

**PSO Meeting Agenda: January 7, 2016**  
**@ 6:30pm MEETING MINUTES**

PSO President: Denise Hemingway | Vice President: Jennifer Browning  
Treasurer: Thyda Ros | Secretary: Lynda Lykes

☛ **Opening:** Denise Hemingway, Welcome and Door Prize

☛ **Staff Report:** Mr. Cantwell, Administrator

- Off site elective, in past we had evening presentations .... now these students will be giving their presentations in their Advisory class during school day, January 14th.
- Finals: begin the 19th of January,... it will be more of a taste of what a final is about. will run until the 28th. EOC Algebra Geometry and Biology are state requirements 7th, 8th, 9th will have Smarter Balance. NO SCHOOL on the 29th and the day after will begin the Spring semester.
- Mr. Cantwell reports on Steering Committee meetings,... working on this school accreditation. Accreditation: CHOICE Academy is in the process of completing a reaccreditation process.
- Next meeting is on January 21st at 6:30pm.
- Looking for Parent volunteers to do as much or as little ideally on Friday afternoons to assist the staff with this process. The staff meets on Friday afternoons will be starting at 12:30 until 2:00pm and would love any volunteers we could receive from the parents. Such items that could be of help would be with writing documents, reviewing documents, providing parent input, etc.
- NEXT THURSDAY is our OPEN HOUSE Jan 14th 6pm.
- Lottery is going to be on FEB 10th. The applications have to be postmarked or hand delivered by the JANUARY 29th. Siblings will be given due consideration however it is the lottery system and they will see how it works. 32 seventh graders will be accepted. The interviews will most likely begin in March. All the application schools are going to be in a lottery system. You can find all the applications online.

- Go to the weebly website for the current info.
  
- Jan. 21st Steering Meeting, “How will this impact CHOICE and what can we do about it?”.  
Two weeks from tonight at 6:30pm, Denise added it’s a great way to learn more about the school and contribute your ideas.
  
- Bench Assessments 2015-16 Reading
  - - 7th graders at CHOICE 72.4 % and the district 45.0
    - 8th grade 79.3% and district 55.4
    - 9th 84% and district 65%
    - 10th 82.4 % and district 60.1 %
    - Bench Assessments for Math
    - 7th grade CHOICE 70% and district 43%-
  
- WE MADE OUR GOAL!
  - - 8th grade math at Choice 51% and District 34%
    - 8th grade Algebra 71% and District 25%
    - 9th Geometry Choice 72% and District 37%
    - Regarding
  
- CLUBS
  - Mrs Powers-SPANISH
  - Mrs GREENBERG Music, one Parent and 2 students minimum to start and keep a club going.
  - Cribbage Club is getting started and every other Monday CHESS Club with Mr Cantwell 2:50pm
  
  - Mrs Dolly Knuth shared her deep gratitude for all the great parenting and awesome students we have and that we teach core values...well we have kids that are lonely and have to ask our students to extend themselves and be kind, inclusive and nice.
  
- DANCE

- - Olive Garden is giving us the majority of the food and set up...the closest thing to compare it to is a wedding reception. The sign up sheets are being passed around and serving is really important. This will be at Mt Rainier High School whose staff are wonderful for accommodating us over the years. Our DJ and PA system is provided by our generous alumni DYLAN SKEELS. Yes this is a dressy formal event and for our students that means whatever our students feel dressed up is. Parent Ann Eng shared with us that her son chose to wear an outfit including bow tie that made him feel dressed up and comfortable at the same time for last years dance that made her even more proud of him.

- Lottery System for School Admission
- Parent Meeting with Dr. Enfield

📢 **ASB Updates:** Dolly Knuth

- School Dinner and Dance - Feb.26th:
- ASB Events
- Trying to get a bowling party for the kids soon. Working with district on protocol for an after school hour event. Maybe we can make it a PSO event to avoid the red tape!
- COOKIE DAY and PIZZA DAY for student store sales, 4 dozen is a good amount to donate.
- FIELD TRIPS
  - Ballet, Le Corsaire @ McCaw Hall on March 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Special field trip, not yet decide!
  - Field trip to the MOHAI June 15
  - For More Information on these things please email Mrs Knuth [dolly.knuth@highlineschools.org](mailto:dolly.knuth@highlineschools.org)

📢 **PSO News Updates:** Denise Hemingway and Jennifer Browning

- Budget shows what we made on Butter Braids \$1,957.50
- Family Night at Thunderbirds Hockey Game:
  - tickets are usually \$25 but JILL can get them at a discounted price for only \$ 11 see the flyer is out on the ASB table. Also you'll be able to memo if your child wants to be seated next to their buddy or friends, Jill Mudge can arrange to get their tickets next to each other.
- Feb 14th Sunday at 5pm at the ShoWare Arena.

- Winter Fundraiser - See's Chocolate Bars
- Spring Fundraiser to be announced soon (Talent Show/Gift Basket Raffle and Dessert Auction)
- Committee for Spring Fundraiser baskets we need helpers
- Box Tops Coordinator: Kristi Powers, please trim up as our counters have requested.
- Quarterly Staff Breakfast hosted by CHOICE PSO Denise reports we had our 1st one right about Thanksgiving break. It was awesome! Denise is asking for volunteer(s) to fill the only missing piece which is having someone in the hallways or staying in the classrooms while teachers go and get their breakfast. Super easy and not very much time but so nice! The 2nd quarterly Staff Breakfast is coming up soon. If you'd like to help please contact Denise..
- Jen Browning brought up the need for a Spanish translator or interpreter if anyone could volunteer (at Open House I think). Janice Milliman brought up Scholastic Books and passed out the catalogs and these can be ordered online as well as on paper.

☞ *Closing Door Prize Drawing*

*Question was which hand is the Statue of Liberty holding the Torch with? answered by Mrs Ritter, parent of two Choice students. Prize a Choice spiritwear hoodie.*

☞ *Please Mark your Calendar For:*

- See's Candy Bar Sales:
- Student Dance- Feb. 26th
- Hockey Night- Feb. 14th
- Spring Fundraiser (Talent Show/Gift Basket Raffle and Dessert Auction):

☞ *PSO Meetings* (Thursday Evenings):

- March 31, 2016
- May 2, 2016