

Open World Learning Community
PTO/Site Council Community Group Meeting
October 10, 2017, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Time	Subject	Who	Notes
5 min.	Welcome/Agenda/ Introduction	Rebecca Bolton-Steiner, co-chair	All in attendance introduced themselves. Rebecca welcomed all to “OWL Com.”
10 minutes	Principal Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Retreats • Enrollment • Fall Family Gathering • Extracurriculars 	David Gundale	Fall Retreats saw nearly 460 students across the state and into western Wisconsin. iUpdate will continue to be used via SPPS for forms and payments—process is new but should be more streamlined going forward. OWL is above enrollment estimates at 459 students. Fall Family Gathering was well and happily attended once again. The Outward Bound Service Auction earned ~25% of funds needed for Interim service trips. OB has a record 90 high school participants. EDL began last week. Busing is available. Fall sports are ongoing.
10 min.	Upcoming Events	Tim Leone-Getten	10/11 PSAT for 11 th , some 10 th grade students 10/12 PowWow at Humboldt 10/17 Parent Portal/Schoology education event 10/19-10/20 MEA No School 10/24 Dia De Los Muertos event at OWL: potluck, entertainment, events, All Welcome. 10/30-11/3 Spirit Week

			<p>11/2 Family Equity Evening</p> <p>11/3 School dances</p> <p>11/10 End of Quarter 1</p>
10 min.	Title 1 Overview - Family Engagement Plan	David Gundale, Mary Sellers	<p>OWL has SCIP goals around math, reading, culture and character. Math proficiency just above 50% in line with district. OWL pushing applied math skills. Literacy proficiency nearing 70%, higher than district average. OWL working to integrate humanities via expeditions and pushing independent reading. OWL returning to Crew as core belief. Using Crew to connect kids to school. Students will be surveyed in coming weeks in Crew. OWL aims for 5% improvement in proficiency one year to the next. Family Engagement Plan is online. It is a working document—please share ideas as to how to be more effective in family engagement. OWL will be honored at Expeditionary Learning conference in Chicago end of October—one of five EL schools to be credentialed this year. OWL’s portfolio will continue to be updated in the same way students update their portfolios for student led conferences. Check out OWL’s website.</p>
15 min.	Student co-chair election	Carter Antin, Sawyer Neske	<p>2 candidates presented themselves and answered questions from the group. Procedure was debated and it was decided to allow a</p>

			vote for both or just one candidate. A paper ballot vote was given to all in attendance. Sawyer Neske was elected to a one year term as student Co-Chair.
10 min.	<p>OWL Community Group Committees introduced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement • Fundraising • Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and School Climate • Academics and Staff Support • Communications and Community Partnerships 	Kristin Peterson	<p>Committees introduced: 1. Engagement includes educating about OWL, promoting and supporting community events like Fall Family Gathering, new family mentoring, beautification. 2. Fundraising includes Give MN/Direct Appeal; coffee, spirit wear, theater concession sales; Dining Out with OWL; Raffle-A-Rama. 3. Equity includes connecting with student government and groups, parent action committees, outreach, keeping the group to our mission. 4. Staff Support includes grants program; MCA snacks; teacher appreciation meals and conference potlucks; classroom volunteers; course feedback. 5. Communications includes maintaining social media presence; contributing to emails, newsletters, website; connecting to external community.</p>
30 min.	Committee Work Time		<p>Committees gathered to meet one another, set priorities and agendas for the year, establish next steps, elect a committee leader. Committee leaders as follows: Community Engagement—Carolyn McCarthy; Fundraising—Jen</p>

			Lodahl; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, School Climate—Tanya Sturm; Academics and Staff Support—Kristin Peterson; Communications and Community Partnerships—Sarah Imholte.
5 min.	Closing	Rebecca Bolton-Steiner	Next meeting will be in November. OWL Community Group will meet approximately monthly for either a social/educational evening with a brief meeting or for a working meeting for all. Committees are encouraged to meet and work at times and places that work best for their groups. Arrange school meeting space with school secretary Cheyl Giles as needed. Committee leaders and OWL Community Group Secretary, Betsy Fabel, should stay in contact with one another.
Attendance	Jennifer Lodahl, Julie Wegshied, Donna Carlson, Steve Buettner, Jen Deutsch, Kristin Peterson, Carter Antin, Kathy Brazel, Oliver Brazel, Jon Horsman, Molly Foster, Anna Butler, Carolyn McCarthy, Tina Scholl, Tanya Sturm, Sawyer Neske, Dan Schibel, Sarah Imholte, Maria Imholte, Tim Leone-Getten, Mary Beth Leone-Getten, Ana Kaveh, Robb Westawker, Raina Rossell, Betsy Fabel, Diana Ditsch, Rebecca Bolton-Steiner, David Gundale, Mary Sellers		

- This is a Title 1 initiative that supports family involvement and student achievement. Specific aspects of this meeting fulfill Title 1 requirements such as:
 - Discussion around 2016-2017 data
 - Discussion around 2017-2018 School Continuous Improvement
 - Discussion around the Family Engagement Plan
 - Specific planning for Family Engagement for fall semester 2017-2018