

MPHS IB Parent Network Meeting Minutes: 9/11/18

Welcome by K Larkin

- a. Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Library
- b. Why come to meeting? To share information and connect with other IB parents, to meet administrators and have a chance to ask questions, be an active participant in your student's education
- c. Dues: \$15 per student, due now
- d. Communication: Follow us on Facebook; we will email out minutes based on dues forms; if you are not getting IBPN meeting invite for the 9/12 meeting, please reach out to Ms. Beadle to make sure you are on the office's email list.

Secretary Report

None this month

Treasurer Report

None this month

School reports

Ms. Beadle, MYP Coordinator [jeanne.beadle@bsd.k12.de.us]

- Please encourage kids to go speak to Ms. Beadle as soon as there is an issue, have questions or they need help with anything.
- College "Visits":
 - Freshman are encouraged to participate in MPHS college visits.
 - Current college visit is on the MPHS website calendar: September dates: 9/17—Temple, Drexel 9/20 UCONN 9/21 Brigham Young
 - 10th graders to come with 2 good questions for the college visits they attend.
 - Students can request a college by speaking to Ms. Beadle.
- FAFSA workshop is going to be scheduled—check website for dates soon.

Mrs. Calderon-Lacy, Principal (curi.calderon-lacy@bsd.k12.de.us)

- Introduction: Used to oversee the Diploma IB Programme, but is now the principal.
- Make sure you are informed of what the kids are doing and information they are getting—stay involved; our goal is to help create global thinkers; at MPHS 30% of students are IB, 30% are AVID students.
- IB Manual: Use this resource for all things IB (<https://www.brandywineschools.org/Page/15521>)
- Any Diploma Program (11th and 12th graders) questions directed to Ms. Carlson.
- Superintendent Holodick is looking for 4 MPHS parents to take part in a diverse community/parent advisory board (meeting 10/10, 12/12 2/13 4/10 @ 6pm). If you are interested, email Mrs. Calderon-Lacy by Friday 9/14.
- MPHS PTA: If you are interested in re-starting a PTA at MPHS, email Mrs. Calderon-Lacy.
- MPHS communications:
 - MPHS Facebook page and Instagram (MPHSGreenKnights) and Twitter (MPGreenKnights): Look for weekly updates

- Schoology: Counselors are using to share information
- Website will be updated more often
- Carlson—Starting to meet with kids in class for college app stuff
- Q&A Session:
 - Freshman Seminar: does not exist this year, now we have Junior/Senior seminar; trying to find ways to bring back the freshman seminar
 - Senior Seminar—Available to some IB students depending on their math level
 - Language/HL & SL: We are going back to a system that worked better (SL only); if students want to take HL test, they can but they have to add some literature to their curriculum
 - BIO—4th component needed for HL; starts senior year
- Teacher update:
 - EE—Rimmer/Weiner
 - TOK 1—Bradley/Rimmer
 - TOK 2—Rimmer
 - STEM—New teacher coming in
 - French—New teacher for juniors; DuHadaway---teach seniors

IBPN Updates

- Budget coming
- Class sizes only include full IB for now; we will update for next meeting
- Events—see below; if you are interested in heading up something, please let Karen or Kajsa know; next event is a social event on 10/6

Special Topic

None for this meeting

Officers

President: Karen Larkin

Secretary: Kajsa Haracz

Vice President: OPEN

Treasurer: LaKeetra Josey

IBPN Dues

\$15 per student per year for part-time and full-time IB students. Make checks payable to "MPHS IB Parent Network." Drop off checks at monthly meetings or in school IB office with Betsy Brown (attn: IBPN dues).

Class Sizes (248 full IB)

12th 50 students

11th 64 students

10th 81 students

9th 53 students

Upcoming Events

Date	Activity	Description	Leads
Oct 6	MPHS Football Tailgate (tbc)	Informal gathering in MPHS parking before home football game. Donations or purchase of donuts/coffee/name tags	1. Karen Larkin 2. Joan Bartelt
Dec	IB Diploma Ceremony – refreshments	Sign-up Genius for refreshments	1. Joan Bartelt 2.
Jan	Junior Pinning Ceremony	Sign-up Genius for refreshments. Collect food / drink donations and set up (tables, décor set up by IB Coordinators); help with food clean-up. <i>(prefer sophomore parent)</i>	1. 2.
Apr	Personal Project Showcase	Sign-up Genius for refreshments. Collect food / drink donations and set up (tables, décor set up by IB Coordinators); help with food clean-up. <i>(prefer non-sophomore parents)</i>	1. 2.
Apr	IB Senior Dinner	Arrange venue/catering /invitations. <i>(one Senior parent and parent from another grade)</i>	1. 2.
Apr/May	Teacher Appreciation	Sign-up Genius for refreshments/lunches during the week.	1. 2.

