

LHS - IBPA

LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
International Baccalaureate Parents Association

*2018-2019 LHS - IBPA
Survey Results*

February 25, 2019



Summary

The Lakewood High School IBPA is here to support all IB and IB prep students and their families.

The 2018-2019 Lakewood High School IBPA Board is interested in input and feedback from IB and IB prep parents and guardians, specifically:

What methods are used to stay updated on IBPA events?

What IB and other topics are of interest for general meetings?

Any ideas for fundraisers?

How are we doing and how can we improve our support?

SurveyMonkey was utilized to ask 10 questions, which solicited feedback, input and ideas on IBPA general meeting and support topics, fundraising, an assessment of IBPA performance, and recommendations for improvement.

The anonymous survey was open from December 19, 2018 to February 2, 2019, and was accessible via links in the December, 2018 IBPA newsletter, email reminders, a QR code distributed at the January, 2019 general meeting, and the IBPA website.

92 respondents provided feedback (~18% response rate). Multiple answers were allowed and questions could be skipped.

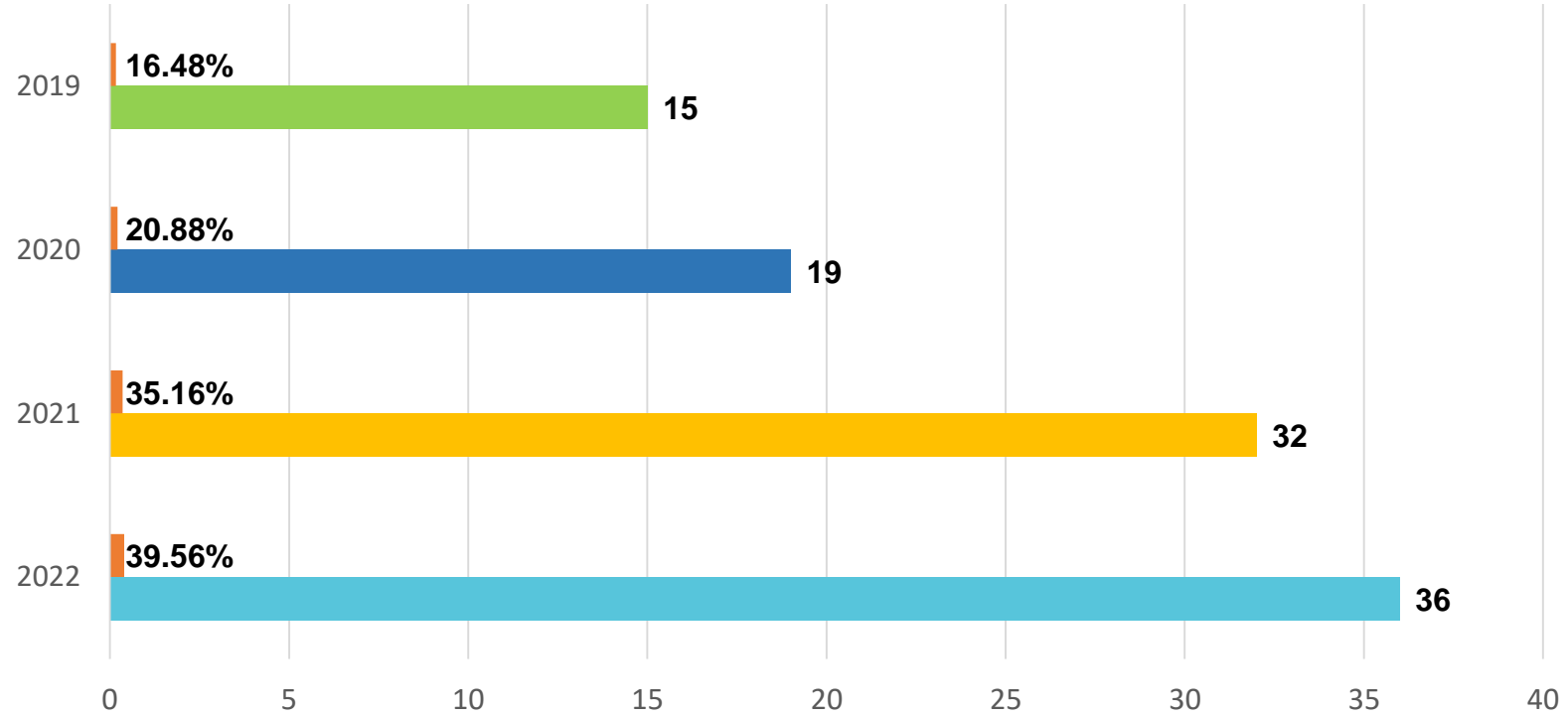
Significant input and feedback was received – thank you!

