

CHOICE Steering Committee Meeting 1/21/16

In Attendance:

Ann Eng
Cherie Trodson
Allison Cochran
Walter Redfern
Kristie Powers
Craig Pilawski
Frank Cantwell

- Student and Parent Survey: Mike Sita has asked to present a survey to students and parents regarding general thoughts, concerns, safety issues, etc.
- Feb 19th is a regular, full day of school that will go from 8:00am-2:39 for **all students**. This is due to the President's Day holiday and "Mid-Winter Break" on Feb 16th being off that week, which makes a shortened week.
- Currently, CHOICE is going through our Accreditation process for the state, which is required every six years. Our staff has been utilizing our weekly Friday staff meetings to complete this process. As of now, we have put together a draft of what this will look like and we will continue as needed until completion.
- Starting on Friday, Feb 26th, we will start our Extensive Reading Program. This will allow for students that are in need of reading tutoring and assistance to gain that with Mrs. Powers. Today our staff met to determine the students we feel could utilize this extra reading practice and we would like these students to attend. The daily schedule will change for 6 weeks starting on 2/26 for this reading program
- New student applications are open and are being accepted at the Highline District Office. All paperwork and required materials will be accepted there, and the lottery decisions for acceptance will be determined by the district
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) Manual is still in the works. Edits are needed and Ann Eng has agreed to help with this process. This will be available to students and families upon completion.
- Frank asked whether or not parents would want to be a part of our School Improvement Plan (aka Action Plan) meetings. Overall from the group the consensus was "no," however there was some interest to be involved. The challenge was agreed in that the timing of the meeting is during the school day at 12:30pm which makes it hard for attendance. One idea was for us as a staff to complete the plan and send it out to the parents, but an invite will be offered to everyone in case they are interested, all are welcome.
- After school Clubs are still challenged with participation. There are a few available, such as Chess Club, Spanish Club, and Music Club for now. Any and all are welcome. One new idea was a service learning club that would participate in service learning projects around the community.
- Additional thoughts and plans were made to have a large school wide food drive. The details were not determined as this has historically taken place with direction from the district, but a high level of interest was offered to start it on our own at CHOICE
- Staff and administration are highly interested in eliminating the "Friday Home Study Pass." Ideas were discuss how to effectively transition to this culture change. Ideas on how to do this are welcome, for example one idea was to have a "Friday pass" only once per month as opposed

to every Friday. Teachers are challenged with offering effective curriculum with only 4 full days of class instead of the traditional 5.

- Discussions have continued with the possibility of a two-track math system.
- We have asked Mike Sita to offer a Spanish 2 course for next year. We will continue to look into that hopeful offer for those currently taking Spanish 1.
- Concerns were very briefly discussed about 9th graders passing the SBAC.

Next Meeting tentatively scheduled for Mid-April after Spring Break. Date will be sent out once it is confirmed.

Check to see the George put in the F & P Scores in Illuminate

Jillian's e-mail

William/PJ

Jillian Lao

JoJo going to PE in 6th

Counselor Appreciation Week