



ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF CENTRAL AMERICA

2015 AASCA Principals' Conference
April 23-25, 2015 San Jose, Costa Rica

AGENDA

2015 AASCA Principals' Conference

Vision

Promoting exemplary education in Central America

Mission

AASCA provides opportunities for member schools to collaborate for the enhancement of learning, social responsibility, international mindedness and professional growth.

Attendees:

Country		School	Administrator
Costa Rica	1	American International School	Carlos Zelaya, MS/HS
	2	Country Day School	Miguel Gonzalez, HS
	3	Country Day School	Kerri Nolan, MS
	4	Lincoln School	Charles Benavage, HS
	5	Lincoln School	Katia Alfaro, MS
	6	Lincoln School	Iris Prada, MS/HS
	7	Marian Baker School	Monica Sanchez, MS/HS
	8	Pan-American School	Patrick Miller, MS/HS
El Salvador	9	Escuela Americana	Hudak Hendrix, HS
	10	Escuela Americana	Bob Sinnett, MS
Guatemala	11	Colegio Maya	Giuseppe Mendolia, MS/HS

	12	American School of Guatemala	Edric Olsen, MS
	13	American School of Guatemala	Loa Midford, HS
	14	Colegio Americano del Sur	Claudia Alvarez, HS
	15	The Village School	Alexis Morales, HS
	16	Colegio Interamericano	Kenneth Davis, HS
Honduras	17	American School of Tegucigalpa - AST	María Francisca Motz, HS
	18	Escuela Internacional Sampedrana	Dinora Murillo, HS
	19	Mazapan School of La Ceiba	Courtney Cullum, ALL
Nicaragua	20	Lincoln International Academy	Roberto Porta, HS
	21	St. Augustine Preparatory School	Otto Chow, MS/HS
Panama	22	Balboa Academy	Ray Durbin, HS
	23	Balboa Academy	Rita Sosa, MS
	24	International School of Panama - ISP	John Shea, HS

Welcome & Ice Breaker Activity

- Congratulations and thanks to Patrick Miller for organizing a wonderful event.
- Thank you to the schools involved in hosting PD on campus:
 - Pan-American
 - Country Day
 - Lincoln School
 - Marian Baker School
- Welcome to the middle school principals that have been added to the AASCA Principal's Conference this year!

Review of Principals' Meeting Minutes

(please go to: http://www.aascaonline.net/images/minutes/principals/2014_04_pm.pdf)

- A. All proposals were met.

Review of Directors' Meeting Minutes

(please go to: http://aascaonline.net/images/minutes/directors/2014_05_gdm_fl.pdf)

- A. Patrick has the events manual to send again with the given updates highlighted.

From the Directors:

- A. What are the implications of possible expansion of AASCA: how do we ensure quality, what happens if we do expand for the purposes of AASCA activities?

Current Enrollment for 2014-2015:

Enrollment Ranking	School Name	7-12	Total
1	Escuela Internacional Sampedrana	734	1632
2	American School of Guatemala	711	1500
3	Escuela Americana	673	1506
4	Lincoln School	543	1318
5	International School of Panama	499	Not reported
6	American School of Tegucigalpa	453	1136
7	Balboa Academy	419	907
8	Colegio Interamericano	410	1189
9	American Nicaraguan School	394	977
10	Village School	318	667
11	Colegio Decroly Americano	312	921
12	Country Day School	309	835
13	Lincoln International Academy	303	683
14	St. Augustine Preparatory School	222	591
15	Colegio Americano del Sur	201	402
16	Pan-American School, Costa Rica	197	605
17	Escuela Panamericana, El Salvador	180	427
18	Colegio Maya, El Salvador	156	428
19	Colegio Maya, Guatemala	142	362
20	Mazapan School of La Ceiba	136	380
21	American International School of Costa Rica	112	259
22	Marian Baker School	97	212
23	Happy Days School & Freedom High School	?	?

- a. Currently 14 large schools and 9 small schools. Currently, less than 300 students in grades 7-12 for small school. (Update on Webpage Directory- still says 13 and 10. Country Day Crossed over to large. Enrollment chart is up to date.)
- b. There are currently issues:
 - i. Small schools trying to host events are not having enough participants. (invitational teams are having to be brought in to make the event).
 - ii. For large schools, it is difficult to host events when there are so many schools- limitations put on the amount of schools allowed. (Speaking mostly of sports).
 - iii. Small schools may not always have enough students to make both a boys and girls team.
 - iv. New requirement of number of events participating did not cause too many schools to participate.
 - v. Currently the enrollment page says that, "A small school may choose to participate in the Large School division for any given event in addition to participation in the Small School Division event. Large Schools may not participate in a Small School event."

Proposal: Small schools may petition to participate in the large school tournament only if a small school event doesn't have enough participating schools to be able to hold the event. Those requesting must have already confirmed participation in the small school event.

Proposal: When more teams are needed in a large school event, the hosting large school may extend an invitation to an AASCA small schools before extending an invitation to a non-AASCA school.

