Polaris K-12 School Community Bylaws

I. General Polaris K-12 School Community

    A. Mission Statement

        1. Polaris K-12 School is an evolving program that creates an environment which challenges its members to personal excellence, lifelong learning, and ethical responsibility to self, community, and the world.

    B. Functions

        1. The general Polaris K-12 School community makes the decisions regarding school business consistent with the mission statement.

    C. Membership

        1. The general Polaris K-12 School Community consists of all current Polaris K-12 School students, families, staff, and administration.

    D. Representatives

        1. Operational Group, staff, and PPTA are the voting parties representing the Polaris K-12 School Community. Each party will hold 1 vote.

    E. All Community Meetings

        1. In the event that a special all school meeting needs to be called, notification shall be given with the date and time of meeting with two weeks advance notice, unless the issue is time sensitive, in the following ways:

            a) School Website

            b) Wolf Weekly and other student announcement avenues

            c) Operational Group meeting

d) Staff Announcements

2. Any member of the community may call an all school meeting for an exceptional or urgent issue with the approval of the Principal.

II. **Operational Group**

A. See Operational Group Bylaws

III. **Polaris Parent Teacher Association (PPTA)**

A. See PPTA Bylaws

IV. **Bylaw Amendments**

A. The Polaris K-12 School Bylaws, excluding the PPTA Bylaws, may be amended by a vote from Polaris' voting parties. Changes must be shared with the Polaris community for all Polaris representative groups (Operational Group, staff, and PPTA) to discuss and vote on. Any changes must be approved with at least 2 of the 3 votes to pass.

V. **Voting Procedures**

A. Once new student or community initiatives have been voted on by the representative group from which the idea originated (PPTA, staff, or Operational Group), it will be presented to the Polaris Administration for consideration. If approved, all representative groups will be notified and will be asked to hold a vote at the next available opportunity.

1. Information of the initiatives will be shared with all Polaris representative groups if approved by administration.

2. Each representative group will discuss and vote with their group.

a) One final vote for each Polaris representative group - Operational Group, Staff, and PPTA.

3. Votes will be collected by the Operational Group Advisor.

a) Votes must be given within a school month of the information being shared.

4. Any initiatives must be approved with at least 2 of the 3 votes to pass