UPDATE ON STATUS OF IB: MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

IMPLEMENTATION AT PELHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY AT PELHAM MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



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Questions to Answer

- What is the IB: Middle Years Programme?
- How can our middle and high schools benefit from it?
- How have we been implementing the programme at Pelham Middle School?
- What are we doing to determine feasibility at PMHS?
- What are our next steps?



What is the International Baccalaureate?

- Introduced in 1968 to facilitate the international mobility of students.
- Recognized by universities around the world.
- Its mission: to create a better world through high-quality, international education.
- Offers four educational programmes (PYP, MYP, DP, CP).
- Equips students for life in the 21st century.
- An IB Education:
 - Focuses on learners
 - Develops effective approaches to teaching and learning
 - Explores significant content within a global context

What is the Middle Years Programme?

- For students aged 11-16
- A framework of learning, not a curriculum
- Encourages students to become creative, critical, and reflective thinkers
- Emphasizes intellectual challenge
- Encourages students to make connections between their studies and the real world
- Flexible accommodates national/ local curricula



MYP vs. DP

DP

- 11th and 12th grades
- Is a curriculum
- Requires specific courses
- Is for some students
- Ends in required exams



MYP

- 6th through 10th grade
- Is NOT a curriculum
- Works within existing courses
- Is for <u>ALL</u> students
- Does not require exams



The I.B. Learner Profile



IB Learners strive to be . . .

INQUIRERS KNOWLEDGEABLE THINKERS COMMUNICATORS PRINCIPLED OPEN-MINDED CARING RISK-TAKERS BALANCED REFLECTIVE

Important "Takeaways"

- MYP is not a gifted program, it is for <u>every</u> <u>student</u>.
- MYP <u>does not</u> impact the existing curriculum, standards, or content.
- It's about how we teach, not what we teach.



Why are we looking at the MYP?

We are considering the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme because it:

- Represents the best elements of the last 50 years of educational research and school reform
- Encourages a process of continuous improvement
- Strongly aligns with the four pillars of our Strategic Plan
 - 21st Century Learning
 - Networks of Support
 - Social-Emotional Development
 - Professional Development

Benefits of the MYP

- Continuous Improvement
- Whole School Reform
- Interdisciplinary
- All students and all teachers
- Equitable
- Student Engagement
- Intercultural Understanding
- Meaningful, Real-World Contexts
- Civil Engagement
- Lifetime Learners



Why do we need the IB?

The International Baccalaureate Provides:

- A network of 85,000 teachers in over 4000 schools in 143 countries worldwide
- Professional Development for teachers and administrators
- Best practices independent of national systems
- Innovative frameworks, unit planners, teaching resources and assessment tools
- Consultation
 - Face-to-face consultation, Remote Consultation, IB Answers
- Professional Support
 - Online Curriculum Centre (OCC), IB Publications
- Research

Update – Middle School Implementation

- Application for Candidacy Accepted
- MYP Category 1 Training
- Program Changes
- Summer Curriculum Writing
- Candidate Phase begins
- "Launching the MYP" Workshop
- Learner Profile Activity for Students
- Professional Development Sessions
- Rubicon Atlas
- Open House
- PTA Presentation



Pelham Middle School – Program Changes

Program Enhancements

- Added World Languages to Grade 6
 - · Every other day, full year
- Added Art to Grade 6
 - · Every other day, half year
- Replaced Computer Applications with Technology 6
 - Every other day, full year
- Additional Team Planning Time

Reconfigurations

- Moved Health from 6th to 7th grade
- General Music 6 is now every other day, half year
- Half of Technology 7 program moved to grade 6, every other day, full year







