

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2008

Copperfields Event Center

Roger called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

The change to Article 4, Section 3.1 to read: "The term of office shall be one year from July 1 through June 30." Was motioned by Don and seconded by Dorsee. Motion carried. First reading was in November.

We had the first reading of the amendment to Article 4 Section 2.7 to read: "If unable to fulfill duties, the Board may replace a member." The final reading will be in April.

Jan Lotter reported that we have \$258,620.01 in our treasury with the payments for summer training. There was \$75,000 that was transferred to a 6month CD in January.

Committee Reports:

Nanci Morse gave the June Conference Report. We are almost full and have waiting lists in most areas. PYP Level 1 and Level 3 Administrator have some openings. The majority of schools have paid at this point.

Lisa reported that the Scholarship Committee has applications and will be meeting to award the 5-\$1,000 scholarship to seniors.

Jan Lotter encouraged all to visit the Projects section of the website. Awards were made to Natrona High School, Lincoln Junior High, Smokey Hill High School, and Palmer High School. Representatives will be at the April meeting to discuss their projects.

Lou talked about the Legislative committee. There are issues around funding and the Tabor Amendment which could limit our ability to gain additional funding at this time but information is going out on how others states are funding IB schools. There does seem to at least be some funding available through professional development. The group is working on getting information out there that IB is a K-12 program. Lou and Roger are to present to some members of the Colorado congress.

Roger discussed the Association Agreement with IB. That we are now part of the Association of IB World Schools. It formalizes our relationship with IB. He reminded all that we do not represent the IB organization. We need to be mindful of this when advertising roundtables and trainings.

There was information around IBNA Board merging with IB to become a Regional Head Representative Council and Regional Advisory Council.

There will be a school census in April. Coordinators need to be sure to complete the information. It will come from Beth Brock head of Research and Development in New York.

FYI to members that Michael Deam is working with a schools project team through the U.S. Department of Education. Also, Anthony Flatley is the new Ombudsman for schools. You may contact him at ombudsman@ibo.org.

Lori brought up the concern over people doing their RSVP and then NOT coming to meetings. That costs the organization \$2,500 last year with no shows.

A review of the MYP Student Summit was presented. This was the third year and there were 140 students and around 50 staff members participating. The areas of interaction were focused around the topic of Health and Social Education. This is done in partnership with Denver University which has a great international focus. There was an agency fair for students. Action plans were developed for participating schools.

The slate of officer candidates was read for the April vote meeting. We have a full slate.

Helene Troumblay will be in Colorado around April 14 if any district are interested in having her work with students. She presented to the group last year.

Items are needed for the newsletter. Please submit to Lori at the website. These should support the IBARMS mission statement.

All are encouraged to check the blog on a regular basis.

Our speaker for this meeting was Bradley Richardson retired director of IBNA. He presented a short history of IB growth since 1985 when he join IBNA. He spoke to IB being the “Gold Standard” in education, liberal attacks that come periodically, and that it important to know what IB is not. He talked about the four stages of IB within schools: International what?, My AP is better than your IB, I think we are getting the hang of IB, and enlightenment when we become broad based. He talked to modes of thinking, where IB is going, and the importance of intellectual honesty.

The presentation was enjoyed by all.

We adjourned to grade level meetings.

DP MINUTES

Patricia Wetmore called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Each person introduced themselves with school and role.

There was a discussion over the blog use. Most felt the general emails were better. Time is a factor in non-use of the blog.

There was a question about MYP at the high school level and how that looked different from middle school. Several schools shared their program formats.

Susie Mitzelfeld brought up coordinator duties and each talked on how their schools are structured.

Roger gave us information on DP online courses and their role in accessibility. They are costly at this time. There are some adult courses are well which members may want to check out.

The conversation spread in to related subjects. Transcripts need to be ordered by students before September 1 or they pay.

Assessment pilots are running right now for Biology, English, ITGS. Schools can ask to participate in pilots.

We had a discussion around ToK and when people are doing classes. Both after school and in the day were covered. IB is concerned about nights because teachers and students may be tired. We talked about the flexibility it offers. Time issues were discussed.

Steve Kern passed a quick survey around of SL and HL courses being offered currently at the high schools.

Susie had a question on how SL Physics and LS Biology are being offered in our region. Most have Physics as a one year course and Biology as a two year course.

The discussion turned to the fact that IB is encouraging all classes to be two years and that we may need to look at creative scheduling.

Roger briefly spoke to Group IV IA issues and hoped for more communication to come. Teacher support materials are coming on CD. Training is being advocated. Biology Level 3 is coming this summer.

Claudia is working on Design Technology through FLIBS.

History information came out on the OCC in December.

Examiners are always needed so let interested teachers know.

He addressed the need to help colleges know more about us through some of the conferences. IBNA is handling the bulk of the publicity at this point. We do have a couple people willing to present as needed.

Chris asked for a coordinators list on the website.

Susie asked how schools used tutoring time and we briefly discussed this.

We discussed that sports and academic events conflict with testing. It was suggested that we let parents and students know early (grades 9 & 10) so they are not surprised and know that decisions may need to be made.

There was a discussion on how schools note Diploma Candidate on their transcripts. Some used stamps and others use stickers.

Community Theme and Requirements for ab initio were tabled until April.