

DP Members' Forum
Tradewinds Island Grand
Sept. 17, 2015

Called to order at 4 p.m. Introductions around the room.

Roger Tangney: **How many programs are DP and certificate programs?** Spruce Creek allows students to take 3 IB courses and makes them take ToK, EE and do CAS. And, only zoned for their school. Lynn Newsome from Orange County said they allow a select number of students to do that in specific classes. This year they have 76 seniors with fewer than 20 taking only certificates. Two different coordinators said they allow students into a class to help the class "make." Teacher and coordinator approved students only. This, of course, happens at schools with IBCareer Programs.

Self Study—Is anyone's evaluation due Dec. 1 or working on it? Can we meet to discuss. Laura (Nelms) Brewer would like to meet at dinner. If you want some training materials, email Susan Ferguson at Susan.Ferguson@marion.k12.fl.us

Change in CAS. What is anyone doing differently? The interview process. In Managebac you can note that a communication is an interview. Some IBCs have a CAS day one day/week in ToK. Even though one school had Managebac, they had students write the reflections in hard copy in ToK class.

Decline in Diploma Rate? Some kids who started as a junior but didn't get the diploma because of 11 HL but got 28 were grandfathered in and awarded a diploma after initially having been denied. Most of us did not have declines in diploma rates.

Trying to figure out why students got lower grades: For the EE, you go through the rubric. For sciences, you have to have an experiment. You have to match the rubric.

Bright Futures—Retest students can sit in November and STILL get Bright Futures if they earn the diploma. You CANNOT wait until May. There is No Candidate fee for a Retake student, just a subject fee.

Paul Gallagher's stats show that a junior who does not pass, that does not affect the diploma rate. He also notes that retaking a course and focusing on getting the \$\$ may not be in the spirit of the IB.

There was a discussion about how honors, AP, IB and DE are weighted. Answers were all over the board. Everyone decided that it didn't matter, so long as within the school the weights were consistent.

Doing Common App on Naviance: the forms seems to be asking for Predicted Grade. Discussion ensued about whether this was a Naviance problem. It was determined that it probably is.

Some FL schools did not get results on July 5/7 as usual. Joe Williams knew about this because it happened to his school. IBA left off some schools, but did send an updated report. Karen called IBA and talked to the person in charge and it was fixed.

Do any schools mandate juniors taking SL exams? Yes. Some had all the cohort test in one subject, some allowed students to choose among one-year SL courses. But many had juniors test in at least one subject.

How do different schools handle the US History EOC? 7 schools had students take the State EOC.

Special Guest Speaker. Oxford Study Courses. Mr. Richards represents OSC. He has been an IBC, Econ HL and SL teacher, CAS Coordinator, so IB has been a big part of his life. OSC founded in 1990 to prepare students for exams. Summer courses are at Harvard and MIT and Cambridge and Oxford. University Tours out of Boston. Mid IB revision courses. Spring review courses in Europe. An Art course in Pisa. Print review materials. Activities, specifically made for the exams. Smartbacc is the online version of this. Free trial of Smartbacc through Sept. 30. Free resources: he would come to our school, do presentation on EE tips, time management tips, why take IB (parents, younger students), a presentation is coming on IB and the University process.

If any schools have an active Model UN program, please contact Mike Cook
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