

The French teachers networking session at Meadowbrook High School in Richmond, VA on November 17th began with the usual introductions which were followed by discussion of a list of topics pertaining to IB classes. Some topics discussed were:

L’Evaluation interne: composante orale : Teachers discussed strategies for success with this part of the IB exam.

College Credit: Participants discussed the changing attitudes of universities toward the IB diploma and IB courses. Most participants agreed that colleges were looking at IB diploma candidates in a very positive way for acceptance.

Langue B courses and the integration of A2 students into those courses: Teachers discussed the feasibility of such placements. Such placements have been successful at Mt. Vernon High School and at Annandale High School.

Materials: Teachers shared teaching materials that they have found to be effective in the IB program. Participants especially discussed the use of extra materials such as the magazine *Chez Nous*.

Sample IB lessons: Teachers discussed lessons they thought were effective and shared materials used in such lessons. Summer assignments were also discussed.

Unfortunately, the session was shortened because of a fire in one of the boys’ rest rooms. Nevertheless, productive discussion and sharing were enjoyed by all.

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