



## Operational Group Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

Operational Board Facilitator: Kadi LeBlanc

**Culture Moment:** Andrea's advisory spent the last half-day playing games, working on portfolios and having a potluck.

**Prom:** Prom will be held on April 21st from 8 to midnight. Prom is a grades 9-12 event and can only continue as a Polaris tradition if a majority of students attend, so if you want to see it happen in future years, be sure to attend! Professional photographers will be present, official senior recognitions will be made. This year's prom will also include a swing dance session earlier in the evening and a karaoke session towards the end of the night! Purchase tickets before this Friday, April 13th, while they're still only \$40—the price rises to \$50 after that. See Heidi or Allie to buy tickets; there will also be a table in the lobby on Thursday and Friday.

**Heart Run:** Come join Team Polaris for the Heart Run on April 21st! A link is on the Polaris website to join our team!

**Drama Scotland Trip:** The drama team has been accepted to attend a theater festival in Scotland, where they will be performing a show, watching other performances by high school theater departments, and participating in workshops. It will be held in late July/early August of 2019. Anyone interested in drama and this trip should go to the library during lunch on Wednesday, April 11th for a meeting. Though the cost is high, the group is planning on hosting many fundraising opportunities, some of which capitalize directly off of the thespians' talent with acting.

**Model UN Bake Sale:** Model UN is hosting a bake sale on Friday, April 13th. All proceeds will be going towards their trip to New York next winter. There will be cookies, brownies, and much more, ranging from 75 cents to 3 dollars.

**Night of Writing Dangerously:** The Night of Writing Dangerously will be held on Friday, April 13th, from 5:30pm to 9:00pm in Mindi's room. Nights of Writing Dangerously are opportunities for secondary students interested in creative writing to join other interested students, write—either on individual

projects or in response to prompts—and read other students’ writing. A sign up sheet has been posted outside of Mindi’s room; food will be provided on a potluck basis, so be sure to sign up for that too!

**Spring Election:** Positions as next year’s Senior Operational Board Members and high school SAB reps are open! A number of students have already declared candidacy. Students that are currently in 10th or 11th grade can run for a Senior Operational Board Member seat, while students currently in grades 8th-11th can run to be an SAB rep. The candidacy declaration form can be found online, along with details on what the roles and responsibilities of these positions are. Anyone who is interested in these positions is welcome to speak to any of the existing Operational Board Members or SAB reps to get an idea what it is like. The deadline to declare candidacy is April 16th, which will also kick off official campaigning week! Posters will need to be approved before they are hung around the school. Elections will be held April 24th. Congratulations to all students who have taken this courageous step forward to lead!

**Water Bottle Week:** This week, Environmental Club is hosting Water Bottle Week, and will be sending representatives to Advisories to count water bottles! They may drop by at any point in the week, possibly multiple times; bring a reusable water bottle every day to increase the likelihood of winning! The advisory with the highest percentage total of advisees bringing water bottles will win the contest. Winners will receive a prize of sweets (cookies, brownies, etc.)!

**Alaska Youth Orchestras Auditions:** Auditions for the Alaska Youth Orchestras are being held on May 7th and 8th. AYO gives young musicians a chance to gain professional music experience in a fun and challenging setting. It is open to students grade 9 and up and most instruments. For more information and to register, visit [www.alaskayouthorchestras.org](http://www.alaskayouthorchestras.org).

**Generations: Unity Through Music Concert:** This concert includes musicians from both the Alaska Youth Orchestra and the Anchorage Concert Chorus. It is on Saturday, May 5th at 7PM at the Atwood Concert Hall. For tickets, visit [www.centertix.com](http://www.centertix.com). There are a few Polarians performing!

**Swing Dance:** Swing Dance Club is meeting every Friday during lunch in room 147. Practice swing dancing before the special swing dance session at Prom! The teachers are friendly and helpful, and the dance is super fun.

**Most Likely to Succeed:** On Tuesday, May 1st at 6:30, Polaris is showing the movie, *Most Likely to Succeed*, “a thought-provoking documentary feature film that reveals the growing shortcomings of conventional education methods in today's innovative world. The film explores compelling new approaches that aim to revolutionize education as we know it.” There will be childcare provided by the Polaris Drama Team, with a suggested donation of \$5 per child.

**Advisory Day:** Advisory day is on May 4th. Start thinking about ideas for this day with your advisory!

**Action/Discussion Items:**

- Encourage advisees to sign up for Remind to get minutes, reminders, and other information.  
Text @opgroup to 81010

***Next meeting: April 17th, 2017***

***Culture Moment: Christian's Advisory***