

IBARMS PYP Breakout Session

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Main Points of Discussion:

- * Thank you to Sharon Muench for hosting the PYP Round table on Student-led conferences at Mackintosh Academy School District 20
- * Next PYP Roundtable will be held at Eugene Field Elementary; Friday, January 25. Invitations will be sent out later. The agenda is based on reflections from the Student-led roundtable and collaboration with a few other coordinators/teachers regarding questions and challenges that are occurring with the new template. There should be a sample new planner out in January (possibly February). mhussain@lps.k12.co.us is the contact for this roundtable
- * March – Third Roundtable discussion - Colorado Springs schools (District 11/Midland International Elementary?) **Possible topics discussed:** *Second-language challenges* - for example - funding for teacher, scope and sequence for, what about special needs students, scheduling possibilities – (There is a scope and sequence developed for Spanish in one school district – will try to send out to all coordinators present); *Language Policy – mother tongue support?*; Topic of – *Internationalism?*
- * Wanda shared about a school that was offering an afterschool program for families whose mother tongue language was not spoken at school and would be to help them learn to advocate for their students and understand what is going on at school so they feel comfortable coming to school events – this has grown by leaps and bounds, could also include how parents can help their children with language development
- * Chose **Language** as the topic – this would include second language learning and mother tongue support
- * Last year's \$2000 was not rolled-over to this year, we have only have this year's money - \$2000. What do we want to use this for? Is there a certain topic or theme that IBARMS proposes? – No. Discussion on possible speakers: Reminded about John Barrell's speaking engagement a few years ago. Would IBARMS like to support *Lynn Erickson* (conceptual learning) as a guest speaker for PYP? Would need extra funds to cover costs. *Jay McTighe* as a possible guest speaker for assessment and backwards design? He may be in the Denver area. Someone on differentiated instruction? **Decision:** Will see what District 20 decides for their professional development day. If they choose Lynn Erickson, will see about joining in for PYP. Will come up with a plan B so that if District 20 does not have her come, have someone else to use the money.
- * Plan B ideas: "*Exhibition Summit*" for groups of 5th graders from different schools. This would be challenging (Jan Lotter has experience with this in the middle school and warned that there would be quite a few details that need to be worked out). There are a couple places in the Springs – Penrose house TESLA(?) house that would not be expensive – perhaps free. **Decision:** *Anne Evans* speaking on the **IB Schools to Schools** project as Plan B – Diane Jensen will contact her to see about the possibility. If this is the direction we go, Sharon Muench and Martha Baker will help set this up.
- * Still thinking about a summit for PYP students – could be "action" and not just exhibition – sharing ideas of what else has been done. This may be the first item for next year's agenda
- * Discussion on how to make our meetings more focused so that we could plan ahead – are there topics that we could make a "master" calendar for covering each year?

Items for next agenda:

PYP Summit logistics

Firm up March Roundtable

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