- vi. How many schools actually participate in sports consistently?
 - a. Large Schools: 14 total- 10 constantly participate- 4 that do not.
 - b. Small Schools: 10 total- 8 that are sort of consistent (play $\frac{2}{3}$ sports)- 2 that do not participate consistently.

Proposal: After determining 2015-2016 total number of AASCA member schools, there should be a maximum of 12 schools in the large school division to allow for manageable sized athletic events and allow small schools to have a larger pool of teams in athletic events. There should be a minimum of 8 large schools that commit to participating and hosting in all three sports including soccer, basketball and volleyball in boys and girls categories.

- vii. Revisit how divisions are divided, keeping 2 divisions for now with the future possibility of expanding to 3 based on AASCA membership.
- viii. Take into consideration that large schools have the ability to always participate in everything and have a set number of large schools and the rest would be in the small school category.
- ix. With expanding, should we be more selective on allowing schools in the organization? Update our standards to include much more than accreditation?
- x. Schools should update their current enrollment.
- xi. Discussion of future possibilities of looking at having 3 divisions small, mid and large within AASCA down the road if we continue to grow.

B. What can be done to increase a more consistent participation of schools?

- a. Review participation yearly and determine if there was significant turnout. Reevaluate on a case by case basis to determine if the event should continue.

Proposal: Due to the fact that the directors meet at the conclusion of the year, we recommend that the directors review the number of events each of the schools have participated in. As a group, directors should decide how to deal with schools who have minimal to no participation. Possible solution:

- Large schools should be required to participate in a minimum of 2 athletic events and 2 non athletic events.
- Small schools should be required to participate in a minimum of 1 athletic event and 1 non athletic event.
- To be able to remain in the association, a school must have a representative at either the directors' meeting or the principals' meeting each year.

C. Brainstorm PD topics for the Tri-Association to pursue for the region:

- Data Analysis and data teams
- Authentic Assessment
- Conflict Resolution
- Teacher and Staff Evaluation
- Second Language Learners
- Technology Implementation and Integration

D. How to focus parental involvement (support) at events in a more positive direction:

- Communicate AASCA rules and expectations and consequences with parents prior to events. Written, signed list of expectations for parents, students.
- Socialize the AASCA rules with the host school community.
- Administrator of each school continues to deal with their own school's parents and get in touch with host school administrator. Can be any professional staff designated by the principal or general director as stated in Events Manual.

REVIEW INFORMATION FROM Section 7A of AASCA Events Manual to approve changes proposed.

- Host schools report that parent involvement has been positive this year

From the Athletic Directors:

- Middle School Invitational Festival has been scheduled:

Proposal:

- Will not be a festival of all 3 sports but only 1 invitational sport each year.
- For students in grades 6-8
- Focus should be on participation rather than on competition.
- Start with basketball for 2015-2016
- Awards only for sportsmanship, MVP

Idea: Have an in-country AASCA middle school sports festival event (to include soccer, basketball, and volleyball) for middle school students as determined by each country's schools.

- Include tennis and golf? in the 2015-2016 sport calendar:

■ Concerns:

- Current AASCA schools do not have a representation of golf or tennis teams within the school.
- Schools do not have the facilities for these sports.
- Disconnect between the values of AASCA with the private training that is being done outside of the school's programs.

Proposal: Only school sponsored activities or teams would qualify for consideration as AASCA events or tournaments.

*Swimming- only 3 AASCA school teams participated this year. Under this proposal, directors should consider if swimming should be considered an AASCA event. Current training is mostly done outside of school.

*Tennis is also not sponsored by any AASCA school

- Cross country and Track & Field have been merged
 - If this is merged, it should not be regarded as two separate events in terms of payment. There should be 1 single fee.
 - Cross country event was valuable on its own in terms of team-building, cross cultural experience. We do not feel that we have the expertise to determine if this is a good idea or not:
 - Concerns:
 - Cross country students missing out on the non athletic aspects.
 - Will the cost be worth the participation? Ex: Student travels to run 100 meters once or twice. Athletically, can students' bodies handle participating in multiple events along with cross-country?
 - The logistics of organizing such a large event.

Proposal: For the 2015-2016 school year, pilot the combination of the event. Move the fee from \$400 to \$600 and re-evaluate at the end of next year.

- They discussed: "An internal growth should take place before anything. This means that current AASCA schools should commit to participate in at least two sports events and at least in two non-sports events every year. Potential incoming schools into our organization must be clear about this commitment as well. Consideration to split AASCA sport events in three divisions according to the number of students in grades 7 to 12 may be considered later." We agree.
- Middle School Leadership conference

Issues for Discussion:

- Middle School involvement: Leadership (B. Sinnet) Should events be scheduled?
 - Benefit- forming leadership values and service skills while students are still young and moldable.
 - Great turnout- several AASCA schools participated.
 - \$3,763 for all event- speakers, t-shirts, notepads, etc. Most speakers did it for free.
 - Other schools invited to host. \$400 per school was the fee.
 - End of October worked well (Middle School activities should be split with one in the fall, one in the spring.)

