

**Minutes of IBARMS PYP Breakout Session
February 15, 2008**

Attendance: Mary Firth, Heather Regan, Mary Williams, Terry Dickinson, Peggy Healer, Racinda Godbold, Katherine Kim, Paul Schkade, Martha Hussain, Erin Gordon, Terry Sidell, Debbie Griffith, Cindy Bigelow, Amy Highsmith, Craig Ferguson, Diane Jensen, Sharon Pattison, Jan Lotter (*I hope I got everyone and spelled names correctly*)

Roundtables:

There was a Round Table at Eugene Field in January discussing the new planner document. Martha reported it was very nicely attended. People felt they got practical ideas. Paul sent around a revised planner template.

There is a \$10 dollar registration fee plus \$10 for lunch to attend the Round Table sponsored by Midland, **March 3rd, 2008** at the Tesla Center in Colorado Springs. Mother Tongue support will be discussed. Bring your Language Policy/ideas/handouts, etc. on the topic. Katherine Kim mentioned that it might be nice to bring along language teachers from the schools.

We discussed keeping topics of exhibition and action in mind for future Round Tables. Paul suggested surveying schools on possible topics and then deciding who will host the Round Tables. He also suggested topics that are not addressed at IB workshops

Topic List:

- Information Technology
- Early Childhood perspective
- Exhibition
- Action
- Differentiation (resource kids and gifted and talented kids) –suggested by Peggy Healer. This would include support teachers.

Other news items:

Paul is going to start sitting in on IBARMS professional development committee. He would like to have more Level III workshops available in this region that are subject specific or that meet the needs of the schools in this region. It was suggested to have Level trainings broken up into Level 1A, Level, 1B, etc. and have a more stringent policy in looking at how far along schools are before they are allowed to register for particular sessions. Peggy said this is being looked at by IBO but that IBO is unlikely to allow workshops to be developed by a region.

Diane announced that the OCC now has a document entitled Developing a Transdisciplinary Program of Inquiry. It has sample planners. It is helpful for revising units of inquiry as well as developing one.

What to do with \$2000 funds?

Diane announced that on April 21st (Monday) there will be 3 guest speakers and 3 breakout sessions at a professional development day for Academy School District 20 IB schools. The overall theme is Sharing our Humanity: 21st Century Education for All. The first speaker is Dr. Dwight Jones talking about 21st Century Education, then a breakout session. The 2nd speaker is Ann Evans, an IB Consultant who works on the Schools to Schools project. She is involved with preschools in Sri Lanka. They are training teachers and supplying the schools. (There are some connections on the Web Site page). Dwight Jones will be speaking from an NCLB standpoint whereas Ann will be speaking from an IB perspective of access for all. The 3rd guest speaker is Kari Grady-Grossman. She will give a similar presentation to the one she gave at the November IBARMS meeting. She will speak about sustainability and community action as well.

This will be held at Discovery Canyon Campus in Colorado Springs. The auditorium seats 500. D20 already has more than 400 staff who will be attending. There will be 20 openings or more which will be opened to other PYP schools who would like to send 1 or 2 teachers. More opening may be possible.

Peggy mentioned that Ann Evans and Kari Grady-Grossman may be willing to do something in the northern part of the state. E-mail Diane if you are interested.

Ideas:

- The \$2,000 could be used if someone wants to host Ann Evans and Carrie Grady-Grossman during that timeframe in another location. Each speaker charges a reasonable speaking fee plus facility fees. Jan indicated an interest in doing this. The 21st is Fort Collins collaboration day plus their evaluation visit is the following week—Dunn and McGraw will not be participating.
- A portion of the \$2,000 could be used for scholarships for D20's event. Jan said this would need to be used to benefit as many people as possible, so this perhaps wouldn't be the best use of the money.
- D20 can still open up their event to about 20 people but they would have to pay. It would be \$20-\$30.
- We may want to earmark the money to get Lynn Erickson next fall.
- Paul suggested something for just PYP, perhaps with Lynn Erickson and breakout sessions. We need a committee working on it now for the Fall. Diane Jensen, Craig Ferguson, Debbie Griffith, Racinda Godbold, and Jan Lotter volunteered to help. The committee will work out scheduling and venue to see if it will work and report back.
- Diane mentioned Barbara's suggestion (#3 on the agenda). Debbie thought it might be a good idea to grow a Summit around the idea of Exhibition. This is still

an idea that the group would like to visit. If we use the money to get a workshop day with H. Lynn Erickson, then there wouldn't be enough money right now.

- We are tabling talking about a Summit until our next Summit. Jan suggested a host facility that will hold a few hundred people. This would be on a week day. Lunch may need to be considered.

Etc...

Debbie asked if anyone is doing the Colorado Council of Arts grant. none

In regards to IBNA going paperless: Diane suggested getting electronic copies of everything you may be using as documentation for IB evaluation and application. Organize the files. Get all staff to put everything in the electronic files.

Comments on meeting facility:

- Cold
- Food was good
- Good location

Possible items for next agenda:

- Report from H. Lynn Erickson committee
- Continued discussion on PYP Summit (similar to MYP)