



**International Academy Joint Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2019  
6:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order:**

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: Superintendent, Mark Dziatczak called the meeting to order at:  
Birmingham Public Schools  
Education and Admin Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills

b. Attendance:

Avondale:	Dr. James Schwarz, Superintendent
Berkley:	Mr. Christopher Sandoval, Asst. Superintendent
Birmingham:	Mr. Mark Dziatczak, Superintendent
Bloomfield Hills:	Mrs. Christina M. Kostiuik, Interim Superintendent
Clawson:	Mr. Tim Wilson, Superintendent
Huron Valley Schools:	Dr. Paul Salah, Superintendent
Lake Orion:	Ms. Marion Ginopolis, Superintendent
Rochester:	Ms. Carrie Lawler, Assistant Superintendent
Royal Oak:	Mrs. Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Superintendent
South Lyon:	Mrs. Melissa Baker, Superintendent
Troy:	Dr. Richard Machesky, Superintendent
Waterford:	Ms. Carly Stone, Director of Curriculum
West Bloomfield:	Dr. Gerald Hill, Superintendent

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

M. Dziatczak stated there are not current rules with the Consortium Agreement regarding public comment. BPS has public comment at the beginning and so moved to place public comment for this meeting at the beginning. Dr. Machesky supported it. No discussion and the motion carried.

M. Dziatczak also moved that since BPS has a 3 minute limit for public comment that 3 minutes also be the time limit for this meeting. It was supported by M. Ginopolis, there was no discussion, and the motion carried.

**3. Approve Minutes:**

M. Dziatczak requested approval of the Joint Steering Committee Minutes from July 31, 2019.



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P. Salah requested the minutes from the previous meeting be amended to reflect that T KostiuK's notes were not representative of the resolution located within the packet that Dr. Salah motioned the JSC consider approving. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

**4. Public Comment:**

Brad Davies: Teacher at IA expressed how he is excited & proud of the IA and its 25 year tradition of multiple school districts working together.

Lisa Efros: Member of Bloomfield Hills School Board of Education & the IA Task Force spoke solely as a Task Force member. She Raised questions about what will be discussed about the Consortium Agreement, references to the last JSC meeting, and questioned some items in the Consortium Agreement.

Emilia Askari: A Birmingham resident and former IA parent expressed concern around transparency, public participation with the JSC, and JSC options moving forward.

Angel Lau: A second year IA parent expressed how her daughter is excited to go to school and that the teachers are so invested. She thanked the JSC for being there and for making kids a priority and focusing on what is in the best interest of the students.

Stephanie Crider: Bloomfield Hills parent and community advocate focused on transparency and mental health concerns.

**5. Principal's Report:**

[Principal's Report](#)

Enrollment History: Chris Smith, Associate Principal of the Okma campus, reviewed the tri-campus enrollment history, number of students from each district and the matriculation rate.

School Goals: Ryan Parrott. Associate Principal of the West campus, discussed the school goals.



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**IB Results:** Lynne Gibson, Principal of all three campuses, presented the IB results, how IA is the second largest IB Diploma granting high school in the world, and introduced the new IB Coordinator, Joanne Juco.

**AdvancEd Visit:** Ryan Brinks, Associate Principal of the East campus, discussed the success of the Advanced Ed Visit as well as the National Blue Ribbon status earned the prior school year.

**Service Learning:** Sarah Clancy, MYP and DP Service Learning Coordinator, presented the opportunities students are engaging in within the IA and the greater community. [Service Learning](#)

## **6. JSC Revised Consortium Agreement Update - JSC Committee**

M. Dziatczak discussed how there has been much attention about how governance is provided to the IA and how the IA consortium agreement needs to be updated and modernized. There are currently different options on how the JSC should be structured. This committee will make a recommendation on which option they want and then will return to their Board of Education to vote on that structure, which will then be folded into the new Consortium Agreement. He stated the committee can have a discussion or if someone wants to move forward with a motion, they can do that through normal parliamentary procedure.

Lynne Gibson was asked to summarize the [5 options](#)

M. Dziatczak reviewed them with the committee. M. Ginopolis shared in 1996 the IA was developed while she was in Oxford. She expressed an appreciation for those who have brought issues forward as the superintendents and Board of Educations are public servants. She said the question is not whether to continue the IA, but to determine the best governance structure going forward for this wonderful Academy of students.

R. Machesky made a motion to approve the resolution that states Option #1 as the best option moving forward.

**Ayes:** D. McDavid, M. Dziatczak, T. Wilson, P. Salah, M. Ginopolis, C. Lawler, MB Fitzpatrick, M. Baker, R. Machesky, C. Stone, G. Hill

**Nays:** J. Schwartz, T. Kostiuk



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The motion passed 11-2 and the JSC will now move forward following the resolution. The goal is that the votes from the BoE should be completed by the end of November. The next JSC will be on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> in Huron Valley at 6pm.

**7. Adjournment**