Next Steps

The Lakewood High School IBPA Board and IB staff will review the survey results and discuss potential opportunities to implement recommendations

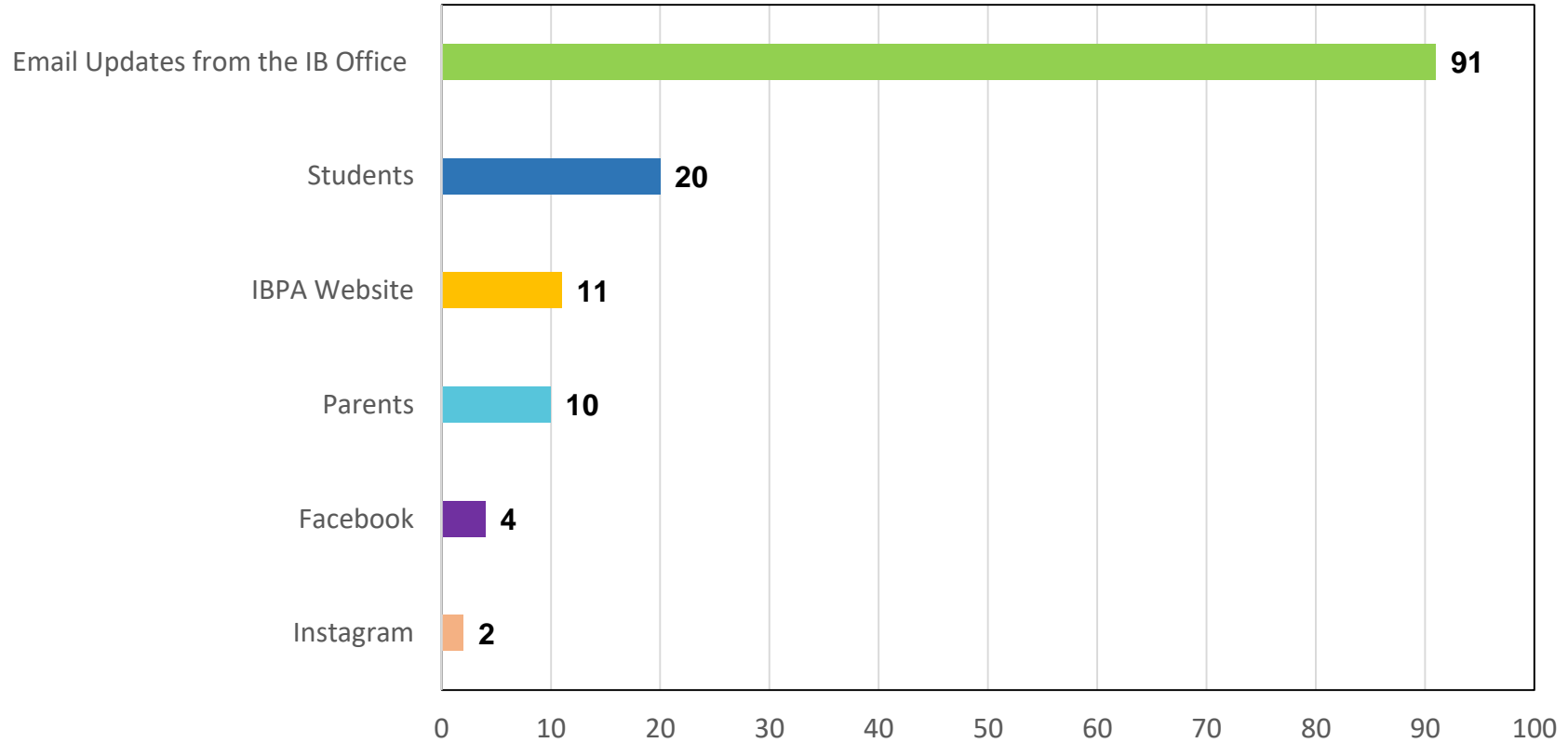
Access to survey results will be available via the LHS - IBPA website

