

**OAI BWS**  
**September 15, 2011**  
**Westerville South High School**

Attendance:

Kiellmeyer, Trevor; DP Coordinator, Westerville South HS (meeting host)  
Ballheim, Cynthia; DP Coordinator, Upper Arlington HS  
Good, Gregg; Asst. Head of School, St. Edward HS  
Bier, Ron; DP Coordinator, Oberlin HS  
Glass, Ann; Curriculum Coordinator, Oberlin City Schools  
Fawcett, David; DP Coordinator, Columbus Alternative HS  
Fife, Pat; DP Coordinator, Kettering Fairmont HS  
Mitchell, Tim; DP Coordinator Shaker Heights HS  
Hodge, Ben; Westlake  
Slagel, Bill; DP Coordinator, Springfield HS  
Maier, Nate; MYP Coordinator, Bexley Middle School  
Clark, Jana; PYP Coordinator, Cassingham ES, Bexley  
Kendall-Sperry, Karen; DP Coordinator, Dublin Jerome HS  
Hall, Hollys; DP Coordinator, Dublin Scioto HS  
Doerr, Marilyn; DP Coordinator, Montessori HS at University Circle  
Salom, Linda; DP Coordinator, Jackson HS  
Gardner, Susie; Jackson HS  
DeBonis, Amy; MYP Coordinator, Upper Arlington

Approval of Agenda – Motion offered by Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Gregg; motion carried with the change that Josten’s will not be present today.

Meeting opened by Cynthia beginning with a presentation from Jessica Paugh of EF tours to discuss the China trip. Jessica has worked with Gregg and Nate to create a unique program customized to fit the needs of IB. Discussion focused on the range of IB students that should be included due to concerns of mixing MYP and DP students. A conclusion was reached to include grades 8-12, MYP, DP and Certificate students.

Jessica highlighted aspects of the itinerary sent out earlier by Gregg. This trip is IB Ohio only; EF will not combine our group with others. Attention has been given to arranging authentic activities that address the IB way, of note, a high school visit, a full day of Mandarin study, a cooking class. Yangshou was added to provide a rural perspective having a different “vibe” than the big cities of Beijing and Shanghai.

Recruiting info: Six students from your school guarantee you a free spot. EF will be on the ground with us at all times; Teacher/chaperones are responsible for student behavior and the academic content. Keeping in the spirit of this educational experience, chaperones are discouraged from including non-teaching spouses and other adults who are “along for the ride” as chaperones must focus on the students.

The Sept. 30 registration deadline is flexible but the earlier you have students signed up, the longer the payment plans will be. Fee scale is based on the number of travelers; a firm fee has not been set due to changes in airfares. Travelers will need a passport and visa so plan accordingly. Enrollment booklets note all of the details; you should have received this box. Jessica recommends establishing rapid deadlines, 1-2 wks of advertising to 1 wk later for registration.

Jessica will advise on logistics as we go along. She is available to assist at your school in meeting with parents, administrators, and students.

**ACTION ITEM – If you did not receive a trip enrollment box from EF and want one, contact Jessica at: [jessica.paugh@ef.com](mailto:jessica.paugh@ef.com).**

**ACTION ITEM: Promote and enroll students for the China trip.**

Discussion followed on the academic aspect of the China tour. Possible considerations: Pre-tour activities: student meetings, films, reading assignments, student-driven project designed before departure. On tour: journaling, Socratic seminars, TOK questions. Post-experience: sharing sessions, video, websites, blogs, essay collections, stories, photo journal... Gregg requested a committee be formed to develop a common ground curriculum framework for the academic aspect for the tour; the culminating aspect can be individualized by school. Cynthia added a China Curriculum Group as 4<sup>th</sup> group for working meetings.

**ACTION ITEM: Consider aspects of the IB curriculum to connect with the tour.**

Pat shared information and book lists from the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. This award is dedicated to the power of writing to forge peace. The 2011 awards will be presented in Dayton this November. Kettering's IB students are involved in this event.

Approval of minutes from the June meeting - Motion offered by Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Gregg; motion carried.