Proposal: Middle School Leadership should continue and be added to the calendar.

- Math Relay/Math Counts: should they be put into the calendar or remain invitational? (B. Sinnet)
 - Dividers and precautions were used to prevent any possible loss of integrity due to cheating.
 - B. Sinnet can continue hosting and has support of The Department of State
 - Leave this as a non-AASCA event (similar to PANAMUN)
- Is there a standard academic and behavior requirement policy for student participation in AASCA events. Are schools willing to share their student participation policies? (E. Olsen)
- Events manual must be published and should have a periodic system for updating it. Should be in the aasca online webpage for yearly review.

Discussion of 2014-2015 Events:

Concerns:

- AASCA Evaluation forms are not being sent by everyone.
- In sporting events, concern about cross-cultural opportunities since they seem to only play, eat, sleep. More opportunities needed for cross-cultural interaction.
- Referees are still a concern in some sports- partiality in some cases to host country.
- Non-AASCA Schools being invited to the invitational tournament. There were many non-AASCA teams that affected the outcomes in soccer in particular.

- Water bottles-There seems to be a huge consumption of water, which is great for hydration, but there is a ton of plastic use. Culture of recycling should be established.

Proposal: Add to section 5 part C of the events manual(safety):

5.C. Consumption of Alcohol

All AASCA events are alcohol and drug free. Any students, faculty, staff, coach that have custodial or supervisory duties are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs during AASCA events, including on campuses, hotels, and while travelling to and from events.

Event Reports:

Reports Missing:

- Soccer Invitational- Escuela Internacional Sampedrana (Dinorah)
- Invitational Track and Field- Escuela Internacional Sampedrana (Dinorah)
- Invitational Swimming was not included as it was a pilot and will not be considered for future AASCA events.

Colegio Interamericano de Guatemala, Leadership Conference

September 17 – 21, 2014

Participants:

15 participating schools

Colegio Interamericano de Guatemala

Colegio Americano de Guatemala

Colegio Americano del Sur

Escuela Americana El Salvador

Colegio Internacional San Salvador

Colegio Maya el Salvador

American School Tegucigalpa

Escuela Internacional Sampedrana

Mazapan School Honduras

Freedom High School

Lincoln International Academy

Marian Baker School

Lincoln School Costa Rica

Panamerican School Costa Rica

Any Special Events/Speakers/Information to mention:

- Improtheatre workshop by “Impronunciabiles” (workshop information attached)
- 3 hour future workshop implemented by the Leadership participants with the entire Colegio Interamericano High School (300 students / 26 groups)

Positive Feedback:

The general feedback of the event was very positive, because it was very “hands on”. The leadership participants were trained in a specific workshop method (future workshop), which they implemented the next day at Colegio Interamericano with all the Interamericano High School students. The future workshop was about “school improvement”, and served in two ways. It helped the Leadership participants to actually “lead” a group through a certain process, they were able to implement various tools they’ve learned during the conference. And it helped the Interamericano High School students to identify, in what areas they would like to see their school improved and what can they themselves do in order to do so.

We also got very positive feedback regarding the event location and the food, which was at the Camino Real hotel in Antigua. Antigua Guatemala is an excellent event location, since it’s very safe and beautiful and the kids enjoyed it a lot.

Another positive part of the conference was the ice breaker, which was done in form of a scavenger hunt through Antigua in cooperation with the Scouts organization and our NHS Students. The participants had a lot of fun and enjoyed the activity.

It was rated positively that there was an “advisor’s” workshop as well, so the advisors actually worked on something and exchanged ideas.

In general the feedback was, that the conference was fun and innovative, and the students learned a lot.

The Freedom High School liked the idea of the future workshop so much that they

Negative points were:

- Communication on the first day needs to be improved, since there were several teams that came late due to traffic or flight problems, and they didn’t get proper orientation
- Even though the advisor workshop was very good, the working place for the advisors wasn’t appropriate and needs to be improved
- The time for the future workshop at Colegio Interamericano in some cases was rated as too long, some groups were done early
- The food on the conference day at Colegio Interamericano was not rated so good (it was sandwiches, chips, fruit and juice)

Recommendations:

The documentation needs to be improved. We still have all the material that the groups improved and the plan is still to make a big documentation out of it, it was simply too much. But the documentation of this type of event is definitely necessary and important.

