

**International Baccalaureate Schools of Michigan (IBSOM)**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**June 28, 2007**

The first Annual IBSOM Meeting was called to order by Ric Perry, Assistant Superintendent of Portage Public School District at 8:30 AM at the Fetzer Institute in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Participants introduced themselves and gained an increased awareness about IB-interested school districts in the region.

Mr. Perry presented a comprehensive overview of the International Baccalaureate Organization Schools of Michigan (IBSOM), which examined the purpose and future goals of IBSOM along with a Web site demonstration. One goal of IBSOM is for all Michigan schools to work together to create a *cooperative* spirit rather than a *competitive* spirit. It was also noted that IBSOM represents only Michigan schools, not specific international/national schools.

Participants were presented with an update on where member schools are in the IB application process.

An informational packet, containing testimonials from former-IB students now attending universities, was distributed to participants. The packet entitled, *Former PPS Students' Comments Regarding the IB Experience* contained detailed comments about students' experiences along with their responses to the following questions: How well did the IB prepare you for college? What sort of recognition did your IB class work get you at college (admission points, class credit, etc.)? What are your feelings about your IB experience? Would you recommend an IB class to a high school student and why? Potential collaboration with several universities was discussed. It was noted that the College Board Advanced Placement program is changing to an IB-like model, according to College Knowledge author and AP researcher, David Connely of the University of Oregon. Apparently, the AP program is being examined for rigor compliance. According to Connely, IB-prepared students are 90% better prepared for college than non-IB-prepared students at 50%.

The *Constitution and By-laws of the Supporter of International Baccalaureate Schools of Michigan (IBSOM)* of January 15, 2007 document was distributed to participants. Discussion included the following:

- The document may be revised at any time.
- A tax free number for the organization is forthcoming from the government.
- Several editions were made to the document's Articles I through XII. A final draft is forthcoming to IBSOM members.

Jeff Bean of Flint moved to accept the amended By-Laws (attached). Suzy O'Hara of Troy supported the motion. A verbal, roll-call vote on the By-Laws was conducted, which included only IB certified schools. The motion passed unanimously.

IBSOM officers were nominated and elected by members. They are as follows:

*President:* Ric Perry, Portage Public Schools, Portage

*Vice President:* Lynne Nagy, International Academy, Bloomfield Hills

*Diploma Program Vice President:* Nancy Pederson, Portage Central High School, Portage

*Middle Years Program Vice President:* Jason Rubel, Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills

*Primary Years Program Vice President:* Jean Ramseyer, Lone Pine Elementary, West Bloomfield

*Secretary:* Susan Wooden, Owosso Public Schools, Owosso

*Treasurer:* Denise Bresson, Portage Public Schoos, Portage

*Member At-Large:* Suzy O'Hara, Troy School District, Troy

*Member At-Large:* Sally Dunlop, Fenton Area Public Schools, Fenton

Gavin Johnson of Owosso moved to accept the slate of officers. Kim Kirshman of Portage supported the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

IBSOM is in the process of gaining acceptance for offering training for interested Michigan schools.

Four break-out sessions for PYP, MYP, DP, and Heads of Schools generated discussion about the following possibilities for future symposia offered by IBSOM:

- Training for counselors
- Ideas for release or common planning
- Web site link suggestions, as we look for a Web Master and funding, include unit plans, projects, community service, and assessments
- MYP and PYP monitor vs. moderation
- Language B Policy
- Learner Profile
- Effective Unit Planning

Lynne Nagy, of the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills, presented members with details about how the State is viewing the IB curriculum and how IB schools are aligning with the State Standards.

The meeting concluded with the establishment of future meeting dates and future topics of discussion. The group agreed to consider Monday, October 29, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM as a *tentative* date for the next meeting. Members were asked to bring resources to share. Confirmation of the date, location, and agenda topics for the next meeting will be forthcoming from the IBSOM Executive Board. Gavin Johnson of Owosso moved to adjourn the meeting with support from Kim Kirshman of Portage. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM by IBSOM President Ric Perry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Wooden, Secretary

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