



Diploma Breakout Session

November 9, 2012

1) Welcome and Introductions

Curt Wood: handed out the Keystone 2013 course offerings Keystone is June 30-July 3. IBARMS early sign-up is Jan. 2nd. Cost is \$800.

2) AP, IB, Dual Credit Research (Grant Clayton; 15-20 minutes)

Postponed presentation

3) Pamoja Online IB Courses May Results (Brenda O'Conner; 20-25 minutes)

Assistant Principle and IB coordinator background

- Our program is to extend and support subject choice for students in IB World Schools.
- All profits go to McCall MacBain Foundation. Money helps fund needs in Africa. Pamoja was founded in 2009 and continues with course development.
- Currently has 356 students in year 2 if IB. 747 students in year 1; including 12 Open World School. (Students from non-IB world schools are allowed to take IB online questions.) These students are not taking the full diploma. Pamoja does not offer the full diploma.
- Exams 2012 -4.44-77% pass rate
- Start Date Sept 4 end Date May 23rd. Year 2 ends in April due to May exams. Assignments are given on Wednesday and they are due the following Tuesday.
- All courses are 2 yrs SL and HL.
- Pamoja accepts students that have to transfer and the new IB school does not offer the course.
- Cost: They do have some scholarships. Some charge the students the whole cost. Some schools pay the tuition or share with the cost with parents. Last year cost was \$800 per student per year. Transfer students pay an extra fee.
- Price may be reduced by the school's free and reduced lunch.
- Students take a diagnostic quiz to test if they will be a good online student. Students need to login 4 times a week. It is recommended to schedule it into the students schedule.
- SBC Site Based Coordinator. Each school must have a trained teacher on site to monitor the students. Does not need to be a subject expert. Training 5-6 hours online.

- Enroll students via Pamoja Education.
- Pamoja will not put more than 5 from one school into one section.
- Students take exams with the school.

4) Roundtable Reports: Profits are split 50/50 with school and IBARMS

- Film (Fairview HS, Oct. 24)
Positive experience for teachers.
- Group 4 Internal Assessments (Alameda Intl. HS; *Coming up Nov. 14th*)
Mindy: 66 science teachers are coming. Teachers will work as a whole group on group 4 then will split into groups.
- *Visual Arts Day at Palisade HS Coming up Nov. 14th **CORRECTION... THE EVENT WAS OCTOBER 19TH***

Discussion/suggestions for offerings and dates for future Roundtables this year

- Coordination (Columbine HS; February 12, 2013) Suzanne Geimer will be facilitating. Please send ideas to Suzie. suzanne_geimer@dpsk12.org
- Psychology; Mike Pettersch(Thornton HS) will consider hosting (January)
- Math; Andrea Sabadosh (Standley Lake HS) will host, but needs facilitator.
Looking at a week in February.
- Language B request.
- TOK request early next fall. New guide is not out yet.

6) Announcements/Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- **TOMORROW**; Saturday, November 10th; Symposia (Aurora Hills Middle School)
 - 325 attendees
- **November 15th; First Registration Deadline/** Music SL group performance # and many 'special requests'
- **December 10th**; Teachers submit G2 form for November retake exams (if any)

7) Additional discussion items from members & possible future DP Breakout topics

- How the new Social Studies Exam affects your Group 3 scope & sequence?
 - New fall of senior testing by Colorado starting fall 2013. Smokey Hill is redesigning their 9/10th grade year.
 - Science exam fall of senior year.
- Symposium on Saturdays is there a way to look at having it on a different day.
- Others?