COLEGIO INTERAMERICANO				
AASCA				
Antigua Guatemala del 17 - 21 septiembre de 2014				
RESUMEN DE GASTOS EN HOTEL DE PARTICIPANTES		RESUMEN DE GASTOS EN HOTEL CORRESPONDIENTES AL COLEGIO		
<i>Alimentos y bebidas</i>	\$ 20,078.36	<i>Alimentos y bebidas</i>	\$ 950.00	
<i>Habitaciones</i>	\$ 26,745.45	<i>Habitaciones</i>	\$ 675.00	
<i>Alquiler y TRASLADOS</i>	\$ 1,964.00	<i>Alquileres de salón</i>	\$ 950.00	
<i>total hotel</i>	\$ 49,821.00	<i>total hotel</i>	\$ 2,575.00	
<i>Mono Loco</i>	\$ 1,184.05	<i>Mono Loco</i>	\$ 60.00	
<i>Tre Fratelli</i>	\$ 1,340.55	<i>Tre Fratelli</i>	\$ 60.00	
<i>Impro Theatre</i>	\$ 2,181.82	<i>Impro Theatre</i>	\$ 2,000.00	
<i>100 lunch packs</i>	\$ 651.25			
<i>camisas</i>	\$ 670.00			
<i>Scouts Ralley</i>	\$ 780.00	<i>Scouts Ralley</i>		
<i>Shuttle busses</i>	\$ 1,465.00			
<i>compras varias</i>	\$ 240.00	<i>compras varias</i>	\$ 140.00	
<i>Comisión por transferencia</i>	\$ 80.00			
total gastos	\$ 58,413.67	total gastos personal del colegio	\$ 4,835.00	
<i>participation fee</i>	\$ 5,200.00			
<i>pago participantes</i>	\$ 47,520.00			
<i>Pago de alumnos</i>	\$ 980.00			
<i>total ingresos</i>	\$ 53,700.00			
Diferencia	\$ (4,713.67)			
En Quetzales	Q (36,295.26)			



MARIAN BAKER SCHOOL

San José, Costa Rica

Small School AASCA Basketball Tournament

October 22 – 26, 2014

Final Memory

Participating Teams

Male			Female		
School	Country	Players	School	Country	Players
Colegio Internacional de San Salvador	El Salvador	10	Colegio Maya	El Salvador	11
Escuela Panamericana de El Salvador	El Salvador	12	American International School	Costa Rica	12
Colegio Maya	Guatemala	8	Marian Baker School	Costa Rica	12
Mazapan School	Honduras	9			
St. Augustine School	Nicaragua	12			
Pan-American School	Costa Rica	12			
American International School	Costa Rica	12			
Marian Baker School	Costa Rica	12			
Total		87	Total		35
Male Teams		8	Female Teams		3
122 Students					

Courts

We used the MBS court and an alternative court at the UACA (College campus in Costa Rica). The least possible amount of games were scheduled in this court. The court is in great condition and games ran smoothly in this site.

Final Results

Male Category	
First Place	Marian Baker School of Costa Rica
Second Place	Colegio Internacional de San Salvador
Third Place	Pan-American School of Costa Rica
Sportsmanship Award	Escuela Panamericana de El Salvador

Female Category	
First Place	American International School of Costa Rica
Second Place	Marian Baker School of Costa Rica
Third Place	Colegio Maya de El Salvador
Sportsmanship Award	Colegio Maya de El Salvador

Tournament MVP's

	Female	Male
School	Player	Player
American International School	Gloriana Barrantes	O'Shea Medlock
Marian Baker School	Fabiola Gretzinger	Adrián Villalobos
Colegio Maya de El Salvador	Claudia Valencia	
Mazapan School		Jorge Merren
St. Augustine School		Alberto Stadthagen
Colegio Maya Guatemala		Ikjoo Yoo
Colegio Internacional de San Salvador		Eduardo Guardado
Escuela Panamericana de El Salvador		Khristian Hernandez
Pan-American School		Isaac Dearnley

Summary

Overall, this was a very successful tournament. The tournament was well organized and we were able to keep up with the program without major delays. The players and crowd behavior were appropriate, no major incidents were reported.

The evaluation forms for this activity went out to all participating schools. We encourage schools to answer and return these forms since only two schools have sent those back.

Large School Basketball

COLEGIO AMERICANO DE GUATEMALA

DATES OF EVENT OCTOBER 22-26

Participants:

LIST ALL SCHOOLS (and quantity of participants or teams)

1. American School of Tegucigalpa (AST): 27 participants
2. Colegio Interamericano de Guatemala (CIG): 27 participants
3. Country Day School: 14 participants
4. Escuela Americana de El Salvador: 26 participants
5. Escuela Internacional Sampedrana (EIS): 27 participants
6. International School of Panama (ISP): 29 participants
7. Lincoln International Academy: 14 participants
8. Lincoln School: 14 participants
9. Village School: 23 participants
10. American School of Guatemala: 27 participants

TOTAL 228 PARTICIPANTS

Any Special Events/Speakers/Information to mention:

MENTION ANY DETAILS SPECIFIC TO THIS EVENT

Presentation of awards to each school athletic directors for their hard work to make the event spectacular.