1. In what year will your student graduate? For families with multiple students, please check the years that your students will graduate.



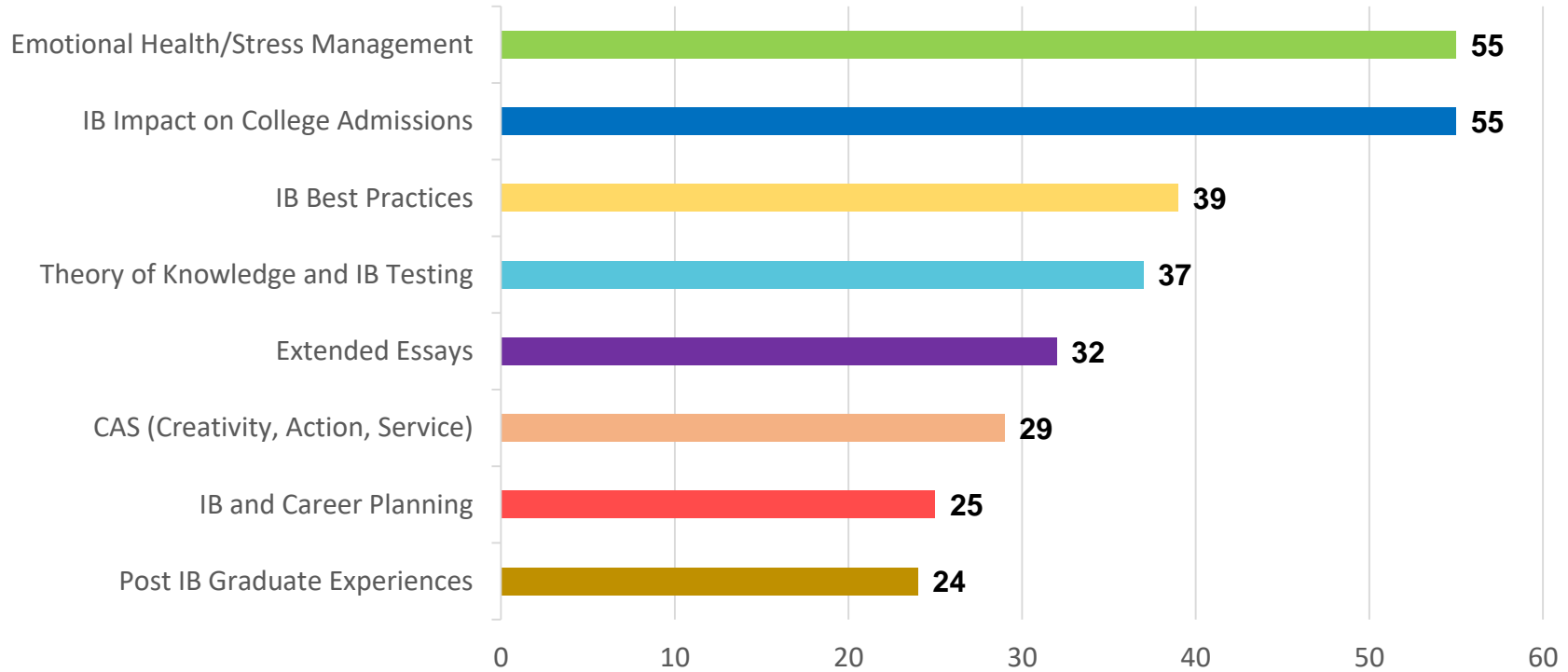
	2022	2021	2020	2019
Percentage	39.56%	35.16%	20.88%	16.48%
Responses	36	32	19	15

