

**International Baccalaureate Schools of Michigan (IBSOM)
an Association of International Baccalaureate World Schools
Fourth Bi-Annual General Meeting
June 2, 2009
Minutes**

Dr. Richard Perry, IBSOM President opened the fourth, bi-annual, International Baccalaureate Schools of Michigan General Meeting at Macomb Intermediate School District in Utica, Michigan at 8:48 AM. Perry conducted brief introductions, around the table, and outlined the agenda for the day. Members present included:

Name	Affiliation	School District
Ric Perry, Ed.D.	President	Portage Public Schools
Lynne Nagy	Vice President	International Academy, Bloomfield Hills
Linda Trepanier	DP Vice President	Portage Northern High School, Portage Public Schools
Jason Rubel	MYP Vice President	Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills
Jean Ramseyer	PYP Vice President	Lone Pine Elementary & West Hills MS, Bloomfield Hills
Susan Wooden	Secretary	Owosso Public Schools
Denise Bresson	Treasurer	Portage Public Schools
Suzy O'Hara	Member At-Large	Troy Public Schools
Sally Dunlop	Member At-Large	Fenton Area Public Schools
Berry, Mona	Member	Universal Academy
David, Molly	Member	Franklin High School, Livonia
Fairman, Sarah	Member	Norup International School, Berkley School District
Galati, Fara	Member	Notre Dame Prep, Marist Academy
Kambakhsh, Brenda	Member	Notre Dame Marist Academy
Karcz, Madeleine	Member	Mark Twain, Detroit Public Schools
Lewis, Tim	Sales Manager	Michigan Virtual School
Massoglic, Colette	Member	Star International Academy/Universal Academy
Meyer, Susan	Member	MISD – International Academy of Macomb
Saxon, Jane	Member	Kingsbury Country Day School
Terbrack, Sandy	Member	Heritage High School
Yeloushan, Jodi	Member	Clarkston High School

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the third, bi-annual, IBSOM General Meeting from November 11, 2008 were discussed.

MOTION: Jean Ramseyer moved to accept the minutes with support from Jason Rubel. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Member Recognition:

Dr. Perry thanked Susan Meyer for hosting us at Macomb ISD and all of her preparation to get us there. There is no charge to use this facility, which helped us make our decision. She offered this venue for future use also.

Dr. Perry discussed the State Capitol trip with MASSP. Contacting legislators is important. Call and write them. They're influential. On the average, U.S. Congressman will try to pass anything they receive *five* letters about.

Mona Berry, Principal of Eastern Washtenaw Multicultural Academy at Universal Academy, stressed that parent involvement in global education is so important and questioned how we meet the demands of the 21st Century.

- Dr. Perry mentioned that a tool kit would be useful. In July, IBSOM will work toward developing a tool kit. Tools are needed at the local level.
- Sally Dunlop said her campaign in Fenton was effective, having had 43 Power Point presentations in peoples' homes and at various locations. Showing it in homes, using the *Tupperware Sale Model*, works. There's greater buy-in to hook the critical mass.
- Jason Rubel stated that collecting information from students is important, as kids can help to keep a program together. Once students begin to reflect on IB units, they begin to endorse the program. Rubel admitted, "It's hard to remember to grab a camera when students do their reflections, but that's an opportunity to take advantage of."
- Television ads were also mentioned by the group.
- Some challenges facing the Ann Arbor School District are due to not receiving enough buy-in into IB.
- Jean Ramseyer noted that people have a perception of IB as a *gifted* program; they don't understand the inquiry and how-to-think methodology about thinking and applying knowledge. Young couples want this program for their young children. Some district's crucial selling point is the Pre-K program.
- Susan Meyer announced that IB applications have doubled in Macomb County and said parents are willing to be involved. This is how all students should be taught. Her experience is that parents are willing to go above and beyond to get their kids involved in IB.
- Suzy O'Hara explained, "Incoming parents are our front-line people that we need to educate because they'll communicate in grocery stores."
- Sarah Fairman opens their doors and they do over 100 tours for parents. They utilize their Web site and word-of-mouth. Fairman shows parents all the IB materials like the learner profile poster. Kindergarteners learn to count to 20 in Chinese and she shows parents students' papers. Parents peek into every room. Kids tell why they love their school. Until kids are living in an IB school, they act, speak, and think differently.
- Jean Ramseyer said getting kids to speak to parents is important.
- Dr. Perry rounded-out the conversation by admitting that Portage kids are articulate and important in helping to get parents involved with greater awareness.
- Walk-about are another tool used by some districts. The IB Coordinator covers a teacher's class for one hour while the teacher is required to walk about the building and see what's happening. The teacher then writes a reflection email and sends it out in a *Two Wishes and One Star* format.

Dr. Perry asked members how we can share all these ideas with Michigan IB schools. Suzy O'Hara mentioned that we may want to place helpful ideas on IBSOM's Web page. A Wiki Space, Moodle, and Twitter opportunity was also discussed.

2009-2010 IBSOM Symposium Dates & Location:

December 7, 8 2009 for fall Symposium at Macomb ISD

April 19,20 2010 for spring Symposium at Macomb ISD

Topics included the following possibilities:

- Dr. Zaho to be our Plenary speaker and present at General Membership meeting also
- Offer introductory levels again for PYP, MYP, DP
- Technology in the design cycle is an important topic

December 7, 2009 Symposium:

- Three introductory sessions: Still don't have presenters nailed down.
- PYP = Exhibition (Jason Rubel will work on)
- MYP = Technology in the design cycle (Suzy O'Hara & Jean Ramseyer will investigate)
- DP = Head of Schools , history, language A (Dr. Perry will work on)
- Zaho might conduct an internationalism session
- Sally Dunlop discussed challenges with not being allowed to use Title IIA for any IB training. Mike Radke needs to understand that IB should be allowed to use funds. Dr. Perry will investigate this.

The IBSOM yearly fee was inquired about by Sandy Terbrack. Forms for each fall symposium are available on the MASSP site to keep track of our membership. Dr. Perry advised that a school fee was suggested by NASSP to keep track of members.

Dr. Perry adjourned the meeting at 11:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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