

**International Baccalaureate Schools of Michigan (IBSOM)  
General Meeting & Work Session Minutes  
November 8, 2007**

**Members Present:**

**Welcome:**

IBSOM President, Ric Perry, opened the meeting at 9:00 AM. Owosso Public School District Superintendent, Greg Gray, welcomed IBSOM members to the Owosso area and expressed his appreciation for the support that IBSOM offers IB schools.

**Oakland University IB Preparation Presentation:**

Representatives from Oakland University announced that a new IB Program will be offered beginning in winter of 2008. The in-depth series of courses in five focus areas prepares educators to become teachers and administrators in K-12 international education. Courses are offered in conjunction with the International Baccalaureate Organization in Cardiff, Wales. Participants are eligible to apply for IB's Teacher Award Level 1. Classes are taken as a cohort. Flexible instruction combines online courses, six weekend sessions on campus, and an eight-day summer institute. The graduate program is scheduled over five consecutive semesters. Visit [www.oakland.edu/ib](http://www.oakland.edu/ib) for more information.

**IB Source Presentation:**

Andrew Culley, IB Source representative, advised that the IB Source company is an excellent resource for IB schools. He offered a display of instructional materials throughout the day along with two raffles for free books for IBSOM participants.

**General Information, Reports, & Other Business:**

Ric Perry displayed the new IBSOM Web site and commended Eric Akbertus, Principal at Portage Central High School, for his time and effort in creating the site for the organization.

Denise Bresson, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development for Portage School District, conducted a warm-up activity that initiated dialogue among IBSOM members.

Ric Perry reported that, in order for IBSOM to obtain a Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, an Articles of Corporation document must accompany the request. IBSOM was ultimately approved for certification with the official title of *Supporters of International Baccalaureate Schools of Michigan*, the business name of IBSOM, the business type *Corporation* at *8111 South Westmedge Street, Portage, MI 49002*, and a Taxpayer Identification Number of *20-8086981*.

Ric Perry explained that Section 3 within Article VII of the IBSOM Constitution & By-Laws requires a change in wording from “Suggested agenda items may be sent to any Executive Board Member at least 60 days in advance” to “in the event a meeting is called with less than 60 days’ notice, suggested items may be sent 14 days in advance.” IBSOM Treasurer, Denise Bresson moved to amend Article VII, Section 3 to reflect the aforementioned wording. The motion was supported by Owosso Middle School Principal, Rich Collins. The verbal vote was passed unanimously.

Minutes from the June 28, 2007 IBSOM Meeting were examined by IBSOM members. Denise Bresson suggested that future minutes reflect attendance. Denise Bresson moved to accept the minutes with support from IBSOM Vice President, Lynne Nagy. The minutes were approved with a unanimous, verbal vote.

Denise Bresson presented members with an IBSOM Treasury Report. She advised that IBSOM now has a profit. Ric Perry has obtained an accountant to annually audit the IBSOM account free of charge. Eric Albertus mentioned that the cost of hosting an IBSOM Web site for one year is approximately \$69.00. Symposium speakers and Baker College’s Dining Services will be invoicing IBSOM in the near future.

The Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) organization has offered to host an electronic list serve for IBSOM, which would be utilized for future IBSOM event registrations. Name tags, publicizing conferences, membership email, reminders, the SBCEU process, and billing are examples of benefits that the system would provide. An estimated \$20.00 per person user fee is associated with the system. IBSOM membership discussion was favorable as it is an excellent marketing tool and doesn’t require a long-term contract. Chris Perry suggested that each school district craft its own list serve listing and submit it to IBSOM. Jeff Bean, of Flint Whittier Classical Academy, moved to utilize the MASSP electronic program with support from Sally Dunlop of Fenton. The motion passed.

Lynn Nagey, of Bloomfield Hills Academy, discussed an opportunity for IBSOM-member school districts to become PYP, MYP, and DP workshop providers in Michigan, in partnership with Oakland University. The application process is currently being investigated by Bloomfield Hills Academy. Concern was expressed about a single school being endorsed as the provider versus IBSOM being endorsed as the provider so that all IBSOM schools can be a workshop provider. Ric Perry suggested that the IBSOM Executive Board and Oakland University representatives discuss the matter and report back to members. Jeff Bean moved to proceed with exploring the application process for IB training to be offered in Michigan. Lance Little supported the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

### **Break-out Sessions:**

Discussion groups convened in the PYP, MYP, and DP levels. Groups reported out to the entire membership with highlights of each session posted on chart paper on the wall. Two more break-out sessions occurred. Jason Reubel and Jean Ramseyer gave a detailed presentation about IB connections between the PYP, MYP, and DP levels. A

heterogeneous grouping of PYP, MYP, and DP representatives then met to discuss the *Learner Profile*. Finally, *Achieving Our Mission* work groups met and addressed members with their top three priorities within the following categories:

- Improve university recognition
- Spur legislative action in support of our work
- Serve as a liaison of MDE
- Offer symposia and training in PYP, MYP,DP

The next IBSOM Annual Meeting and Symposia are tentatively scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Lance Little moved to adjourn the meeting with support from Sally Dunlop. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned by President Ric Perry at 2:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Wooden  
IBSOM Secretary