

DP Forum Dec. 3, 2018
Tradewinds Island Grand
St. Pete Beach, FL

Introductions around the room.

- Has anybody had hearing impaired go through the program? Yes. Apply for accommodations on IBIS.
- What is anyone doing to try to manage the work load—applications, IAs, scholarships? Google calendar where everyone puts their assignments in. Faculty agrees not to encroach on others. Other schools put out an IA calendar at the beginning of the year. Another school ensures that the students have at least a two-month lead time. They get an A for completion grade if they make the deadline. Some schools have students do IAs in class and it seems to take stress off the kids. Some schools do assigned days for certain subjects to give exams. Some use the Managebac calendar. Another schools buys a giant laminated calendar. Students put things on it. It's managed by kids. To front load it, chunk it up so it's manageable. Chunking also helps them get it done and allows teachers to grade it. Suggestion: Don't call it IA, call it what it is. Math Portfolio, English Oral, Lab Report.
- Assignments during break. Kids deserve the break as much as we do.
- Does anyone use an online review program? Kognity. InThinking. People had good things to say about both.
- A school has been advocating to accept students not in top echelon, but getting pushback from teachers. What does anyone do to fight it? Point out that if we don't enroll students, you will not be teaching IB students. Riverview is enrolling everyone into PIB Eng 1 next year—2600. They will all test, too, at HL or SL. He also has full diploma students. He does not run AP classes if there are IB versions. They are an "IB World School."
- Do any of your schools have competing Signature Programs? Rickards sets it up so they can do several programs. It has prevented competition. You

might need to add some one-year sixth subjects, making sure they fit in the other choice program.

- What classes do you offer in one year: Pysch, Anthro, film, dance, enviro, bio, philosophy, theatre, geography.
- An unnamed school does ToK only senior year with course symposiums junior year and IB is OK with that. 4 times junior year all day. Another school does ToK with HOTA.
- How many people offer Social and Cultural Anthro? Joe Williams want to offer it. Tell him if you offer it.
- Evaluations. Laura Brewer wants to start a group for evals due Dec. 2019. lbrewer@escambia.k12.fl.us.
- Here are reasons why you might get a visit: You have a CP program, you are declining in numbers or success, you are doing amazing things. Who has had a visit? Kathy at Rutherford. It was lots of documentation, meetings with everyone who has contact with IB. The people who came were very supportive and gave good suggestions. It was terrifying beforehand, intense during, but positive. Another school didn't address matters to be addressed and so got a visit. Everyone said ditto. Relationship Manager who is coming tomorrow is wonderful. Lean on them. You can use the 5-year review to your advantage by highlighting areas you want a change in. For instance, one school needed common planning and they highlighted it on the 5-year review, it was a matter to be addressed and the IBC was able to ask for dedicated planning time. Fort Myers was dinged on common planning, only one language offered, ToK over two years.
- Do we know when the evaluations are going to switch to the new program and standards? Not until 2020.
- Is ASL a testing language? Only a school based syllabus.
- Any concerns with all the testing happening in May? Many, many concerns. Some people go off campus.