2. Which method(s) do you use to stay updated on IBPA meetings, events, and topics?



	Instagram	Facebook	Parents	IBPA Website	Students	Email Updates from the IB Office
■ Responses	2	4	10	11	20	91

3. What IB topics would you like to see addressed at monthly general meetings?



	Post IB Graduate Experiences	IB and Career Planning	CAS (Creativity, Action, Service)	Extended Essays	Theory of Knowledge and IB Testing	IB Best Practices	IB Impact on College Admissions	Emotional Health/Stress Management
Responses	24	25	29	32	37	39	55	55

4. What other topics, speakers, or activities would you like to see addressed at monthly general meetings?

Pre IB/IB Planning

Pre-IB guidance. Advice on what courses to take!

IB vs AP

Selecting IB courses - options and changes. I understand that there are changes to the math program. I would like to get more information about that.

IB Course offering changes - planned changes

School Counselors to discuss class curriculum and registration. Also, discuss methods to seek added help for students

Panels or help navigating classes, extra-curriculars, etc.

IA's

More teachers and students represented for a q and a.

Short Presentation on completed EE or CAS activities by selected IB students

Previous IB Students and maybe Industry Professionals to describe what this has done for them.

Enablement

How to best support my IB student

Mental Health needs as well as instructional strategies to engage our student population. How are teachers teaching/preparing our students for college with life like/authentic tasks?

School safety

Time management for the students interested in a wide range of activities

Study techniques.

Student support groups (how to deal with the pressures and responsibilities of IB)

Stress management. These kids nowadays seem to be so stressed out.

College

Scholarships possibilities. The positive of being in IB.

Applying for Scholarships

Scholarship information

College admissions reps or College counselors. High school guidance counselors. IB graduates further along in college or graduated from college.

College admissions, transfer credits, dual enrollment

Perhaps panel discussions with college faculty

Social Opportunities/Administration

Social events with other IB parents/families

General updates about what is happening - calendar, plans for the next year

The topics covered are great, just need to figure out timing to get our student to mtgs in the evening

Evening meetings are almost impossible for my IB daughter or parents to attend (sports conflicts). Anyway to duplicate some of these meetings before school or during lunch break?

5. What additional support can the IBPA offer to you or your student(s)?

Pre IB/IB Planning

Need more Pre-IB course guidance and information.
Feel like we are left on our own.

Curriculum pathways - for STEM, vs humanities, and other variations. If this were explained on the website, that would be awesome too.

Master scheduling of exams and essays

More variety concerning foreign languages

Resource lists for CAS work

Options for community service

Get school counselors to be more proactive -- and reach out to IB kids (and parents). I've attempted to contact appropriate school counselor for my child (for sure 3 times). Unable to find time to meet due to their schedules during and after school. Show some initiative.

I'm getting worried about my student choosing classes, and not having flexibility to pursue those areas he's interested in. Did we make the wrong decisions these last two years with courses and electives? I hope we did not.

Not sure how much value is offered now

Enablement

More info on general parent expectations and support necessary, financial, emotional and otherwise

Advice on stress planning, planning ahead, and the real numbers of study each day to stay in the GPA ranges the student desires are crucial to stay with the program. Thank you.

