

SMF IB Myths Before the Truth

1. Myth: SMF conducted an IB feasibility study which included all Indian Trail stakeholders and obtained BoE approval to make application to IB.

Fact: No IB feasibility study was conducted and SMF made application to IB without BoE approval.

2. Myth: IB at Indian Trail was paid for entirely from ARRA Title I grants with enough left over for Echo Hills.

Fact: Approximately 75% of the Title I money was “unallowable” for IB staff development in Targeted Assistance Title I schools. The majority of IB costs were paid from the General Fund.

3. Myth: IB will only be implemented at Indian Trail and Echo Hills because they are Title I schools.

Fact: SMF told the Ohio State Auditor it intends to train staff in ALL buildings.

4. Myth: IB will only cost \$15-16,000 per year at Indian Trail.

Fact: IB will cost a bare minimum of \$100,000 per year and a maximum of \$200,000 per year, per site.

5. Myth: IB is a rigorous, proven, curriculum that will improve student academic achievement and increase critical-thinking skills.

Fact: IB is a “values” framework devoid of any academic curriculum. There are no scholarly reports demonstrating any statistically significant difference between IB and non-IB students at the PYP or MYP levels.

6. Myth: The pre-school at Indian Trail is exempt from IB. Half-day Kindergarten is permissible.

Fact: IB requires *schoolwide* implementation of the PYP. Pre-school teachers will be required to receive IB training and provide the PYP to children as young as three (3). IB requires Kindergarten to be full day.

7. Myth: IB will attract more students to SMF

Fact: Enrollment at Indian Trail has decreased by 30 students since SMF embarked on the PYP.

SOURCES

1. Myth - "How Will Indian Trail Become an IB School?"

<http://www.smfschools.org/site.cfm/Schools/Indian-Trail-Elementary.cfm>

Fact - SMF BoE Meeting 1/23/12 (45:00-49:00 mark)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6z7E2MS4BU&list=UUwi-gp6M3xFwAlyupbp34Bg&index=1&feature=plcp>

2. Myth - Press release on SMF website which was redacted. Saved

at: <http://truthaboutib.com/usschooldisputes/stowmunroefallsohio.html>

Fact -

http://truthaboutib.com/images/Stow-Munroe_Falls_CSD_International_Baccalaureate_Programme.DOCX

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4. Myth - Stow Patch, Aug. 30, 2011

<http://stow.patch.com/articles/ib-school-program-discussed-at-echo-hills>

Fact -

http://articles.dailypress.com/2012-01-16/news/dp-nws-wjcc-schools-cuts-0117-20120116_1_middle-school-sports-summer-school-number-of-school-nurses

5. Myth - <http://www.ibo.org/pyp/>

Fact - <http://www.ibo.org/pyp/>

6. Myth -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6z7E2MS4BU&list=UUwi-gp6M3xFwAlyupbp34Bg&index=1&feature=plcp>

Fact - Article 5.1 of IBO PYP Rules for IB World Schools

http://ibo.org/become/guidance/documents/PYPRulesforIBWorldSchools_e_FINALFILE.pdf & <http://www.hometownlife.com/article/20120122/NEWS20/201220354>

7. Myth - http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=KjqCKxdiljI#!

Fact - SMF Indian Trail student enrollment count from 2009 to 2011.