

DP Forum

November 27, 2017

TradeWinds Island Grand, St Pete Beach, FL

Forum called to order at 4 p.m. Introductions followed.

- ❖ **Announcements:** For the February IBC Quarterly meeting, the USF researchers who looked into stress in AP and IB and how to manage it will present. It was suggested you invite your counselor, too.
- ❖ **Two new positions are open for next year:** Chair Elect and Member-at-Large. Anuj was elected President Elect of the FLIBS Board this a.m. Joe Williams will stay on as past chair to provide the DP Board with continuity. Please think about whom you would like to nominate. Check with the person first. February is when the nominations are due; voting is in Jun.
- ❖ Please let Anuj know how we can meet your school's needs.
- ❖ The IBA Annual Conference is in San Diego. The hotels are filling fast. Recommended that you make your reservation soon.
- ❖ June meeting will feature a Language B trainer to discuss the upcoming changes to curriculum and assessment.
- ❖ 75-80 schools haven't paid the dues for this year. **You must have paid dues to apply for grants and scholarships.** The DP Board granted \$30,000 to the scholarship committee and \$4,000 to grants.

Q1: Do any schools not rank? Gulliver Prep doesn't rank. South Fork HS doesn't name val and sal, but we do use the rank that shows in FOCUS for admissions. Schools within schools have an unwieldy process. Some districts rank ALL seniors in the district. UCF has a provision to admit the top 10%. Alan November said he was aware of one district that eliminated it totally, and it did not affect college admissions.

Q2. When the diploma is earned, are 30 credits guaranteed? No.

Q3. Are there any schools offering the Nature of Science, or Literature and Performance? How are colleges recognizing that? Probably as an elective.

Q4. If you are offering English Literature: have your grads gotten exempted from Comp 1. That's in the matriculation agreement. Karen Brown is already talking to DOE about changing that so that English Lit would get credit for 1101 and 1102. They could take Lang and Comp or take the CLEP test. You could offer ENC 1101 after ToK.

Q5. Where do we stand for the Gordon rule? Several courses apply to the Gordon rule and those are listed on the web sites.

Q6. Is anyone experiencing the advancement of English 1 for credit (same question for Spanish I) in grade 8? One school did have them repeat it because it's a different course code. One school did Eng PIB, Lang and Comp, Lit and Comp and then English IV.

Q7. Is anyone offering Design Technology? No one was offering it. Gulliver just dropped it. It looks on paper different from what they really want, so you have to be careful. It was the project that gave the difficulty. It was a problem to show the individual vs group contribution.

EE. New Extended Essay. Jan brought someone in to train her school. It doesn't look that different, but it is. Jan would send a synopsis to anyone who sent her an email. Claudia Janis from MI gave the presentation. The rubrics are very different. The process part is 6 points, a huge amount. Anuj suggests we have this person come train us. The EE is being offered in June. Kim Barker is offering her EE presenter. The reflections have to be about how they grew and what they learned. We will get someone to speak at the Nov/Dec meeting.

Jan Patterson also had samples of the School Profile she sends with her transcripts.

Q8. The law that lifted the cap. Can the kids take two exams and have teacher get two bonuses? No. You can't double dip.

Q9. Does anyone give the ToK teacher bonus money? Karen said they are trying to get the legislation to read "alpha numeric."

Q10. With the upcoming changes in math, can we get out ahead of it? The current freshmen will be the first to test in it. We are particularly concerned about progression. Yes, we will be.

Q11. Is anyone else having trouble with course info not being on My IB. Yes. One of the problems is with what role you are assigning? The OCC is disappearing 12/15.

Q12. Are there some coordinators who get bonuses? Yes. Clay, Martin, Indian River, Glades, Bay, Volusia. Who gets a stipend: Brevard, Marion, St. Lucie County. All said they would do better with the bonus.

Q13. Did anyone have a lot of trouble with students who did World Studies EEs? GStar did. The feedback was that the questions didn't align with the World Studies and also one was that it didn't have the local and global connection. Jan's presenter addressed this and info on it will be in what she sends out.

Q14. **College Acceptance Survey will be coming out soon.** Look for it and complete it, please.

DP Board is going to create a document that lists the course progression, IBC position, what admin structure looks like, schedule, courses offered and expert teachers. You can email suggestions to Anuj for more info to be included. This will be a survey that goes out to coordinators.

Q15. Anyone have issues with ToK essays? Derrick said he graded the same as ever. He felt the questions were the problem. Anuj hired Sue Bastian to teach his teachers. Jan found someone called the Theory of Knowledge guru. He's on YouTube.

Jan Pattison recommends the IB Blogs.

Someone is asking if Econ and Theatre are good. Everyone who has either one likes it. There is online training for Econ.

ToK essays—examiners said they need to be very explicit in their forms—what evidence are you giving, what is the real life question? They must support the grade given.