



## Operational Group Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2017

Operational Board Facilitator: Grace Green

**Culture Moment:** Christian's Advisory held a Thanksgiving potluck the week before last. They also worked with Marie's Family Group over the course of the semester on various art projects and are looking forward to creating paper snowflakes with them this week as part of Jingle Festivus.

**Mural Proposal:** CJ Gillis has proposed a mural for the wall opposite the upstairs computer lab. The scale sketch has been posted for feedback; please stop by and leave a comment so CJ can move forward with the mural process. He intends to finish sometime next semester.

**Resolution #11:** Resolution #11 passed. Students voted to support the removal of vending machines from the school. According to the action statement of the Resolution, Gwyneth Meek and Sophie Verbrugge will bring the Resolution to be discussed by staff as soon as there is an opening in the agenda.

**New Tech Guidelines:** While the ASD BYOD Guidelines have been instituted at Polaris and are to remain in effect; however the conversation about technology in the school continues. There is currently a Google document that anyone can access if they request to be added in order to contribute to the discussion — in order to be added, speak to Heidi, or to an Op Board member. These conversations are directed toward dealing with Polaris-specific situations, such the privilege of continuing to be able to use technology for personal use during lunch. All constructive feedback and suggestions are welcome and encouraged. There is also a feedback form still posted on the Polaris website for comments and questions about the institution of the BYOD Guidelines.

**Book Fair:** From Tuesday to Thursday this week and next week, the Book Fair runs from 3 to 5, and on Fridays it runs from 8 to 5. Jim Ruiz is looking for students willing to help work the Fair, primarily checking out books and keeping track of purchases.

**Jingle Festivus Charity Snow Ball:** is this Friday from 7-11 pm. The minimum donation for admittance is \$5 and includes a complimentary cookie bar provided by the North House. Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to benefit Mobile Medics International, an organization that works to provide humanitarian aid to people in crisis, and is headed by the guest speaker last Tuesday, Teresa Gray. However, in order for the dance to happen, **WE NEED CHAPERONES.** We still need a couple more chaperones for the late shift is from 9:00 to 11:15. Please talk to parents about chaperoning! The dance cannot happen without chaperones. Contact Heidi if a parent is available for a shift time.

**Jingle Festivus:** Jingle Festivus has officially started! Advisories are welcome to start decorating their doors, which will be judged on the 19th. Elves were passed out to advisory representatives during today's Op Group meeting — post pictures (with permission, of course) of your advisory's elf getting into end-of-the-semester mischief, though please don't damage or lose the elves! Spirit Week kicks off next Monday, and Polaris Passports will be passed out next week. Talk to Op Board representatives, answer their questions and complete their challenges, and receive a stamp. The House with the most completed passports could get an advantage in the Staff Mission Impossible game later that week. Calendars with games and event descriptions have been passed out to advisories and are posted on the website; questions should be directed to Op Board Members

**Action/Discussion Items:**

- Encourage advisees to sign up for Remind to get minutes, reminders, and other information.  
Text @opgroup to 81010
- Leave comments on CJ Gillis's mural proposal.
- Have fun with Jingle Festivus!

***No Meeting Next Week, Next meeting: December 19th, 2017***

***Culture Moment: Tuyen's Advisory***