



Resolution #34

Valedictorian & Salutatorian Implementation

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Be it resolved by Operational Group, that Polaris K-12 will implement naming a Valedictorian and Salutatorian of every senior class.

1. **Whereas,** A Valedictorian is “a student, typically having the highest academic achievements of the class, who delivers the valedictory at a graduation ceremony”¹;
2. **Whereas,** A Salutatorian is “the student who ranks second highest in a graduating class and delivers the salutatory”²;
3. **Whereas,** Polaris K-12 does not currently have Valedictorian or Salutatorian recognition;
4. **Whereas,** Other schools in ASD have the Valedictorian and a Salutatorian recognition;
5. **Whereas,** Being Valedictorian or Salutatorian would be a great thing to put on your resume;
6. **Whereas,** the Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be decided on students’ weighted GPAs.
7. **Whereas,** Polaris K-12 already has a place system per High School class, adding the Valedictorian and Salutatorian achievement would further recognize the students academic achievements and GPA; and
8. **Whereas,** Past Polaris students recognition was lost because there is no Valedictorian and Salutatorian recognition currently in place;

Therefore, be it resolved by Operational Group, that Polaris K-12 will implement naming a Valedictorian and Salutatorian of every senior class.

Action Statement: If passed by the Polaris General Assembly (PGA), the resolution will then be taken by Dr. Tia Clay (Polaris K-12 principal) for review and consideration.

Sources:

1. https://www.oed.com/dictionary/valedictorian_n?tab=factsheet#16105688
2. https://www.oed.com/dictionary/salutatorian_n?tab=factsheet#24431875

Passed unanimously by Polaris GA