### **Addressing Action Items from June meeting:**

Ann reported that work continues on the association's **501-3c status** and it will be ready for March.

Gregg has acquired a **Letter of Support for the DPC** from an AZ superintendent. This letter can serve as a template for anyone who needs justification in their district that the coordinator position should be full time. Gregg pointed out that unlike an AP test

coordinator, the responsibilities of the DPC are much more far-reaching. Email Gregg for the letter template if you need support in your district.

**ACTION ITEM: Gregg will bring a copy of letter to share at the next meeting.**

Hollys reported that the visit from the **Josten's rep** to show us graduation "bling" (sashes, cords, etc.) will be rescheduled for October. Cynthia and Pat mentioned that the former free Diploma folders must now be purchased. Perhaps Josten's can produce these in bulk for interested schools.

Gregg shared progress on the **March workshop**; the site has changed from Worthington to St. Edward in Lakewood. This location is a good location for the Westlake district which is an applicant school and has a high demand for L1 training. There are good estimates now for registrations. Registration fee is looking to be \$800. The fee breaks down as follows: \$337/person goes to IB; other pay-out expenses include trainers, food, facilities and technology.

Cynthia reports that OAIBWS needs to have a good idea of what the needs will be for workshop leaders. IB is overwhelmed by schools wanting to offer their own workshops. IB is cognizant that authorized training might hurt the proprietary agreements with other states, but recognizes that economic times challenge districts to send multiple people out of state. Running the workshop needs to be flawless as this will be a dress rehearsal for Ohio to be an official workshop provider.

There are mostly C1 workshops, the DP C2s on the list sent by Gregg are the ones that will be offered. There are no L3 sessions (no EE). The dates are not firm yet. March 8-10 or March 9-11? Working group for this workshop will possibly need to meet in Lakewood. OAIBWS members will be counted on to work as onsite help will be needed.

Kudos to Cynthia, Gregg, and Ann for their efforts on this massive undertaking and Westlake Schools for getting involved in this initiative.

**ACTION ITEM – Send your approximate numbers to Gregg in 2 weeks based on list he emailed to all.**

**ACTION ITEM: When posted on the IB site, register your people to attend the workshop.**

It was agreed to keep the format of the meeting minutes the same as the June format and get them on the website eventually for all to access.

Regarding the **EE Summer Workshop** which was cancelled for last summer, David suggested a "Welcome to IB" workshop with EE as a component. Group discussion

resulted in a recommendation to hold on this for a year. Vote to Table – Motion was offered by David to postpone to 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Hollys; motion carried.

Members who attended the **San Antonio Conference** shared experiences. Those attending: Cynthia, Gregg, Ann (presenter), Ron, and Pat. All agreed that Khalid Hosseini's keynote and follow-up sessions were excellent. OAIBWS would welcome the opportunity to work with his foundation like TX where curriculum is infused with the IB. This could someday link to an Ohio CAS initiative and possible CORE workshop involvement where the PYP and MYP would be included.

Ann received **Pennies for Peace money** only from Oberlin and Kettering. She is waiting for additional money from other schools so she can send one check to the Khaled Hosseini Foundation.

**ACTION ITEM: If your school still has funds from a Pennies for Peace activity, send a check made out to OAIBWS to Ann ASAP. Address: Ann Glass, 153 N. Main Street Oberlin OH 44074.**

Other conference notes... Anne conducted well attended presentations on questioning and inquiry and offered this presentation as a Roundtable; Pat shared materials on college recognition; Cynthia: rubrics for the continuum. Ann shared on service learning and noted K-12 resources. Gregg had positive comments on all sessions and recommended others attend.

### **Reports from Officers:**

VP - Gregg – No report.

Treasurer – Ann - the annual dues will be updated and info will be sent out. *SmartEvents* makes registration easier. Please note on any check you send her what it's for. She is working to change forms to make them easier for school treasurers to recognize the OAIBWS and SmartEvents notations. Though there are fees attached to this service, Ann is working on setting up easier credit card payments. Ann requested that anyone sending payment include the invoice with the check to link the payment to the charge.