Reminders

Next IBPN meeting will be on October 9 @ 6:30pm; Topic – Theory of Knowledge/Extended Essay (TBC)

MPHS IB Parent Network page:

www.brandywineschools.org/MPHSIBPN
<http://www.brandywineschools.org/MPHSIBPN>

Join us on FACEBOOK – IBPN Mount Pleasant HS

Email us at IBPARENTNETWORK@gmail.com

Mount Pleasant High School International Baccalaureate Parents' Network (IBPN)

- By-Laws** MPHS IBPN is an organization formed to support the IB/MYP and IB students by providing helpful, informational, and supportive programs for IB students and their parents/guardians.
- Membership** As the parent/guardian of a Mount Pleasant IB student, you are automatically a member of the IBPN.
- Officers** The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary serve on year terms. Nominations and elections are held in the Spring of each year.
- Meetings** Held on the second Tuesday of each month in the library from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Typical agenda items include Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, and School Report (given by the IB Coordinators). Some meetings will feature a presentation on a special topic, which could be of general interest or geared toward a certain class.
- Communication** The schedule of meetings and other network information will be posted on the MPHS website: <https://www.brandywineschools.org/Domain/2698>. Under the parent tab at the top of the page, click on the "IB Parent Network". The MPHS website is a great start for staying informed on all Mount activities. There are excellent resources from the administrators regarding the IB program at Academics/International Baccalaureate tab as well.
- The IBPN (IBparentnetwork@gmail.com) collects parent e-mails and maintains a distribution list. The IB PN also maintains a presence on Facebook at "IBPN Mount Pleasant HS".
- Events** The IBPN organizes or supports various events throughout the year to recognize students who have reached significant milestones in the Middle Years (MYP) and Diploma (DP) IB programs. In the past, events have included a Personal Project Fair / MYP Celebration for sophomores, a Pinning Ceremony for juniors committing to the IB Diploma Programme, and a recognition dinner for graduating seniors.
- Dues** To cover expenses, annual dues of \$15 per student are requested.

IBPN Calendar 2018- 2019

(red = of interest for IB parents/students)

September 2018

- 3 – All schools closed, Labor Day
- 4 – 1st day, grades 1 – 5, 6, 9, 12
- 6 – 10 – All schools closed
- 11 – IBPN Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 19 – All schools closed, Yom Kippur

October 2018

- 4 – Open House @6:30pm
- 6 – IBPN Tailgate at Mount Football Game @ MPHS parking lot (TBC)
- 9 – IBPN Meeting @ 6:30 pm – TOK / Extended Essay (tbc)
- PSAT (Juniors, in school), date TBD
- 25 – IB Information Meeting for prospective students @6:30 in Auditorium
- 26 – Schools closed, parent – teacher conferences
- Torgau, Germany Exchange interest meeting, date TBD

November 2018

- 6 – Schools closed, Election Day
- 12 – Schools closed, Veteran’s Day
- 13 – IBPN Meeting @ 6:30 pm – SAT and Preparation (tbc)
- 15 – 1st marking period ends
- 16 – 23 – Schools closed, Thanksgiving Holiday, Professional development days
- 28 - IB Information Meeting for prospective students @6:30 in Auditorium

December 2018

- 11 – IBPN Meeting @ 6:30 pm – IB Grading and Assessments (tbc)
- 24 – 31 – Schools closed, Winter break
- IB Diploma Ceremony for graduates, date TBD (Senior families), followed by IB Alumni Panel (open to all)

January 2019

- 1 – 2 – Schools closed, Winter break
- 8 – IBPN Meeting @ 6:30 pm – Meet the District Administrator for IB (confirmed)
- 21 – Schools closed, MLK Day
- 29 – 31 – Half Days – midterms
- Junior Pinning Ceremony, date TBD (Junior families)

February 2019

- 1 – Half Day (midterms), 2nd marking period ends
- 12 – IBPN Meeting @ 6:30 pm – Ulster Project (international hosting / travel) (tbc)
- 18 – Schools Closed, Presidents’ Day

March 2019

- IB program acceptance letters sent by IB office
- 12 – IBPN Meeting @6:30 pm – Parent Panel, IB Program (tbc)

April 2019

4 – 3rd marking period ends

5 – All Schools Closed

9 – IBPN Meeting @ 6:30 pm – Parent Panel, College Applications (tbc)

19 – 26 – All Schools Closed, Spring Break

IB Senior Dinner, date TBD

SAT (Juniors, in school), date TBD

Personal Project Showcase, date TBD (Sophomores)

May 2019

14 – Last IBPN Meeting / Elections

22 – 29 – Half Days, Senior Exams

27 – All Schools Closed, Memorial Day

Teacher Appreciation Week, dates TBD

Prom, date TBD

IB Exams, dates TBD

AP Exams, dates TBD

June 2019

2 – Graduation Day

10 – 14 – Final Exams (Half-days)

14 – 4th marking period ends