Time Management/Time Management classes

Suggestions for tutors

Help organize study sessions or study groups, especially for freshmen.

Additional Study Resources - Also advocating for more flexibility in acceptable class offerings (electives)

Maybe support study groups for these kids. Or something like that.

Sponsoring mental health days where kids don't have to go to school

Simple fundraising ways to pay for the AP tests

Would it be possible to have meetings on different nights of the week? My daughter has another commitment every Wednesday night...

Friendship

IB activities

Bonding activities

Maybe some IB group social activities jr/senior year? (maybe those already exist but I'm just thinking a Friday night 'ice skating meet-up' or 'board game night')

We are new....so unknown at this time

Too soon to say

Mentorship

Check ins

Mental Health and Apprentice Ideas

Calling students personally to help them plan what are their next steps

Has the idea of IB mentors (senior year) for the pre IB students. My student has a lot of questions that they're not comfortable asking in a group and would be more responsive one on one.

Having an upper class man mentor/buddy freshman with junior. Recycling English books to younger IB students.

6. Proceeds from fundraisers are used to support senior scholarships, the "Angel Fund" (assistance with IB test fees), staff appreciation, and program support. Do you have any ideas or recommendations for future fundraisers?

Events

Continuing to work with restaurants, receive donations and hold auction night

Dinner nights are great

The dinners are great

Local fast food nights, local businesses buy advertising

Poker night or something to get to know other families

Silent Auctions

Silent auction in conjunction with IB general meeting

We have participated in many fundraisers, and the outlaw Salsa sales were by far the biggest dollars for expended effort, although refrigeration is a requirement, making it conditional on refrigerator access.

Pancake breakfast, spaghetti dinner, contest with electric griddles to compete on best recipe gluten free, chili cook off

Would like to see a breakdown of sources and uses of funds

Seasonal

5K???

Better leveraging the Tiger Prowl

IBPA T shirts at the Tiger Prowl

No more things to sell please. I can only subscribe to so many magazines and buy so much chocolate with 3 kids! The fun run or similar activity is perfect.

Spring - xeriscape plant sale

What happened to the IB poinsettia fundraiser? Maybe there is something to take its place.

Holiday gift wrapping (e.g., set up at a local mall on Black Friday, have 10 or so selections of wrapping paper to choose from, and wrap for donations). Rada Cutlery (<http://www.radacutlery.com/fundraising/resources>)

Shoveling driveways

Crowdsourcing

Go fund me sites that describe each goal and the \$\$ objective for each, and why

As a parent, I'd love a "Go Fund Me" type approach - a website explaining the needs and \$ goal, that I could simply donate to. Best if there are options that I could decide among, or to spread an amount across.

The fundraisers are diverse and good. I didn't see a specific push in Colorado Gives Day though.

Maybe something that encourages alums to donate \$10-100 to help current IB students

Cards/Stickers

Discount cards to restaurants

IB car stickers

We should be able to use King Soopers gift card fund raising for test fees throughout the high school - all four years

7. Corporate sponsored scholarships are a main focus for the 2018-2019 IBPA board. Can you recommend any corporations that may be interested? Please provide contact information, if possible.

Most respondents did not have recommendations, however several corporations were suggested. The IBPA Board is in the process of reaching out to them.

Additional responses:

I would think local Denver based firms would be good targets

I'd rather see a budget first. Where is the money going? What are the goals?

8. A future silent auction fundraiser is under discussion by the IBPA board. Do you have a product, service, or item that you would like to donate? Please provide a brief description, value, and contact information.

I would be happy to support with a gift card or to support by stopping into or calling local businesses for donations

Would be willing to provide/purchase item for auction

I am the owner of Golden Tutoring & Enrichment local tutoring/test prep and we can donate an hour of tutoring/test prep. Value of \$50-60.

