We eventually had a staff meeting (or another email I just can't find) about not participating in the Thanksgiving dinner for the international students because of the petition.

Really?

REALLY?

When in all this did the students become my enemies?

I can understand how My Boss felt attacked.

But she was in a position where her actions couldn't be based on her personal hurt feelings.

The students' points were valid and worthy at least for consideration.

How was "punishing" students going to solve anything?