Final Standings (for competitive events):

Record of final place standings

2014-2015

Gender: Female GOLD DIVISION

1st Place	AST
2nd Place	EIS
3rd Place	EAS

4th Place CAG
 Fair Play ASP & AST
 Gender: Male GOLD DIVISION
 1st Place EIS
 2nd Place AIS
 3rd Place AST
 4th Place ISP
 Fair Play CAG

Gender: Female SILVER DIVISION

1st Place ISP
 2nd Place CIG

Gender: Male SILVER DIVISION

1st Place CIG
 2nd Place VILLAGE SCHOOL

Positive Feedback:

WHAT WENT WELL, TO BE EMULATED AT FUTURE EVENTS

We gave t-shirt fair play all team winners Fair Play, It is important to strengthen fair play.

We are two categories, Gold And Silver, and all groups the names was values.

Recommendations:

WHAT COULD BE CHANGED TO IMPROVE FUTURE EVENTS

Always give the best for closing ceremony for all students.

Financial Report

Income	
School Fees	\$9000.00
Subtotal	\$0.00
Expenses	
(Vary by event)	
Lights/Sound Technician	\$0.00
Athletic equipment-balls etc.	\$4000.00
Field Rentals	\$0.00
Referees	\$4600.00
Electricity	\$0.00
Hydration	\$600.00
Medical Staff	\$1600.00
Security	\$0.00

Other	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00
Awards	
Banners and Posters	\$1760.00
Programs	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00
Receptions	
Opening and Closing Ceremonies	\$6447.00
Subtotal	\$0.00
Total Incomes	\$9000.00
Total Expenses	\$19007.00
Result	-10070.00



**KNOWLEDGE BOWL
TOURNAMENT**
November 12-16, 2014
San Salvador, El Salvador



**RESULTS
VARSITY TEAMS**

	POSITION	TEAM MVP
1.	Escuela Internacional Sampedrana	*Felipe Soto
2.	Colegio Internacional de San Salvador	Sebastián Muñoz
3.	International School of Panama	Tomas Vega
4.	Colegio Maya de El Salvador	Josué Estrada
5.	Colegio Maya de Guatemala	Sydney Lykins
6.	Escuela Americana de El Salvador	Diego Gasteazoro
7.	Colegio Americano de Guatemala	Diane Kim
8.	American Nicaraguan School	Carl A. Ahlers Richardson
9.	American School of Tegucigalpa	Ethan Wright
10.	Colegio Interamericano de Guatemala	Ricardo Mosquera

***Varsity Tournament MVP**

RESULTS

JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS

POSITION	TEAM MVP
1. Escuela Internacional Sampedrana	*Adrianna Siwady
2. Colegio Internacional de San Salvador	André Giammattei
3. American Nicaraguan School	Hunter W. Davis
4. Escuela Americana de El Salvador	Philippe Geoffroy
5. American School of Tegucigalpa	Dominique Tome
6. Colegio Americano de Guatemala	Yongun Seong
7. International School of Panama	Carlos Irissarri
8. Colegio Maya de El Salvador	Daniel Estrada
9. Colegio Interamericano de Guatemala	Stefan Billingslea
10. Lincoln International Academy of Nicaragua	Fernando Arguello

***JV Tournament MVP**

AASCA KNOWLEDGE BOWL 2014/2015

Eleven schools from all of the Central American countries except Costa Rica participated in the AASCA Knowledge Bowl co-sponsored by Colegio Maya and Colegio Internacional de San Salvador, El Salvador. The competitions were held on Thursday through Saturday, November 13 to 15 with Wednesday the 12th and Sunday the 16th as travel days. School groups stayed at various local hotels of their choosing. Tourist Police also supplied an escort, which was arranged by our staff, for any groups that requested their services.

The ice breaker and coaches' meeting were held at Colegio Maya on Wednesday evening during the welcoming events. All teams were able to attend. The program consisted of a welcome speech, a pep talk about sportsmanship, three folk dances by a local semi-professional troupe, the ice breakers (at this time the coaches had their organizational meeting), and dinner with traditional food and drinks. Students and coaches received their t-shirts and squeegee bottles at this opening while the coaches additionally received a ballpoint pen with a Salvadoran motif. The evening ended at approximately 9:00 p.m.

The matches were held at Colegio Internacional beginning at 8:30 and finishing in the afternoon. The Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions each had 10 teams and played a round robin competition. After every team had the opportunity to play their nine games, quarterfinals, semifinals and finals were held.

One hundred and twenty sets of questions were ordered from Academic Hallmarks and arrived in sealed envelopes which were opened by the readers in the presence of the teams before each match. Nearly all these sets of questions were used in the competitions. Upon request questions on sports and entertainment not be included.

Readers were teachers and parents of both schools and were given ample time to rest between matches they would read. Games were scheduled 60 minutes apart. With very few exceptions all games started on time. The final matches in each division were held in the gym with a large audience present.

Administrators and expert teachers were on hand at all times during the matches to help with any debate on answers given or questions of procedure.

Two closed-circuit televisions were set-up for coaches and teams to follow the results of the matches. Also, the match outcomes were continually updated on the website set up for this purpose.

About twenty readers, forty scorers and timekeepers plus Student Council members from both schools acting as guides were present the three days. It is important to mention that all readers, timekeepers and scorekeepers went through intensive training in the weeks prior to the event. Attached is a copy of the team results as well as a listing of the MVPs for each school and division (this also has been sent to be placed on the AASCA website).