I am a baker and I would be willing to donate a decorative cake. Valued at \$50-\$75.

I do not, but you might want to contact the Sanctuary Golf Course

Maybe our home in Costa Rica

Picnic themed basket

Not until a budget and financials are given to members

Depends on time of year

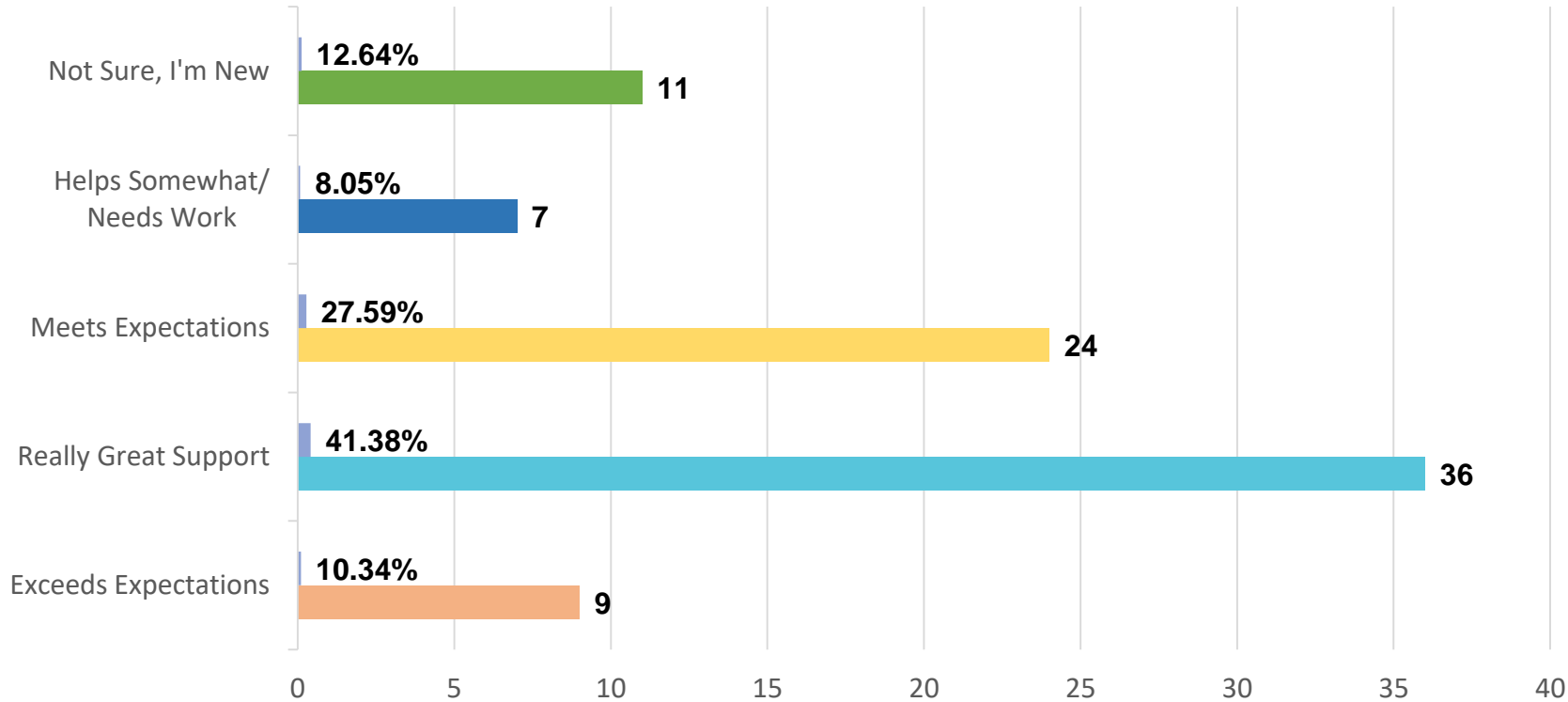
Just a thought: if parents or families would be willing to donate a social event at their home such as a game night, theme dinner, kickball and burgers at a park, guided hike etc. This would allow families opportunities to get together and get to know each other while supporting the fundraiser? We do this at our church and it really builds community.

