

IBMA Anthropology Networking Session

Monday, February 10, 2014

Host – Hernan Ruiz, Robinson Secondary School, FCPS

Attendees:

1. Steven Hirsch – Lee High School, FCPS
2. Holly Miller – Annandale HS, FCPS
3. Dan McHale – Marshall HS, FCPS
4. Bobby Donald- Prince William County Public Schools
5. John Verzosa – Mountain View, Stafford County Public Schools
6. Peter Hirsch – Baltimore City Public Schools
7. Andy Neal – Edison High School , FCPS
8. Peter Vogel – Washington-Lee HS, ACPS
9. Rob Summers – Washington-Lee HS, ACPS

Topics Covered:

1. Paper 1 and Paper 2 Exam

- The group discussed the most common challenges their students face with meeting the criteria set out for the Paper 1 and Paper 2. With Paper 1 it was with meeting Criterion B in addressing the anthropologist's viewpoint and with Criterion A and making generalizations. With Paper 2 the greatest challenge was with Criterion B and discussing the ethnographic present of the sources used.
- The group discussed interpretations of the criteria in the rubric and shared approaches used in the classroom to help develop the skills necessary in the Paper 1 and Paper 2.
- The group marked sample students responses to the Paper 1 and Paper 2 and shared and discussed markings. Markings were then compared to the markings awarded by IA. Overall, there was a trend where the group's markings were much lower than what IB had rewarded the candidate.

2. Ethnographic Sources

- Each participant shared which ethnographic sources they are currently using with their classes and how best to use them in connection with the 8 Themes in the IB Anthro curriculum.
- Participants also discussed good media sources to use as supplements to the ethnographies used in class.

3. Best Practices

- Each participant brought copies of a lesson which they have successfully used in class and presented the lesson to the participants.