Parent committees from both schools met before the event to plan for food sales. A large tent was rented and three local fast food providers were present during the matches. Other food items included pupusas (a local food) and free popcorn. Local handicrafts were also sold. Rooms were set aside for coaches, readers and teachers to relax whenever it was possible. Refreshments were provided for them as well as lunches for the student volunteers.

On Saturday evening an Awards Banquet was held at Club Español, a local social club. Banners were given to the first three teams in each category as well as medals for team members and coaches. MVP medals were given to the most outstanding member of each team and trophies to the tournament MVP in each category. Afterwards a dinner was served during which a slide show of the event was shown. The evening finished with nearly everyone dancing to music provided by a DJ. It was enjoyable to see players dancing with members of other schools. At about 9:15 everyone headed back to their hotels to get ready to leave Sunday.

It's important to note that the AASCA Knowledge Bowl rules need updating. Several questions came up during the event and were settled amicably by the coaches. It would be better to have had them written in the rules. There should be Internet communication between Knowledge Bowl sponsors of the AASCA schools to review and revise the Knowledge Bowl regulations. Areas to be reviewed are 1- protests on individual questions, 2- round robin for 10 teams (the rules say a maximum of 9) 3- writing by players while questions are being asked,, etc. At the directors' meeting in Miami, these items and others suggested from the school personnel should be reviewed by a committee of directors immediately involved in recent competitions and sent to all Knowledge Bowl coaches for comments and suggestions; hopefully, to be put into practice at the upcoming school year's event.

Colegio Maya and Colegio Internacional proved that two small schools can carry out a major activity by working together. There is no doubt that Knowledge Bowl requires major planning and organization to be successful. Planning for this event started more than half a school year before its realization and because the support personnel or readers, timers, doorkeepers, etc. are all volunteers, much time and effort was put into their training. On the other hand, because the event involved many members of each community, it was a wonderful opportunity to work together and involve students in many cooperative efforts and leadership roles.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Stemp

Director, Colegio Internacional de San Salvador

Shirley J. Hooper

Director, Colegio Maya, San Salvador

1) Attached are the results of each division as well as a listing of the MVPs.

2) Also attached, please find a digital copy of the handbook produced for the event as it might prove useful as an example for other organizing schools.

3) A financial report is attached.

AASCA EVENT Report – Cross country

International School of Panama, Panama

November 19-23, 2015

Participants: 10 schools

ANS, EIS, EAS, CAG, MBS, CDS, ISP, AST, Lincoln, Maya

Any Special Events/Speakers/Information to mention:

Hosted at Gamboa Rainforest resort.

Guest speaker: Javier Gonzalez – Ultra runner and triathlete

Final Standings (for competitive events):

<http://aascaonline.net/images/statistics/AASCACROSSCOUNTRYSTATISTICS2015.pdf>

Positive Feedback:

Diverse terrain

Hotel facilities were excellent

Nearby cultural attractions of rainforest and canal

Opening and closing ceremony in a beautiful ballroom setting. Formal feel to proceedings. Set the tone for the event

Adventure race exceptionally fun

Recommendations:

Chip timing system. Less mud! (hard to provide)

To run the event with a chip system would cost a lot more. This should be reflected in the registration fee.

This is my first AASCA event and we are fortunate that ISP budgets money to host an AASCA event. I believe AASCA 2014 was a great success but did run over budget. Historically AD's have always received a plaque for their efforts for each event. I do not believe this is necessary and should be done away with.

The location was stunning and the races true to a proper XC course. Some differences of opinion here on what constitutes a true XC course. To be discussed at AD meeting

Financial Report

Income	
School Fees	\$7600
ISP hosting costs	\$2500
Subtotal	\$10100
Expenses	
(Vary by event)	
Medical Staff – VIVE ambulances	\$900
Adventure course materials	\$582
Sundries (tape, stationary etc.)	\$108
Staffing event for 5 days at Gamboa	\$2228
Equipment transfer to Gamboa	\$250
Subtotal	\$4068
Awards	
Banners, Posters and T shirts	\$1492
Medals and trophies	\$475
AD/coaches recognition and gifts	\$1748
Subtotal	\$3715
Receptions	
Balloons and AV equipment	\$147
Opening and Closing Ceremonies	\$3210
Subtotal	\$3357
Total Incomes	\$10100
Total Expenses	\$11140
Result	-\$1040

AASCA Music Festival 2014-2015

American School of Tegucigalpa

January 21-25, 2015

Participants:

Escuela Internacional Sampedrana (Honduras) 2 Staff, 23 Students

International School Panama (Panama) 3 Staff, 8 Students

Colegio Maya de Guatemala (Guatemala) 2 Staff, 10 Students

American School of Tegucigalpa 5 Staff, 27 students

Any Special Events/Speakers/Information to mention:

Speaker: Mrs. Victoria Diaz (Advancement Director AST)

Guided Tour to Parque Arqueológico de Copan Ruinas

Final Standings (for competitive events):

Please see attached information for results.