I don't have something to donate, but I can make a suggestion. In the past, my kids' groups have asked for donations from each kid for themed baskets. The kids have fun deciding what to bring. Example: Baseball baskets were by grade level; band baskets were by instrument.

I can think about this...

I'll think about it. Will you please ask us again later? After a week of thinking on it, I'm sure I'll come up with some ideas....

9. How would you rate the IBPA in terms of support of the Lakewood IB community?



	Exceeds Expectations	Really Great Support	Meets Expectations	Helps Somewhat/Needs Work	Not Sure, I'm New
■ Percent	10.34%	41.38%	27.59%	8.05%	12.64%
■ Responses	9	36	24	7	11

10. Please share any likes/dislikes, recommendations for improvement, and thoughts regarding the IBPA.

With all due respect, the IB program is still somewhat a mystery for our family. There ought to be recommended curriculum and guidance on the internet.

Shared in previous boxes... as parents of a freshman Pre-IB we wish we had more information on how to prepare for IB program. We didn't get good guidance on what courses to take this year and what to prepare for next year before IB.

More information on the website on recommended courses, and curriculum pathways. This could eliminate emails of "is honors History ok or must be APUSH?" etc. When to take PE, etc., etc., etc. For instance, the graphic that Mr. Bock passed out for the new prospective parents might be useful on the website, too.

Honestly, I feel like IBPA is not helpful until you are already in the IB program as a junior. There needs to be more information freshman and sophomore year explaining the program and benefits. Also, a very real honest presentation on what the program entails and sacrifices that need to be made. For example: giving up your off periods, limited elective choices, which colleges do not accept credit, etc.

Overview of annual budget

The budget should be sent to members as well as monthly financials

Would love to see a budget presented to members who have joined. Lots of fundraising but no transparency on budget.

I was heavily involved during K-8 and don't really see the need for that level of support in high school. Or, perhaps I'm just burned out on all of it 😞. More specifics of how money is spent or fundraisers with specific direct spends are always helpful.

Email info from monthly meetings for those of us unable to attend

Email communications could be a bit more streamlined maybe, but then again I need all the help I can get keeping up with too many school emails! Also, my daughter is never able to go to the IBPA evenings meetings - an alternative to get her more engaged would be great.

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Seems like kind of a clickey group. Not really sure how to get involved or if I want to.

Needs improvement. IB at Lakewood as a whole needs improvement.

Seems like you are doing a lot to keep parents and students informed and educated, but I have to admit that we haven't really taken advantage of these meetings because we aren't sure whether our child will continue with the IB program. Our younger son will start in the pre-IB program next fall, so we hope to get more involved. Thanks for all you do!

I look forward to being more involved next year. Monthly meetings are held on a night that I am in a class.

Too much to do outside of the normal school work like CAS and the extended essay. That's why I think they loose so many kids by junior year. Seems like many don't commit due to those 2 things that's what I hear a lot. We don't want our kids burned out before they get to college.

Is there a way for the IB students to have a socialization activity? Possible contacts and support may be linked.

I like that IBPA supports both parents and students and recognizes both parties need that support and information to decide if IB is right for the student and how to help if they decide to go forth with IB.

Y'all all awesome!! Thank you for all you do for our kids!! 😊

Thanks, I know you all do an impossible job, no advice, just encouragement! Keep it up!!

Happy to have our daughter in the pre IB program. She loves it at Lakewood! Thank you.

The group is very supportive, thanks!

I don't have any negatives.

It seems great! I appreciate the emails and resources. It's the time to get to events.

New this year so still finding our way.

Five stars! Thank you for your work and dedication.