KDP Meeting  
February 7, 2017

1. Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities
   1. March 16th 6:30pm-9:30pm– Creating an Innovative Learning Space
      1. At the Westmoreland IU Maker Space – “Center Ice”
         1. Transportation will not be provided, try to carpool with friends!
      2. Session that will talk about how to change your learning environment and incorporate STEM tools effectively so that they support learning
      3. LIMITED SPACE
         1. After Feb 14th, signup will open up to the rest of the Ed Dept. so make haste!
         2. If you are interested, sign up through the following Google link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4HmKQSHr2V0ynHHWdbdg_GMPaHZ_1bRzbeoMTUhqjbyrz7A/viewform?c=0&w=1>
         3. If you sign-up, you are committing to the event. If something changes and you will be unable to attend, please contact Dr. McNelly ASAP so she can try to fill the space to another interested student.
      4. Funds are covered through KDP – free event
   2. Spring Speaker – Wed. April 5th @ 6pm
      1. S*tudents at the Center: Personalized Learning with Habits of Mind*
         1. Author will have books available for purchase at PAC during the vent for signing
            1. We may have some program to attend prior to the event to provide background on what the book is all about so you can all go in informed – work in progress
         2. Counts for PD
         3. Registration form is being created – we will keep you updated
            1. There will be plenty of space for everyone to come
         4. Author will stay before and after for signing
         5. Also sponsored by KDP, Free to attend
   3. Our Clubhouse
      1. Abby Ziegler will be joining us to share information on how to approach students who have encountered cancer somehow in their lives
         1. She works for Our Clubhouse, which provides a “safe space” for children, you adults, and families working through the struggles that come with battling cancer.
         2. Topics she will cover include but are not limited to: Age appropriate language; how to talk with the child about things like cancer/death/etc; developmentally appropriate interventions; common questions/concerns; short vignettes; identifying when more help is needed.
      2. Sunday Evening on March 19th – exact time TBD
      3. Registration for this PD event will be sent out in the coming weeks.
2. Initiation
   1. Sunday Feb 26th from 1-2ish
   2. Need about 5 volunteers who are not new inductees – current members can sign up to volunteer, contact [kaitlin.smith2@stvincent.edu](mailto:kaitlin.smith2@stvincent.edu)
      1. Show up at 12:40 to help set up chairs, sign people in, pass out programs, take pictures…
   3. \*\*\*If you have already been inducted but would like to attend to hear the keynote speaker (a past PA Teacher of the Year Finalist), please RSVP to [Kaitlin.smith2@stvincent.edu](mailto:Kaitlin.smith2@stvincent.edu) so we can account for chairs and snacks.
   4. NEW INITIATES:
      1. Send in bio on Google doc form
      2. Pay any outstanding dues
      3. Bring in PJs for Blackburn center – This counts as our service project
         1. All members are welcome to contribute pajamas for donation
3. KDP Member Spotlight – New way to recognize our outstanding members
   1. How many?
      1. Each month, one sophomore, junior, senior, and grad student will be selected as the KDP Member Spotlights of the Month
   2. What criteria to nominate?
      1. Enthusiasm
      2. Attendance and involvement
      3. Community Service
      4. Club involvement across campus
   3. What do you get?
      1. Recognition on the Psi Iota chapter page
      2. Certificate (build up that Portfolio, kids!)
   4. We will develop a nomination form online and will have 4 members in the spotlight by the end of February! Be on the lookout for updates!
4. Spring Family Weekend
   1. April 22nd-23rd
   2. Jordan’s committee will begin planning what booth we will have soon
   3. Be on the look out for signups
5. Officer Nomination
   1. Marissa, Nikki and Jordan will be graduating ☹
   2. Caitlin will be taking over the position as President and Kaitlin will be taking over the position as Vice President
   3. Filling positions of Treasurer, Historian, and Secretary
      1. Board members do have additional responsibilities, but we have fun with it! Consider running for a position – you can always nominate yourself! ☺
      2. Email any nominations (person and the position) to [Caitlin.kruzynski@stvincent.edu](mailto:Caitlin.kruzynski@stvincent.edu)
      3. Elections will be held after Spring Break
6. SENIORS: Honor Cords!!!
   1. Email Dr. McNelly about cords so she can make sure you’re in check to receive them
      1. $14.00
      2. EMAIL BEFORE SPRING BREAK SO THEY CAN BE ORDERED
7. KDP Convocation
   1. October 26th-28th 2017 in Pittsburgh
   2. Kait and Cait are putting together a poster proposal for the event
      1. If you want to submit a proposal, login on the KDP national website and the information and form is available there – DUE BY Feb 15th!!!
   3. You can still attend the convocation even if you are graduating this year!!!
      1. Since it is local, we want a big representation!
      2. We will be trying to fundraise for this event
   4. Why go? Lots of good key note speakers and break out session – great for PD. Meet with other chapters and share ideas!
   5. Will need to provide your own Transportation – carpool with friends!
8. Literacy Alive
   * 1. Getting finalized with coordinator at Adams Memorial Library
     2. Will occur sometime in March – April
     3. If you have input/ideas, email [Nicole.delbene@stvincent.edu](mailto:Nicole.delbene@stvincent.edu)
     4. Encouraging reading oriented activities
9. Raffle Time!
   * 1. Congrats to Christy Morgan, Courtney Watt, and Rachel Glatt for each winning a gift card to DQ!!!