Positive Feedback:

The event was a huge success because it was a wonderful exchange of knowledge and skills. The fact that it was a small group, due to the circumstances, allowed for the students to get to know each other and bond. Everybody shared skills, knowledge and had tons of fun doing so.

Recommendations:

WHAT COULD BE CHANGED TO IMPROVE FUTURE EVENTS

Schools should confirm their participation before the deadline set; t-shirt sizes should be sent by deadline as well.

Financial Report

Income	
School Fees	3 Schools (\$500.00 Each) \$1,500.00
Subtotal	\$1,500.00
Expenses	
(Music Festival)	
Maestros de Música (Tutores) Delegados. Ali. Hot.	\$1,494.00
Personal de Apoyo (Viáticos Alimentación y Hotel)	\$2,445.00
Renta Vehículo de Apoyo	\$228.00
Gasolina Vehicular	\$76.00

Pago Sonidista Concierto Final	\$68.00
13 yardas de plástico para instrumentos(Copan)	\$7.67
Folders, Fotocopias en (Comprado En Copan)	\$13.00
Agua en Bote (Extra Comprado En Copan)	\$46.00
Medicinas de Emergencia (Comprados En Copan)	\$6.00
Cena (Padres Extra EIS) Carnitas Nia Lola	\$24.00
Entradas Extras Parque Arqueológico Extranjeros (Se cobra adicional \$5.46 más por ser extranjero)	\$120.20
Recuerdos Directores 1 colegio se retiró Antes del Evento	\$210.00
Placas (PREMIACION) 1 colegio se retiró Antes del Evento	\$232.00
Other	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$4,969.87
Awards	
Banners and Posters	Donation Pepsi /Gatorade
Programs	Donation Pepsi/Gatorade
Subtotal	\$0.00
Receptions	
Opening and Closing Ceremonies	Hotel Included
Subtotal	\$0.00
Total Incomes	\$1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$4,969.87.00
Result	-\$3,469.87.00



Small School AASCA 2015 Volleyball Tournament April 15-19, 2015

Final Memory

Participating Teams

School	Male	Female
Mazapan, Honduras	11	12
Colegio Maya de Guatemala	6	10
Colegio Maya de El Salvador	12	12
Colegio Americano Del Sur, Guatemala	-	8

La Ceiba Bilingual School *	11	-
Total	40	42
82 Students		

*Invitational Team.

Courts

Here during our tournament we used our main regulation size volleyball court which is the standard 18 x 9 m. Since we had a small tournament we were able to use our main court for all the matches. The court that was used had been re-surfaced right before the tournament started, so it was in prime playing condition for the whole tournament.

Final Results

Male Category	
First Place	Mazapan School of Honduras
Second Place	Colegio Maya of El Salvador
Third Place	Colegio Maya of Guatemala
Sportsmanship Award	Mazapan School of Honduras

Female Category	
First Place	Mazapan School of Honduras
Second Place	Colegio Maya of El Salvador
Third Place	Colegio Maya de Guatemala
Sportsmanship Award	Colegio Maya de Guatemala

Tournament MVP's

School	Female	Male
Mazapan School, Honduras	Cristina Young	Hermes Amendola
Colegio Maya, Guatemala	Rebecca Contreras	Alejandro Arzu
Colegio Maya de El Salvador	Adriana Daabub	Marco Alvayero
Colegio Americano Del Sur, Guatemala	Maria Andree Heguel	--

Summary

Overall, we had a great tournament that showed a great amount of success for everyone involved. The match schedule went according to the plan with having 1 hour and 15 minutes of match time before each match. The matches were almost always on time. Although the competition was not as high as it could have been, all the teams gave all their effort and showed a high level of sportsmanship. With the exception of one twisted ankle and a few scrapes, the safety of the tournament was outstanding.

Each school has been notified that they must turn in the tournament evaluation as soon as possible. It should be noted that each visiting school demonstrated a high level of sportsmanship and friendliness. This made the tournament enjoyable for all participants and supervisors.

Event: AASCA Small Schools Volleyball Tournament 2015		
Host School: Mazapan School		
Date of Event: 15/04/2015 - 18/04/2015		
Participants		
Number of Schools		4
	Number of teams	7
	Number of student participants	97
Income:		
	Fee per Athlete	0
	TOTAL fee per Athlete	0
	Fee per School	\$ 600
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 4,200
Expenses:		
	Opening Activity	\$ 502
	Closing Activity	\$889
	Refreshments and Beverages during the event	\$720
	Traveling plaque, medals and certificates	\$633
	Referees	\$1706
	Other Expenses (Red Cross/ Cleaning crew/ Staff tshirts)	\$469
	Total Income US\$	\$ 4,200.00
	Total Expenses US\$	\$ 4,920.31
Surplus or Overrun		-\$720.31
Request to AASCA:		
Mazapan School is asking the Principals and/or Directors to review the report in consideration of reimbursement for the deficit, considering the low participation in this tournament.		
Comments:		

XVII AASCA LARGE
SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL
Tournament
April 15-19, 2015



This is the report for the XVII AASCA Volleyball Tournament hosted by the American School of El Salvador where 10 large schools participated, nine girls teams with 101 players and 9 boys teams with 101 players. This report includes the final standings and the financial report.

