

Minutes from IBARMS PYP Break Out Session
September 10, 2010

Introductions and Celebrations:

- Paul Schkade, PYP Coordinator and Media Specialist, McGraw School **and** our new PYP representative began the meeting by thanking Diane Jensen for the good work she has accomplished with us over the past 2 years. Thank you, Diane!
- There were so many schools celebrating becoming candidate schools, turning in Application B, scheduling Authorization Visits, Self-Studies, etc, that it was astounding. Highlights include York Elementary which was authorized in April, and Fountain International who were authorized in August. Good luck to Sanchez Elementary and Eagle who will be having their authorization visits this fall and Alpine, Roberts, and Antelope Trails who will all have evaluation visits soon. WOW!!
- Wanda Sutton celebrated that as a result of an exhibition project on equity and technology, Midland Elementary will be receiving a “good chunk” of her district’s technology funds this year.

WIKI News

- Paul will be setting up a WIKI space for participants to use, and would like everyone who wants to participate to make sure you send him your correct email. pschkade@psdschools.org

News from IB Regional Conference, Miami

- New Standards and Practices will be published in October
- The IB Virtual Community has been launched and Paul is piloting it at his school. He offered to demonstrate how it works and possible uses at our next meeting. (yes, please!)
- The IB will (soon?) be offering a rubric we can use to evaluate our POI’s and the option to pay someone to evaluate it for you.

On Line Workshops

- The topics being offered are growing all the time.
- More cost effective than sending people out (about \$500.00 a course, no travel costs)
- International community participating in workshops, different perspectives

Discussion about training included

- How much background knowledge do you need to participate in a Level 2 Workshop (at least 1 year in an IB school?)
- People who have taught in the IB aren't always getting their needs met at workshops
- Specialists were very happy with their courses at Keystone this past summer. Special needs needs a workshop!

November 13 (Saturday) Mini Workshops will be offered

- 8:00-4:00 West High School in Denver
- \$100.00 a person
- Topics: Math Across the Curriculum, Inquiry, Internationalism, Technology in the PYP
- Paul will email registration forms

School Visitations

- Please email Paul if you are willing to host a visit

Small Group Discussions

- Groups met to discuss challenges we are facing. Paul compiled the list to form ideas for future Round Tables.

The next meeting will be Friday, November 12