

IBARMS MYP Breakout Session Minutes – 2/15/08

- Debbie Getzel asked members to share how they have converted MYP rubrics to grades. Several people talked about how this was done. Lisa sent out a copy of the Lang. A conversion rubric used at Poudre High School as an example.
- Carolyn Derr asked for examples of how MYP schools approach Lang. B in a manner that allows students to sit for their SL exams in the DP their senior year. Anne Frazier explained that Thornton's high school Lang. B courses are essentially the equivalent of 1 ½ years condensed into a 1 year course. Other programs have found no problem getting students ready for the SL exam, even if they enter 9th grade with a Level 1 course. Others suggested using CAS students as tutors or outside support agencies to help individual students reach an appropriate level of competency.
- The PE Roundtable will be held next fall (as opposed to this April) due to the implementation of the new guide in Sept. 2008. Anne Frazier, who will be hosting the roundtable at Thornton HS, would like help planning the PE roundtable. We are looking at possibly bringing in a presenter (i.e. Robin Schaeffer from North Middle School in Colorado Springs or Ted Williams from Lamar High School in Houston, TX.)
- Don Marsh will host the Coordinator's Roundtable on May 1 at Henry Middle School. Registration info will be sent and posted on the website.
- Summit feedback:
 - Kids loved the agency fair; some felt the DU speakers spoke a bit over their heads
 - Loved the crutches for Africa idea! Schools are really rocking on this one!
 - Contact information for Erica Moffatt, the presenter who is building the school in Guinea Bissau: erica2guineabissau@gmail.com Contact her directly for instructions on where she would like supplies sent.
 - It would help if the presentations were more standardized in the future; more guiding questions could be provided to facilitate the process and keep everyone on the same page.
 - We will dedicate time to planning next year's summit at the April ARMS meeting.
- After general discussion, Lisa agreed to email several documents to all attending members: Personal Project rubric/grading information; Language A grade conversion chart; new IBNA course outline format.