

MINUTES



February 13, 2018 | *Meeting called to order by* Jacob Davis

Lunch Host – Method Test Prep

Sara Mahoney of Method Test Prep explained the difference between SAT and ACT and the importance of preparation of the tests. Methodtestprep.com. They offer a 3-month free trial.

Vendor

IB Source Book Fair

Edtrove.com for more information on a new program offering teacher courses online. This program is not intended to replace IB Professional Development workshops, but will serve as a supplement that teachers can access throughout the year. It will offer real world teaching tips, PYP, MYP and DP sessions for all subjects. A subscription is one year long and the program will be launched on March 15, 2018.

Notes

Anne Bender reviewed upcoming AZIBS Board positions.

Please nominate students and teachers for Student/Teacher of the Year. Nomination forms will be available soon on azibs.org. Please nominate one teacher per school.

DP Meeting Breakdown

1. Stephen Rothkopf shared information on Pamoja, which he uses. If a school loses their ToK teacher, they might want to consider Pamoja. It is approx. \$1,200 per student. Another new offering and option thru Pamoja is access to ToK teacher and student resources, including discussion boards, interactive activities and teacher support resources. Great option for new ToK teachers or teachers needing more support.

Pamoja currently offers full course and school support options. The full courses are below in which students are fully supported by Pamoja. The pricing is about \$1,250 per student annually if you go this route. Currently they offer school support for TOK. This may be a good option if you have new TOK teachers and feel your programme needs added support. It provides online lessons and access to the learning management system (Canvas) to run the course with students at your school.

Pamoja Information:

Language acquisition	Individuals and societies	Mathematics	The arts	Diploma Core
French ab initio	Business Management SL	Mathematics SL	Film SL	Extended Essay
Mandarin ab initio	Business Management HL	Mathematics HL		Theory of Knowledge
Spanish ab initio	Economics SL			
Spanish B SL	Economics HL			
	ITGS SL			
	ITGS HL			
	Philosophy SL			
	Psychology SL			
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Costs of Pamoja School Taught TOK services:

Year One:

Up to 20 students - \$1,000

21 Students and above - \$1,000 + \$25 per seat

Year Two:

Up to 20 students - \$1,000

21 Students and above - \$1,000 + \$25 per seat

Costs of Pamoja Taught TOK:

Year One: \$995 per student

Year Two: \$995 per student

More info: courses@pamojaeducation.com

2. Five Year Review – There are DP schools currently going through the self –review process (Westwood, Verde Valley, Canyon Del Oro, Buckeye, Chandler) . Steve reached out to see if these schools would like to support each other by sharing information through a Google doc or email group. Anne mentioned that a Google team drive may be worthwhile to create. The schools were interested in going forward with one of these options.
3. ACT conference – Lisa Ginn shared that she recently attended the State ACT conference. It was well attended with administrators, counselors, teachers, etc. She suggested that we consider securing a

booth and/or presenting at the event next year. There was a lack of IB presence and knowledge about the IB Program, so this may be a great place to promote and share IB info.

4. IB and Title 1 schools – Chris Kuczka was wondering if there was any support for IB schools that are Title 1. Title 1 schools will be able to use the Title 5 grant to pay for free and reduced lunch for students' IB exams.
5. EE changes – Jen Valenzuela asked when and where the EE teachers/coordinators were notified of the new changes. The EPPF form is new, and it is in the new EE guide. Both the old and new EE guides were posted, so this may have caused confusion. Also check the coordinator notes.
6. Biology ATF – AZ Transfer, who works with the 3 in-state universities to determine IB credit policies at the universities, will be holding a meeting at Eastern AZ college in October 2018. They would like an IB teacher there to share information the IB Biology curriculums. Andy Gill mentioned that he may be able to make it to their meeting because he is also an IB Bio teacher. We may be able to compensate a teacher for attending.
7. IB Student Conference -Hosted by Westwood High School IB students. It will be held in March at GCU. You can still bring your IB students (10-15). Reach out to Jake Davis with any questions. This is a great way for IB students in AZ to collaborate.
8. Edtrove – Jake received an email from Edtrove. It is a company that provides professional development and support to IB teachers. They are looking for IB teachers to review their documents and will compensate. Pam Menton will forward an email for coordinators to forward to their teachers.
9. November exams – Kathryn had a question about Nov Exams. AZ schools give the May exams, except for re-takes in November.
10. Anne Bender suggested all DP coordinators sign-up for IBED thru "My-IB".
11. Roundtables – We are looking at hosting the Roundtables in the fall, so that teachers will have more time to utilize what they learned.
12. Grand Canyon University – Has added their Chancellor – IB Diploma Scholarship Information to their general Financial Aid offering sheet. Yeah! Great to hand-out and put on display with the UA and NAU IB Diploma Tuition scholarship forms.

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2018 at MPS Student Services Center