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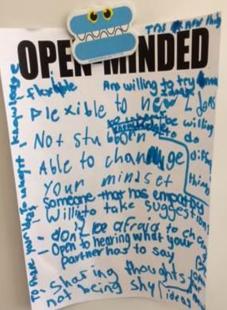
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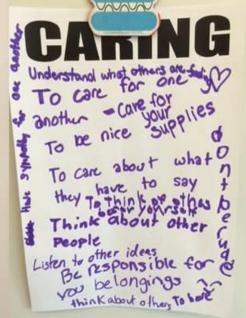
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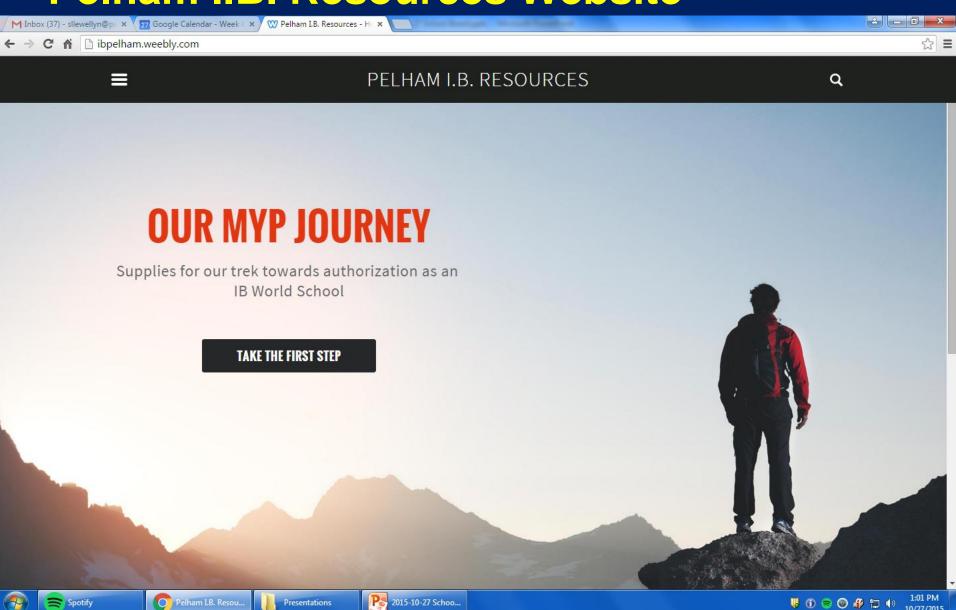
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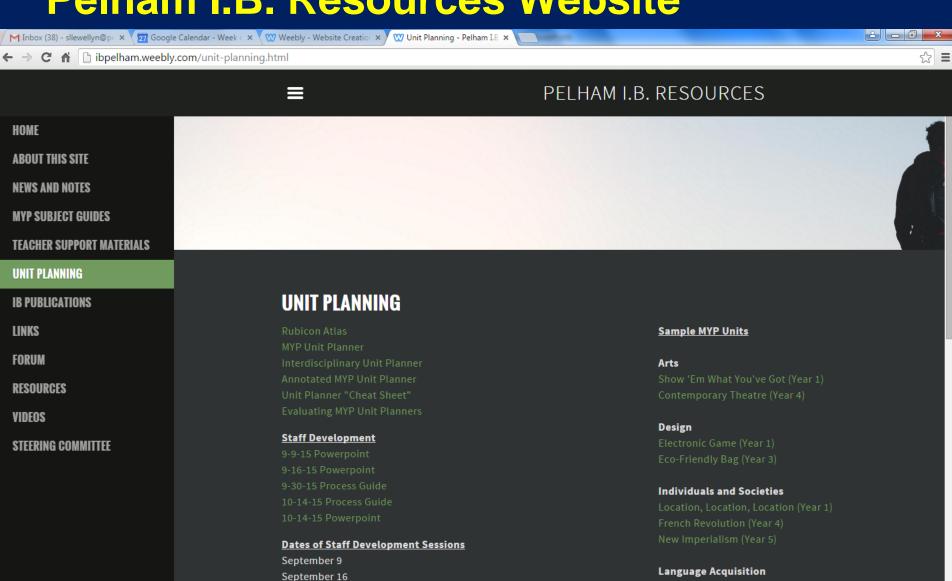




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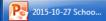






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STEERING COMMITTEE



RESOURCES FOR SUBCOMMITTEES

General Resources

Assessment

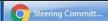
Community Outreach

Westlake Middle School IB Webpage

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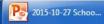






















Next Steps – Pelham Middle School

- IB Steering Committee
- Professional Development
 - Unit Planning
 - Units taught in Spring Semester
 - Assessment work in Spring
- Development of Policies
 - Assessment
 - Academic Honesty
 - Inclusion
 - Language
- Development of Vertical Planners
- Work with IB Consultants
- Possible MYP Authorization by: 2017-18 school year



Update – PMHS Feasibility

- Contract with Matt Gonzales IB Consultant
- Communication with Parents and Staff
 - PTA Meeting (10/5)
 - Faculty Meeting (10/7)
 - Site-Based Team Meeting (10/19)
- Identifying Teachers for Training
- Beginning Feasibility Study
 - Comparing mission and philosophy
 - Reviewing standards and practices
 - Reviewing curriculum and program structure
 - Reviewing budget
 - Forming committees
 - Holding public meetings



Next Steps – Pelham Memorial High School

- IB Steering Committee
- Category 1 Training
- Feasibility Study
- Action Plan
- Teacher Workshops March
- Possible MYP Authorization by: 2018-19 school year



Some Upcoming Dates

- January 12, 2016 Next Board of Ed. IB Update
- February 23, 2016 Presentation of Feasibility Study
- April 1, 2016 Application for PMHS Candidacy is Due
- October 1, 2016 Application for Pelham Middle School Authorization is Due

Issues to Consider – PMHS Feasibility

- Alignment with Mission and Goals
 - Very Aligned
- Budget
 - \$20k-\$25k per year for the two schools combined
- Teacher Schedules
 - Teaching predominantly 9th and 10th grade classes
- Student Schedules
 - Students would be required to take a World Language 6-10
- Grade Reporting
 - Would need to communicate student progress on MYP rubrics
- Approaches to Teaching and Learning
 - Change is always a challenge, but a good one!

Budget

2016-17 (\$25,000)	
Pelham Middle School Candidate Fee	\$9500
PMHS Candidate Fee	\$9500
 PMHS "Launching the MYP" Training 	\$3000
Teacher Training	\$3000
<u>2017-18 (\$21,780)</u>	
Pelham Middle School Annual Fee	\$9280
PMHS Candidate Fee	\$9500
Teacher Training	\$3000
2018-19 (\$20,632)	
Pelham Middle School Annual Fee	\$9280
PMHS Annual Fee	\$8352
Teacher Training	\$3000

Questions?