

# **Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

December 7th, 2016

## **Elementary Staff Report:**

- Lunch protocol was recently adjusted to consist of three different lunch times for elementary, with K-1s together, 2-3s together, and 4-5s together. So far, this change has been successful.

## **Secondary Staff/Administration Report:**

- Secondary staff are preparing for intensives coming up at the end of the break, and are helping students organize their digication portfolios for conferences happening December 9th and 16th.
- As the end of the semester draws nearer, some secondary staff are looking into any schedule changes that are necessary for students next semester.
- The accreditation process is over and our goals for the next few years have been set; thank you to everyone who contributed time or feedback.
- Recently, Polaris gained a GSA club, or Gender Sexuality Alliance. In a school with a more friendly environment toward the LGBTQ community, this allows our GSA to focus on advocacy and outreach around the community.

## **K-4 Reps Report:**

- T-shirts and sweatshirts were ordered for representatives in order to boost enthusiasm; the happy worker is the productive worker, and the hope is that with more publicity and prestige, the K-4 Reps will value their position and be encouraged to get more done.
- A digication portfolio has been created, to showcase the work they've been doing and will continue to do.

## **Parent Forum Report:**

- December 3rd, Polaris hosted its first ever craft bazaar, which was relatively successful. Polaris travel intensives had the opportunity to raise some funds through the sale, and Parent Forum is already planning ways to get word out and make it more successful next year.

- February 11th, Family Night will be hosted at the Taproot, consistent of a talent show and a dinner assured to be fun for everyone. February 17th, they're planning a spelling bee to take place in the afternoon.
- Raffle tickets made somewhere between three and four thousand dollars, post paying for the machines. A big thank you to everyone who either purchased a ticket or spread the word around town.

**Op Group Report:**

- To celebrate the end of this semester, Op Board has introduced Jingle Festivus, an extravaganza taking place in the last few weeks of December. There are plenty of fun activities involved; some ideas are taken from past experience, though this time the goal was to involve elementary students with the festivities more. Door decorating competitions, PJ and cookie days, and staff mission impossible—with appearances from the Grinch and Cindy Lou—are some examples of games going on these last few weeks.
- The annual Candy Cane Hunt, hosted by Allie and Heidi's advisories along with Parent Forum, will be held December 15th. There will be a potluck dinner and a concert by elementary students in addition to the hunt for candy canes; more information is available on the website

The next meeting will be held February 8th by Parent Forum

**Attendance**

Makena Croghan—Op Board  
Jordan Akins—Christian’s Advisory  
Clotilde Severin—Tuyen’s Advisory  
Colin Mackenzie—Joe’s Advisory  
Amber Pettijohn—Damon’s Advisory  
Charlotte Severin—Siri’s Advisory  
Njideka Maduakor—Larry’s Advisory  
Mara Severin—Parent  
Susan Gullickson—Staff  
Brendan Verbrugge—Heidi’s Advisory  
Kaden Brownsberger—Mindi’s Advisory  
Sarah Ottum—Staff  
Tia Ruff—Staff  
Christian Haich—Staff  
Sophie Verbrugge—Secretary