

# IB Task Force Update

## ▶ Team members

- Cathey Goodgame, MC Principal
- Nickey Hardon, MC MST Teacher
- Alice Jonsson, Board Member and parent of ANCS 4<sup>th</sup> grader
- Lesley Michaels, 4–8 Instructional Coach
- Beth Wells, Parent of ANCS 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders and MJHS 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- Layne Wiggins, Guardian of ANCS 8<sup>th</sup> grader

## ▶ Meeting Frequency

- Semi-monthly beginning in September
- Goal is to have a recommendation to the board no later than January 2015

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## ▶ Major Questions (from Board Resolution)

- What would be the benefits to students of an IB programme while at ANCS?
- What would the costs – financial and otherwise – be?
- What – if anything – about the ANCS experience would change for students and/or teachers by becoming IB authorized?
- If ANCS were to become IB authorized, what are the advantages to ANCS students of they attend an IB programme in high school? If ANCS does not become IB authorized, would there be any disadvantages to students who go on to the IB programme at MJHS or elsewhere?
- If ANCS were to become IB authorized, would authorization be focused on the middle school grades at ANCS or should it also include the elementary school grades?

## Related “big” questions to consider:

What would IB provide our students that they are not already experiencing?

Would the support and cohesion of the IB assist us in doing our work better than we can do it on our own?

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## ▶ Initial Process

- Use “Sample Application for Candidacy” to guide work with sections assigned to different members
  - Philosophy (Layne)
  - Organization (Nickey and Cathey)
  - Curriculum (Lesley)
  - Budget and other financial considerations (Alice and Beth)
- Find Areas of alignment and misalignment to determine level of fit

## ▶ Other opportunities

- Meeting with Cheryl Nahmias, Decatur High School IB Coordinator
- Site visit to Sutton Middle School (date TBD)