



DP Language A Networking Session (new requirements) Mountain View High School February 25, 2011

Session Agenda:

9:00-9:30 Arrival, Introductions, Morning Refreshments
9:30-9:45 Overview of Changes to Group 1
9:45-10:15 Language A: Literature – overview of resources available
10:15-10:30 BREAK
10:30-11:45 Language A: Literature – new requirements
11:45-1:00 working lunch (review PLA and PLT with regard to ind. school syllabi)

Session Minutes/Discussion Notes:

- Session started a bit late due to weather; many participants did not arrive until close to 9:30 AM
- Introductions of group participants were facilitated by Lisa Renard (MVHS IB Coordinator)
- Overview of Changes to Group 1 provided by Lisa Renard
- Jan van de Reit of Washington International School had recently been to a 3-day training on the new requirements. He provided CDs with all necessary guides, PLA, PLT, and sample scripts/markings to all participants.
- Mr. van de Reit walked the participants through the changes in requirements, facilitating discussion of the changes to internal and external assessments as well as the new requirements for the syllabus.
- Participants were repeatedly encouraged to make sure to sign up for IB training in the new requirements rather than relying solely on the IBMA Networking session as “training.”
- Participants appeared to have many questions about the conduct of the IOC – questions which are not clearly answered in the new Guide for the subject. Mr. van de Reit recommended that those with lingering questions make use of the OCC and other IB resources in order to obtain answers.
- During lunch, participants were provided with printed copies of the PLT and PLA, and encouraged to examine their current syllabi in light of these updated documents.