Cynthia added that Notre Dame Academy (Toledo) is a newly authorized school and will be joining OAIBWS and will need access to the website. Ann is working on getting all communication onto the site. Tell people who want to be on the list for OAIBWS that they need to email Ann to get on the list.

Secretaries - Pat and Amy - No report.

Professional Development – David - Dr. Jeanne Reid from Columbus Alternative will be assuming duties as the OAIBWS College and University Director. Discussion followed on what her role will be and the goals of the association to move forward on college recognition. The group concluded that Jeanne should commit to conducting a Roundtable with what she learns from this training if the association pays her way. Ron offered a motion to send Jeanne to Portland for training in the college selection process, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Gregg; motion carried.

Now on the college common application...a box to note if one is an IB diploma candidate!

In other college news, Tim shared info from a college reps meeting at Shaker Heights. IB DP students are preferred over other applicants; there was much positive buzz over the IB DP program with counselors, students and parents.

**ACTION ITEM – Please note any university personnel quotes on the positive attributes of IB. With the individual’s permission, see that they are posted on the OAIBWS website.**

More from David on PD – the spring training workshop will be a great opportunity for IB development. Continue to look for C3 offerings for teachers as these are excellent and enriching. Cynthia added that people now contract with IB to write a C3 workshop. You must submit an application for review. IB is always looking for stimulating topics for C3. David shared that EE workshops are run by school librarians; these people should be heavily involved with IB in your school. The new subject guides will have a section on librarian involvement.

Enriching summer seminars were sent out by Dave in an earlier email; Fulbright, etc. Upcoming Roundtables were established. See below.

PYP Report - Ann – Kim is recovering in the hospital after surgery; Westlake is visiting Oberlin.

MYP Report - Nate – Cleveland Hts. has contacted Nate as they are considering MYP. MYP updates are posted on the Coordinator’s link on the OCC.

DP – Stacy – Not present. From Gregg, IB Art will no longer have site visits after this year, which is not sitting well in many schools. E-coursework is growing.

Historian – Nate – no report

President - Cynthia - C3 China and Peru in 2012. She requested that Gregg attend the meeting for association presidents in Bethesda along with her. Hollys offered motion that travel expenses be covered by the association, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Tim; motion carried.

The replacement for former webmaster, Chad Lemon, is Frank Tuttle. He is communicating with Chad to take on the website coordination. We will need to provide info to him even if he does not attend meetings. It was suggested by Cynthia that webmaster be a paid position. Motion offered by Dave; Gregg 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion carried. Frank Tuttle will be offered \$100/month and \$1200/yr; motion carried. Ann will connect with Frank about the website.

### **Upcoming Meetings for 2011-12:**

**Roundtable:** The Agony and the Ecstasy of TOK Assessments, Steve Hreha; October 13<sup>th</sup>, Dublin Jerome HS, 10:00-2:30.

**Working Meeting** - Nov. 9 - Columbus Alternative HS

**Roundtable:** Questioning and Inquiry; Ann Glass; Nov. 30 – Bexley

**Working Meeting** - DEC. 8 – Canton Jackson HS

**Roundtable:** Difference between new Group I courses: Language and Literature vs. Literature, Theresa Biggs; Jan date TBA

**AGM** – Smoothing the IB Program from PYP through DP, Robert Harrison - Head of Continuum for IB; Jan or Feb TBA

**Roundtable:** Assessment for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; spring date TBA

Working Groups established:

No EE Workshop group.

- 1. OHIO CAS Initiative** – Trevor, Donna, Karen, Hollys, Liam Haggerty (St. Ed).
- 2. IB March Workshop** - Cynthia, Gregg, Ben, Ann, Tim, Ron, David, Amy, Marilyn
- 3. China Curriculum** – (to be addressed after the March conference): Cynthia, Gregg, Nate, Linda, Susie Gardner, Donna Schurr.

Adjourned as a whole

*These minutes respectfully submitted by Pat Fife.*