

# Feedback from April 2010 VPSC Conference – IB Strands

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## MYP (Middle Years Programme)

- Thanks to the technology consultant, the design cycle makes sense now!
- I enjoyed the ability to create unit plans (using the IB MYP Unit Planner Template) with experienced IB teachers present.
- Two things that were helpful are learning to plan a unit using the unit question and the explanation of the areas of interaction.
- I am now feeling confident about writing unit plans!
- I learned strategies about presenting MYP information to my staff.
- I learned that I'm not alone – there is a terrific network and everyone is willing to share and help.
- Having the IB MYP terminology explained was very helpful.
- Meeting with our subject area teachers to plan lessons together was wonderful.
- One of the most useful things was the presenter's instructions for creating units using the MYP unit planner.
- Getting help from experts in our subject areas was great!
- I have excitement for the lessons I've created and a renewed focus for my curriculum.
- This workshop made MYP very understandable for a newcomer.
- I loved having uninterrupted time to actually plan units with my co-workers.
- After this training, I want to dive in!
- One thing I really enjoyed was the guidance of Nicole in our subject area breakout sessions.
- When I return I plan on sharing my enthusiasm and helping all the other teachers that have not had training.
- This was the most beneficial training since I learned the basics because of the time spent with my department.
- I learned about the MYP goals and how to plan an MYP unit.
- I plan on showing the teachers how MYP can work with LFS (Learning Focused System).
- I'm leaving the workshop feeling good about MYP.
- I wish more of our staff could have attended!
- When I return to my school I will assure my co-workers that MYP is both do-able and will benefit students and teachers.
- I'm leaving the workshop with confidence and a lot more understanding of the MYP fundamentals.
- I really appreciate the creative ideas and activities (from the consultants) that we could incorporate into our own classrooms.
- I learned I really need to read *From Principles into Practice*.
- The experienced IB teachers shared so many things with us. I love that they brought so many samples for us: graded student work, rubrics, and assignments.
- Yea – I'm leaving this training with two new unit plans completed!

## DP (Diploma Program)

- As a result of this workshop I will focus on vertical alignment, will include WHE in writing, and will use commentary outlines in journals.
- I learned we need team-driven teachers.
- I learned vertical alignment is mandatory.
- I love the materials the consultants shared – I can use all of them in my classroom!
- Having the time to share ideas and materials was the most beneficial aspect of the workshop.
- Hearing from HIGHLY successful IB teachers was great.
- I loved that the leaders shared specific IB lessons to prepare students for exams.
- I'm leaving empowered but nervous.
- I learned I still have so much to learn!
- The presenters were so knowledgeable.
- I feel a sense of relief that I'm doing alright and have help now.
- Sharing with people from different schools was really helpful.
- I learned I should stick to my agenda and disallow side discussions.
- I got some ideas for new class activities and new lab ideas.
- I am confident I will improve my classroom with what I learned.
- Clarification on lab procedures was really helpful.
- Because of this workshop I will change how I address the conclusion/evaluation section; I will present the information to students in a different way.
- As a result of this training I will offer more engaging classroom activities and will require a better written lab report.
- I feel motivated!