



Meeting Minutes- IB Heads

Eastern and Southern Association

18th November 2022 | 05:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.

Attendees		
Ms. Seetha Murthy	Dr. Caroline	Ms. Sarojini Rao
Ms. Letishia	Mr. Rajesh Vasudevan	Mr. Richard
Ms. Bhavani Murthy	Ms. Gayatri	Ms. Vidya Bhaskar
Ms. Shiela	Ms. Sunita	Ms. Dakshayini
Ms. Anu	Ms. Priya	Mr. Mick Purcel
Ms. Geeta Jayant	Ms. Subbalakshmi	Ms. Anvita Gupta
Ms. Hema	Ms. Sailaja	

Mode	Zoom meeting
Purpose	Progression of IB Heads

Regret: Jayu Ganesh

Agenda:

1. Progression at PAN INDIA level
2. Recognition of IB Heads Association
3. General Introduction of Programmes offered by the schools from Eastern and Southern Association
4. Best practices
5. Sharing expertise to support the new schools
6. How do we promote IB in our schools - Parent orientation and other elements of IB

IB Recognition to the Association:

Vice-president Ms. Hema shared that Mr. Abhimanyu Basu had a detailed discussion with IB about the association's recognition when he was in Singapore recently. He further also talked about the amount of work that happened in the IB Heads association. There was a positive response from IB and we will soon know more information in the coming months. It will be shared in the group.

We would be having our Pan India IB Heads Conference (Annual Meet) in PUNE. It will be conducted in the month of February. Dates: 10 and 11 February 2023. We have identified

venue, and also working on the concessions for hotel reservations. It will be shared in the coming weeks. Please block your calendar for 10th and 11th Feb 2023.

Joining fee and the benefits of PAN India association will be intimated and the core committee is successful in renewing the organization. The EC group applied for the bank account and it is in process.

Ms. Sailaja expressed that best practices can be shared with each other through the online meetings. As we have a knowledge pool and experienced colleagues in our forum. We will be sharing a spreadsheet with all of you to share your topic of interest for the presentation in the month of January 2023.

Mr. Rajesh from Manchester International School Coimbatore which is the 1st continuum school shared that they offer all 3 programmes. They are also piloting the programme on language and culture from the next academic year. Their focus is on interdisciplinary of learning while moving towards DP. They have plans for IB CP. He also shared that parents' mindset moving from CBSE, NEET, JE, IIT to skill based education. Getting teachers down south was a bit difficult.

Ms. Dakshayini from Harvest International School shared that they are 3 years old in PYP and candidate school for MYP. She is looking for support in MYP gradually they would like to have IBDP in their school.

Ms. Hema suggested that we moot a training session for parents about the expectations of the programme. Teachers' understanding of the programme, and their conviction trickles down to parents too. Students competing across the world will let them know their status globally. She further shared her experience of including programmes gradually.

Ms. Sarojini Rao from Indus International School shared that MYP is the most interesting programme. Capacity building of the teachers is important to have the beauty of the programme intact.

Ms. Leitishia expressed that she had support from the parent community to implement the IB programmes. Ms. Gayatri also added that eassessment accompanied by the certificate built the confidence levels of the parents. The conduct of DP examinations, the performance of the students and trained teachers in a technological way and most of all the support from IB encouraged the parent community to continue with IB.

Ms. Dakshayini reinforced that alignment between NEP and IB is another important connect to talk to parents. Further to it, parents have to be clear what they want for their children. The biggest challenge would be moving from entrance exam centric mindset to IB.

Gap year would be a better option and students are opting for it as it enables them to build the profile by taking up various courses.

Ms. Geeta from Bangalore International School shared some insights on how new age universities are coming up with interdisciplinary courses in India and this encouraged 40% of student community to stay back rather than going abroad. She further said that vision 2035 - 100 top universities set up in India would be the best thing that will happen for our students. She also shared her experience of college counseling and how it builds bonding with students.

Mr. Richard Hillebrand also talked about the importance of gap year and how it builds the profile of the students and their personal interests. A student who is opting for entrance exams can go for gap year.

Ms. Shiela from Good Shepherd school Ooty had a query about MYP to DP transition admission. How can we draft the policy for the admission. Is it essential to take certification from MYP when the students are moving from MYP to DP. Admission policy will vary from school to school. Mr. Rajesh also shared that performance in the eassessment will enable them to offer SL/HL. Counselling is done to understand the capacity of the programme. Ms. Rao also reinforced that the admission policy has to be fine-tuned, based on the curricula.

Mick Purcell shared his message in the chat corner.

The decision about how to admit the students into the IBDP is a school policy, and the IB will not place restrictions on the students you admit based on what they did or did not achieve in Grade 10. It is up to the school. However, it is a good idea to make your policies explicitly clear to learners and their parents, and they should be written into your policies, such as the assessment policy and the admissions policy, and understood by the entire school community.

Ms. Dakshayini also reinforced that eassessment certificate is required for CBSE. Ms. Anu from Ebenezer International School shared pleasantries with everyone.

Dr. Caroline from TISB shared her observations that students are shifting from sciences and more broader range of subjects in grade 11. 2023 batch started their DP classes in an online mode and this is a disadvantage for students to go through the vast syllabus. Students did miss out on the advantage of being in school in grade 11 and this added a load and anxiety levels on them.

Suggestion: It would be great to seek support in terms of syllabus considerations from IB to benefit our students.

Our proposed meeting in the month of January 2023

We are proposing an online meeting in the month of January 2023. If possible let's all meet online to usher the new year. This can be done on 30th December.

We are working on creating the WhatsApp group as many of you have requested. Let's share latest changes and information in this group.

Agenda for January: On 20th January. Timings: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

1. Head of the schools can present the best practices like promoting academic honesty, ideas for parent orientation for IB programmes, College counselling etc.,
2. Evaluation requirements for synchronized visits and PSP.
3. Promoting International Mindedness in our schools
4. IB Programme orientations to new schools - Understanding of the programme and requirements