

The Next Frontier presents:

“Building a Culture of Inclusion”

Wednesday March 14 – Friday March 16, 2012

at International School Manila



Workshop Overview:

More and more schools are committing to the Inclusion model for educating children in the 21st century, but, what does being an inclusive school truly mean? What steps do school leaders need to take to re-culture their schools so that all stakeholders understand and accept the inclusive philosophy? How can international schools join together on the journey to support and sustain the inclusion movement? Through professional conversations with school leaders and practitioners, these questions, among others, will be addressed in this highly interactive and collaborative workshop.

Outcomes:

- To empower and energize schools to take the next steps towards inclusion.
- To inspire school leaders through shared stories and experiences about the journey towards becoming an inclusive school.
- To examine the methodologies, structures and tools that make inclusion a realizable goal.
- To strengthen the community of schools embarking on the inclusion journey.

Suggested Participants:

This workshop is suitable for School Heads, Board Members, Principals, Curriculum Coordinators and Learning Support Teachers. It is strongly encouraged and recommended that schools come in teams of two to five participants. A total limit of fifty participants has been set to allow greater opportunity for sharing and collaboration.

Registration:

Information for registration and accommodation is provided below. There is a registration fee of USD150. The purpose of this fee is to support the hosting school's costs for food, course materials and transportation. Remaining funds will be used for the continued development of the Next Frontier's: Inclusion Project including: website creation, supporting documents, future workshops.

Contact Information:

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Guest Presenters:



Kevin Bartlett, ISB Director – Kevin is the Director of the International School of Brussels and has held prior leadership positions in Tanzania, Austria and Namibia. Kevin has been actively involved in developing international education for twenty years. He chaired the ECIS Accreditation Committee, was Chair of the Board of the Council of International Schools, is a trainer for the Principals' Training Centre and has lectured for a number of postgraduate programs. Kevin has a particular interest in developing learning-focused schools and is presently working on the Common Ground Collaborative. He initiated and later chaired the IB Primary Years Program.



Kristen Pelletier, Learning Support Consultant – Kristen has taught students with special educational needs for fifteen years, first in Maine in a public school, and then at the International School of Brussels. With a specialization in special needs / learning support, a master's degree in educational leadership, and a passion for supporting kids who learn differently, she aspires to facilitate a program that supports many kinds of learners. She served as Head of Learning Support at ISB from 2006-2011 and developed a range of inclusive support services with a multidisciplinary team approach. She is currently on sabbatical working as a Learning Support consultant to schools around the world.



William Powell has served as an international school educator for the past thirty years in the United States, Saudi Arabia, Tanzania, Indonesia, and Malaysia. From 1991 to 1999, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of the International School of Tanganyika in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; and from 2000 – 2006 as Headmaster of the International School of Kuala Lumpur. He is the co-author, with his wife Ochan, of *Count Me In! Developing Inclusive International Schools* (2000) and co-author of a book on school board governance training (2001). More recently, he co-authored an article for *Educational Leadership* entitled: "Using Observation to Improve Instruction" (February 2005). (Bpowell@eduxfrontiers.org).



Ochan Kusuma-Powell is co-founder and director of Education Across Frontiers, an organization that promotes teacher education towards the development of professional learning communities. A graduate of Columbia University with a doctorate in international education development, she has more than twenty five years experience in international education and has been actively involved in teacher training for developing inclusive international schools. Ochan has developed and implemented inclusive special education programs in the United States, Indonesia, Malaysia and Tanzania. Together with her husband, Bill, Ochan has written books and articles and presents at schools and conferences around the world. (Okpowell@eduxfrontiers.org).



Workshop Schedule:

Wednesday March 14, 2012

3:00 p.m.

- Bus pick up from hotel lobby

3:30 – 6:00 p.m. – International School Manila

- Welcome and Introductions
- Outcomes and setting conditions for our learning together
- Opening remarks – “Building a Culture of Inclusion” the ISM story
- An interactive introduction to the topic of inclusion

6:30 p.m.

- Dinner (transportation provided for dinner hosted by ISM and return to hotel)

Thursday March 15, 2012

8:00 a.m.

- Bus pick up from hotel lobby

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – International School Manila

- Establishing a common language of inclusion
- De-mystifying special education – presentations on different learning needs
- Discussion of pre-reading (pages 24 – 27 of “The Next Frontier: Inclusion – A Practical Guide for School Leaders”)
- Inquiry Lunch
- Student panel
- ISM Learning Support Resource Team referral process – observation and discussion
- Parent and Board Member panel

Friday March 16, 2012

8:00 a.m.

- Bus pick up from hotel lobby

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – International School Manila

- Reflection on “Where we are now”
- Structured class visits
- Presentations on topics such as: data base software, Individual Education Plans, Use of Educational Assistants, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy
- Small group discussions “From the Horse’s Mouth” – practical and logical issues: finances, admissions, leadership, host country resources, service delivery models, modifications and accommodations, next steps for the Next Frontier: Inclusion
- “Building a Culture of Inclusion” plenary panel discussion
- Closing reflection



Registration:

Please register online at: <http://bit.ly/oeMhBt>

Registration deadline is January 31, 2012

Kindly send payment through wire transfer (\$150 US dollars):

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Account Name: **International School Manila**
Account Number: **US\$ S/A 069-004984-130**
Bank Address: **Fort Bonifacio Branch, Taguig City, Metro Manila, Philippines**
Swift Code: **HSBCPHMM**

- The registering school should pay all transfer charges
- Indicate the participant's name on the payment
- Email the payment receipt to bausasa@ismanila.org to secure your place

Exchange Rate: 1US\$ = 43.50 PHP (As of September, 2011)

School Address:

University Parkway, Fort Bonifacio
1634 Taguig City, Philippines

Accommodations:

Please book directly with the Best Western Premier F1 Hotel and indicate that you will be attending the **Next Frontier Inclusion Workshop at International School Manila**

Hotel Contact Details:

Best Western Premier F1 Hotel
32nd St., Corner Bonifacio Blvd.
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Phone: (632) 928-9888; Fax: (632) 846-7377
Contact person: Abby Padiernos
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Transport from Hotel to ISM:

The hotel is a short, three-minute ride from the school. ISM will provide bus pick up each morning and drop off each afternoon to and from the hotel.

Ground Transportation (from Manila International Airport)

Easy access to taxi transportation can be found as you exit the airport after luggage pick-up. Note signs that direct you to the **Coupon Taxis**. A white taxi ride from the airport to the F1 Hotel should cost about Php 350.

