

Diploma Breakout Minutes

Use of the IB blog, a survey of how many DP schools are transitioning to MYP, scheduling ToK and member schools course offerings were main agenda items discussed during the DP breakout session.

- Chris Hayes wondered about how often the blog was being used and if we could create a hotlink that goes directly to the blog site when new news is posted.
- Claudia Anderson asked about the number of schools looking to add MYP in place of their current pre-IB program. Patricia Wetmore commented on the heavy push she is receiving from her IB consultant to go full school despite Ralph Cline's statement that whole-school MYP is not currently a requirement.
- Claudia also surveyed the number of schools currently offering ToK outside of the school day. Several schools now offer once-a-week night ToK with others moving to adding one section next fall. Schools were cautioned about being too creative with ToK scheduling to avoid the perception it is an "add on" and not an integral part of the IB hexagon.
- Steve Kern distributed a survey to coordinators regarding subject offerings and program status (diploma only, or diploma and certificate). All coordinators were emailed a copy of this survey the week of February 18th. If you haven't completed the survey, please do so and return to Steve Kern at KERNSC@d11.org.
- Roger Dowd clarified information regarding DP online, counseling and concurrency of learning (diploma classes taken over two years, with at least one SL course taught over two years.)