

Bei Dou Xing Member Meeting Notes -- 5-20-2012

Meeting was held at 7pm in room 233 of the Eisenhower Community Center

AGENDA:

- BDX updates
- Guest Speakers: Shirley Gregoire-Principal at West Junior High, Todd Roudabush-IB Coordinator, and Molly Wieland-XinXing curriculum coordinator will be joining us to talk about the new International Baccalaureate program for the Junior High and its impact on the XinXing program at West. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the junior high opportunities for XinXing immersions students.

MEETING NOTES:

BDX Updates:

- Last Dining Out for BDX of the school year is June 4th at Famous Dave's in Linden Hills from 11am to 9pm.
- School supply kits are now available on the BDX website for purchase.
- BDX 2013-2014 Calendar will be published soon. There will be a new event next year in early October – Chinese Bingo Night. It will be a primarily social event held in the cafeteria the first Friday in October.

Guest Speakers:

- Shirley and Todd presented information about the IB program and how it complements the XinXing Chinese immersion curriculum at West Junior High.
- Hopkins will become an authorized IB program in the 2014-2015 school year, the same year the first group of XinXing students will transition to junior high.
- The IB program doesn't change what was previously communicated with respect to the commitment to XinXing secondary program. Starting with 7th grade, two courses will be offered, one will be a content course taught in Chinese, and the other will focus on Chinese language proficiency. XinXing students at West will have 1 90 minute class in Chinese every day, representing 25% of the total coursework.
- The IB world language requirements will be satisfied by the immersion curriculum for students in the XinXing program. There may also be an opportunity for XinXing students to take a second foreign language through available electives.
- The block schedule will continue, however it's likely to go back to an A/B schedule rather than every other quarter (i.e., students will attend 4 90 minute classes on A days and a different set of classes on B days). The reason for the change is that IB requires balance and continuity in the core curriculum across the year.
- Molly Wieland and Mike Harris, both currently teaching at Hopkins High School, discussed the opportunities available in high school for XinXing students.
- AP and College in the Schools courses are already available at Hopkins High. Molly is investigating whether College in the Schools will be possible for Chinese language, too. This would allow XinXing students to earn college credit for the advanced Chinese courses in high school.
- If you missed the BDX Member Meeting and would like more information, there are some short videos with details about the IB program in Hopkins on the district website: <http://www.hopkinsschools.org/district-news/news/hopkins-school-board-approves-international-baccalaureate-middle-years-program-bo> . If you have questions please email Todd Roudabush-IB Coordinator or Shirley Gregoire-Principal at West Junior High.