

Minutes PYP Break Out Session
January 29, 2010

Diane Jensen, coordinator of Academy International School and PYP representative to IBARMS, brought the session to order. As the general session had run long and there were so many PYP schools represented (40?), we did not have a chance to meet and greet all those in attendance.

News from area schools:

Wheeling Elementary World School in Aurora was authorized Dec.17. Jan Lotter, principal and IBARMS president elect brought us this good news.

(Trisha_ and baby Andrew are doing well)

Erin Gordon informed the assembly that Littleton Public Schools voted not to fund Eugene Field for IB due to budget cuts in the upcoming year.

The assembly was reminded that we can help each other put the word out about vacancies for positions in PYP schools around the region.

Maria Hersey

Maria encourages schools to provide feedback to IBO about evaluation and authorization visits and well as funding issues to help keep the organization strong.

Revised Standards and Practices are due out in October. Anyone beginning self-study and being evaluated in the coming year should follow the old standards, but if there is any doubt, email Michael Clifton and save all correspondence so that the visiting team has a record of the directives you have received.

A brief discussion about differentiation was held. It is felt that Cardiff has a strong stance on the transdisciplinary nature of the PYP, so.....

Maria and Lou Marchesano discussed a pilot workshop on assessment that had been held in Summit the past week. The focus was on how to assess state standards within the context of the PYP. Tools for evaluating student performance using rubrics as a vehicle for discussing student growth and progress were the main thrust of the workshop.

It was announced that training sessions at Keystone has 178 people signed up already. There are 360 slots for PYP sessions in all.

Please send exhibition dates to Diane if you are willing to host people attending. Please include date, times, how to contact the coordinator, and email to

diane.jensen@asd20.org

Put "exhibition" in subject line.

Sabin Elementary will be hosting a round table on RTI in the PYP on April 30. Look for an email about this and be thinking about what issues you might like to discuss.

Our branch (PYP) will have \$4,000 to spend next year on professional development.

What are peoples' ideas?

Power of the Science Notebook Training?

Standards based assessment in the PYP?

Other ideas? Guest speakers, workshops, other?

If you are interested in serving as the PYP representative to IBARMS, please submit your biography to Don Marsh by the April 9th meeting of IBARMS. Voting will take place at that meeting.

And finally, thank you Diane for all the wonderful work you have done over the past 2 years!

Respectfully submitted,

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Jenny Wischmeyer