

IBARMS PYP Breakout Session September 7, 2012

Call to order and introduction of PYP Representative, Tricia Dutton-Morato

Tables used the Key Concept mats to introduce themselves.

Celebrations and Updates included all newly Authorized Programmes, Candidate Schools, Interested Schools, and new people attending IBARMS for the first time.

Paul Schkade presented an overview of the IB Regional Conference in Cancun, Mexico, which included the following points:

- First regional conference outside of the US, Canada or the Caribbean
- Great opportunity to network with IB Office Staff who put on workshops, as well as Latin America Staff
- Discussions held regarding partnerships and leadership opportunities with people who are confident in their knowledge of and passionate about IB
- Found out a newly reformatted OCC will soon be re-launched
- Discussions held about online workshops
- Revisited discussion about the Learner Profile, in particular the possible removal of “risk-taker” as it has negative connotations in some cultures
- 2013 Regional Conference will be held in New Orleans

Chris Overhoff led the continuation of a discussion of concept-based curriculum and the use of level 2 verbs as referenced in his handout by Lynn Erickson. Table groups worked on designing concept-based Central Ideas. He underscored the importance of making sure that each Unit of Inquiry descriptor connects with the Central Idea.

There were table discussions about topics for the November 10, 2012 IB Symposium which will be held at Aurora Hills Middle School.

The meeting closed with the membership voting to accept the proposal that IBARMS would absorb the cost of quarterly fees for each member of the volunteer IBARMS Executive Board.