

IBDP Biology Teacher Networking at Princess Anne High School

Friday – November 21, 2008

Twenty-one teachers were in attendance: Barbara Alsterberg – Patrick Henry HS, Bill Ferzoco – South Lakes HS, Gina Faison – Princess Anne HS, Wendy Fraker – North Hagerstown HS, Julie Grunwald – Robinson Secondary School, Brita Halus – Oscar Smith HS, John Issigonis – South Lakes HS, Dana Johnson – Meadowbrook HS, Eric Misenak – Robinson Secondary School, Michelle Moore – Patrick Henry HS, Laura Nelson-Rogers – Warwick HS, Sunny Nieh – George C. Marshall HS, Jessica Orth – Hanover HS, Jon Pepper – George Mason HS, John Pettis – Midlothian HS, Kim Rood – Hanover HS, Rich Smith – Stonewall Jackson HS, Sherri Story – King’s Fork HS, Camilla Walck – Princess Anne HS, Paul Wilson – Granby HS, and Joleen Zackowski – Granby HS.

- ☞ The seminar began at 9:45AM in the Library of Princess Anne High School with a welcome from Mrs. Cox, IBDP Coordinator. Teachers were informed of the agenda and sign-in sheet and asked to check their email addresses for correctness. Thereafter, Mrs. Cox introduced Mrs. Griffith, building principal, who delivered opening remarks.
- ☞ Facilitator: Mrs. Camilla Walck, IB Biology Teacher, introduced her IBDP student helpers: Forrest Keck, Jan Hartman and TaQuanna Williams. The students shared their experiences as IB biology students.
- ☞ Each teacher was given a handbook containing multiple lesson ideas, sample labs, practice papers with mark schemes, and graded papers 2 and 3, and other resources that will be beneficial to teachers.
- ☞ Mrs. Walck reviewed curriculum changes and shared some successful strategies teachers can use in their classrooms. Demonstrations were conducted that could be used by teachers to reinforce curricular materials. Hands on activities were discussed and samples of student work were reviewed.
- ☞ A Power Point outlining the IB Internal Assessment depicted the new concepts students must have in their lab assessments, as well as, following the new grading rubric guidelines.
- ☞ Teachers interacted in a discussion, providing input, asking questions, and exchanging information.
- ☞ Teachers observed the implementation of various strategies as Mrs. Walck taught a portion of a first year IB biology lesson.
- ☞ The teachers departed at 1:30 p.m. and appeared to feel that the networking was very beneficial.

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