



Operational Group Meeting Minutes

November 7th, 2017

Operational Board Facilitator: Caden Boyer

Culture Moment: Andrea's Advisory hosted a costume contest at the Fall Carnival. This year they expanded it to be open to all age groups.

Night of Writing Dangerously: On Thursday, November 9th from 5:30 - 9:00PM, Mindi is hosting the 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. Walk-ins are welcome, but please bring food if you can.

Bryan's Advisory Resolution: Bryan's Advisory's resolution did not pass, with five votes in favor, five against, and one abstaining. There were a lot of relevant points discussed at the Op Group meeting, brought back from various Advisories. Among them were comments regarding non-educational electronic use in the hallways, lunchtime is worse than in the morning, that without enforcement the resolution would not be effective, and the suggestion that alternative options should be provided, such as board games or activities in the gym. Advisories are encouraged to keep the topic in mind, as the tech policy is out of date and is looking to be revised. Students interested in working with staff to revise the tech policy and provide a student perspective should talk to or email Carol. If an advisory wants to take it on, they are highly encouraged to do so and should email Carol.

Polarian Award: Congratulations to Birch Boyer for winning the Polarian Award! Birch has gone above and beyond for our school. He has participating in activities such as accreditation, Homecoming, and Jingle Festivus. He is effective and efficient, inspires others, is an Op Board member, and won the delegate of the region award at AASG.

December Dance: With no other proposals submitted, the December dance will officially be a "Northern Nights" theme hosted by Op Group and the North House with proceeds going to support Teresa Grey's organization, Mobile Medics International, and their next trip to Europe to aid refugees. Anyone interested in working on the dance committee should talk to an Op Board Officer, Heidi, or Allie.

Mural Proposal: Abbi Seitz is proposing a mural in the staircase lounge, at the top of the first flight of stairs across from Julia Ditto's mural. She is graduating this year and wants to leave something behind that represents her, and hopes to inspire others to pursue art in any form. There is a drawing of her proposed mural and comment slips posted on the wall where she plans to have the mural. Please leave a comment on her mural so she can move forward with the process.

Math Club: There will be a math club during lunch on Mondays from 11:35 - 11:50 for 4th to 7th graders in Tia's classroom. It will be divided into three groups with different focuses.

Rope Ladders: OP Group would like to hear what students have to say about having rope ladders for everyone on the second floor as a last resort in an emergency. Carol is looking into ASD policy and feasibility of the idea, but Advisory discussion is encouraged.

Action/Discussion Items:

- Encourage advisees to sign up for Remind to get minutes, reminders, and other information!
Text @opgroup to 81010
- Discuss whether or not Polaris should look into having rope ladders in second floor classrooms for emergency situations.

Next meeting: November 14, 2017

Culture Moment: Bryan's Advisory