see Heidi to declare your candidacy. Being on the Operational Board is a lot of fun, and provides lots of opportunities--for students interested in student leadership, consider running yourself or encourage friends that you feel would make strong student leaders to participate. Campaign week will start on September 21st. Speeches and voting will be during Advisory on Thursday, September 28th in the MPR. If candidates have any questions about the

election process or their prospective responsibilities on the Board, they're highly encouraged to talk to any of the current Board members, who are always happy to help.

Night of Writing Dangerously: On September 22nd from 5:30 - 9:00PM, Mindi is hosting a second "Night of Writing Dangerously" for Polaris students, a get-together for fiction writers to respond to prompts, socialize with other writers, share their work, and above all, write! Food will be provided on a potluck basis. A RSVP sheet is posted outside of Mindi's room; please RSVP by this Thursday so we have a general headcount.

Monday Brownies: Every Monday, Sophie Verbrugge and Maddy Stevens will be selling zucchini brownies (which are delicious and yes, Andrea - a healthier option!) after school. Each costs \$2, and all profits will go to the Spain and France travel intensive this spring.

New Student Hosts: A new idea was brought up to have a more formal way to welcome new students to Polaris. In the spring, current students could volunteer to be a host/ambassador for new students in the Fall. The idea is still in the works and will be revisited again in the spring. In the meantime, students are encouraged to make an extra effort to welcome our new Polarians and bring them into our community.

Recycling: Shout out to Andrea's and Bryan's advisories for taking over Polaris recycling! WAHOO!

DJ Committee: DJ Committee will be meeting during lunch in the library on the first and last Friday of every month. If you are interested in joining the DJ Committee, be sure to attend those meetings. They have some new equipment and are excited about taking things to the next level

Flower Beds: Jeff's Advisory is making plans for replanting the big flower beds in front of the school, in the spring.

SAB Meeting: All four Student Advisory Board positions have been filled this year. Mia Green, Jackson Burris, Emily Wasson, and Viola Harris are representing Polaris at the monthly SAB meetings. We know they will do a fine job!

Yearbook Meme Page: This year, Yearbook is dedicating a page to Polaris memes; if any students have pictures of students (taken with permission, please) that could be used for non-offensive, but funny memes, please send them to the Yearbook staff. Contact Lizeth Gallo, Gwyneth Meek or email directly to polarisyearbookstaff@gmail.com.

Action/Discussion Items:

- Start designing and creating your advisory banner for homecoming. There will be a banner parade on the first day of Homecoming week.
- Encourage advisees to sign up for Remind to get minutes, reminders, and other information!
Text @opgroup to 81010 or send a black email to opgroup@mail.remind.com

Next meeting: September 26, 2017
 9:30AM, Student Government Room

Culture moment: Mindi's Advisory