

Open World Learning Community
 OWL Community Group Meeting
 November 14, 2017, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Time	Subject	Who	Notes
10 min.	Welcome/Introductions	Sawyer Neske, co-chair	All in attendance introduced themselves.
30 min.	Committee Reports	Jen Lodahl, Mary Beth Leone-Getten (Fundraising Committee), Carolyn McCarthy (Community Engagement Committee), Tanya Sturm (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and School Climate Committee), Brenda Hilbrich (Academics and Staff Support Committee), Jon Horsman (Communications and Community Partnerships Committee), Traci Hildebrandt-Smith (Treasurer)	<p>1. Fundraising: Spiritwear sales underway; Give to the Max Day this Thursday, November 16—goal is \$20,000. Fall Retreats cost ~\$48,000 (\$31,000 facilities fees, \$11,000 transportation, \$5000 staffing, \$1000 incidentals), OWL collects ~\$30,000 from parents, PTO has committed \$15,000 last 2 years to ensure that the core OWL belief of Every Kid Participates is possible. GTTM is OWL’s biggest and most important fundraiser of the year—please help support OWL’s unique learning programs. OWL’s traditional Monday after Thanksgiving Davannis Dining Out For OWL Night will have 2 locations this year thanks to Julia Hobday connecting with Davannis on White Bear Avenue. This event has raised ~\$400 at one location in the past. Let’s make the second location a success too!</p> <p>2. Community Engagement: OWL may host a screening of the documentary Screenagers in partnership with Avalon. Details in the works.</p> <p>3. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and School Climate: working on a calendar of significant holidays across all cultures and religions; working to facilitate communications amongst all committees of the Group.</p> <p>4. Academics and Staff Support: 8 grant applications received—will be reviewed by the committee in the days to come.</p> <p>5. Communications and Community</p>

			<p>Partnerships: Kim Witt will take over Twitter duties at @StPaulOpen from Darcy Dungan-Seaver—thank you to both of you for volunteering!; working on editorial calendar for all channels; working on press release contacts and schedule; working to streamline newsletter distribution and link sources of school information.</p> <p>6. Budget Overview: work on updating budget transparency and communication for all committees ongoing.</p>
10 minutes	Upcoming Events	Sawyer Neske	<p>11/16: Picture retakes 11/16: Prospective Family Showcase 11/17: No School 11/20: Yearbook Committee (high school) begins meeting after school on Mondays 11/28: Archery begins. After school T, W, Th. 11/30: Asian Family Celebration event at OWL--potluck, entertainment, events, All Welcome. 6 pm. 12/6: Parenting in the Digital Age Seminar 6-8 pm 12/8: College March. All welcome. 9 am. 12/13-15: School play. 7 pm. 12/21: Long Crew Day—full day of service and fun with Crew. 12/22-1/2: No School</p>
60 minutes	Principal Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELL Conference • Visiting Scholar • Student Led Conference Presentation and discussion 	David Gundale	<p>Staff representatives from OWL attended the EL National Conference in Chicago in October to be acknowledged as an EL credentialed school.</p> <p>An academic on sabbatical at Miami University from South Korea drove to MN to tour and research OWL. OWL and its education model are very popular in S. Korea.</p> <p>Student Led Conference Presentation began with a viewing of “Austin’s Butterfly” to highlight the importance of feedback in being a self-directed learner. Goal setting conferences and 2 subsequent reflection conferences develop student voice over time building to 8th and 10th grade passages</p>

			<p>and Senior passages. Portfolios build over time to include reflections, evidence, artifacts, and recommendations. Videos of senior portfolio presentations are in OWL's portfolio and should be watched to see how the reflective process of Student Led Conferences does evolve. OWL gets 80-90% turnout for Student Led Conferences. Student Led Conferences are integral to EL education. There is not currently time in the union and district negotiated work agreement for additional conferences in the current middle-high school schedule. For more information about Student Led Conferences a handout from the book Leaders of Their Own Learning was passed out:</p> <p>https://eleducation.org/resources/chapter-5-student-led-conferences</p> <p>Discussion around the best way for families to communicate with staff ensued. Initiating communication with Crew Leaders is excellent. Michelle and Dave are also available as resources.</p> <p>Consensus of the group was that more OWL Education nights (like those hosted in the past) are in order: possible topics include Understanding Crew, Standards Based Grading.</p>
5 min.	Title 1 Overview - SCIP	Mary Sellers	<p>The purpose of the SCIP was discussed and a SCIP summary was reviewed and distributed. Mary Sellers reports that the SCIP summary, Family Engagement Plan, and Partnership Agreement are available for review on the OWL website and in the school office.</p>
5 min.	Closing	Rebecca Bolton-Steiner, co-chair	<p>Next meeting TBA. Stay tuned for announcements about Avalon/OWL co-screening of the movie Screenagers, in December. Committees are encouraged to meet and work at times and places that work best for their groups. Arrange school meeting space with school secretary Cheryl Giles as needed. Committee leaders and</p>

			OWL Community Group Secretary, Betsy Fabel, should stay in contact with one another.
Present	Jennifer Lodahl, Traci Hildebrandt-Smith, Cathy Camarena, Noah Camarena, Steve Buettner, Kristin Peterson, Carter Antin, Jon Horsman, Anna Butler, Carolyn McCarthy, Tanya Sturm, Mintesinot Sturm, Sawyer Neske, Dan Schibel, Lisa Schibel, Anna Butler, Sarah Hayes Jewell, Hope Grassi, Brenda Hilbrich, Mary Beth Leone-Getten, Sara Cooper, Lisa Heeringa, Todd Heeringa, Raina Rossell, Betsy Fabel, Diana Ditsch, Rebecca Bolton-Steiner, Athena Bolton Steiner, Pedro Bayon, Dani Butler, Debora Tesfamariam, Amanda Herrera-Gundale, David Gundale, Mary Sellers, Damon Liberatone, Michelle Bierman		

- 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