American School of El Salvador

XVII AASCA Volleyball Report, American School of El Salvador

April 15-19, 2015

Participants:

Participating Schools	Girls	Boys
Country Day School (CDS)	12	12
Lincoln School	12	N/A
Colegio Americano de Guatemala (CAG)	12	12
Colegio Internamericano de Guatemala (CIG)	11	12
Village School	9	12
American School of Tegucigalpa (AST)	12	12
Escuela Internacional Sampedrana (EIS)	12	12
Happy Days and Freedom School (HDF)	N/A	10
American Nicaraguan School (ANS)	10	11
American School of El Salvador (EAS)	11	8
TOTAL	101	101

LIST ALL SCHOOLS (and quantity of participants or teams)

Any Special Events/Speakers/Information to mention:

- Use of a specific tournament web page www.amschool.edu.sv/aasca updated with statistics (day by day, games and sportsmanship), news, photos, games schedule
- School wide event with direct involvement of different divisions/departments *i.e* IT, Communications Department, US and MS administration, G40
- Opening ceremony where all school divisions participated: Lower School dance by second graders, Middle School band and mosaics and Upper School Cheering Squad and Masters of Ceremony

Final Standings (for competitive events):

	Girls	Boys
First place	Escuela Internacional Sampedrana	Happy Days and Freedom School
Second place	Colegio Americano de Guatemala	Escuela Internacional Sampedrana
Third place	American School of Tegucigalpa	American Nicaraguan School
Fourth place	American Nicaraguan School	American School of El Salvador
Fifth place	American School of El Salvador	American School of Tegucigalpa
Sixth place	Country Day School	Colegio Internamericano de Guatemala
Seventh place	Colegio Interamericano de Guatemala	Village School

Eighth place	Village School	Country Day School
Ninth place	Lincoln School	Colegio Americano de Guatemala

Record of final place standings

Sportsmanship Awards:

- Girls: Country Day School
- Boys: Escuela Internacional Sampedrana

Positive Feedback:

WHAT WENT WELL, TO BE EMULATED AT FUTURE EVENTS

- Division involvement in the opening ceremony, mosaics were amazing
- Use of international main referees FIVB accredited: 2 referees from Guatemala, 2 from Nicaragua and 5 from El Salvador. Referees were more objectives during the games

Recommendations:

WHAT COULD BE CHANGED TO IMPROVE FUTURE EVENTS

- Use of international referees for future AASCA Tournaments makes the tournament more objective

Financial Report

Income	
School Fees	\$10,800.00
Subtotal	\$10,800.00
Expenses	
(Vary by event)	
Lights/Sound Technician	\$1,713.74
Athletic equipment-balls etc.	\$7,083.89
Field Rentals	\$0.00
National Referees	\$2,240.00
4 International Referees	\$2,120.00
Electricity	\$0.00
Hydration	\$1,662.00
Medical Staff (extra time + 1 nurse)	\$258.25
Security (extra time)	\$369.31
Other	\$2,109.11
Subtotal	\$17,556.30
Awards	
Banners and Posters	\$2,799.75
Programs	\$566.45
Subtotal	\$3,366.20
Receptions	
Opening and Closing Ceremonies	\$6,915.81
Subtotal	\$6,915.81

Total Incomes	\$10,800.00
Total Expenses	\$27,838.31
Result	(\$17,038.31)

Of the total expenses of \$27,946.31, the amount donated in species was \$3,790.60 detailed as follows:

- \$2,120 for International Referees by Booster Club
- \$216 for Referees' shirts by Industrias Mendoza
- \$950 for Hydration by Industrias La Constancia S.A de C.V

Middle School Pilot Events

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT Oct31 & Nov 1, 2014

GASTOS	\$	Registration	\$
Camisetas	945.00	Balboa Panama	390.00
Bolsas	360.00	EIS	390.00
Folders	397.48	Lincoln	400.00
Lapices	99.75	Pan American	390.00
Tazas	99.75	ANS	390.00
Tere de Lopez	270.00	Maya Guatemala	400.00
Buses	206.67	AIS	390.00
Comida	935.00	Maya El Salvador	400.00
Cupcakes	30.00	CISS	400.00
Office Depot	68.00	EA	400.00
Publicaciones	205.15		
Camisetas Mathcounts	146.49		
Total	3763.29	Total	3950.00
Leftover	186.71		

Awards given:

Certificates of Participation for All Students

Distinguished Leader Award for the student from each school who best exhibited the spirit of the Leadership Conference during the event as determined by each school's coach

Certificates of Appreciation for all coaches and speakers

MATH Relay & MATHCOUNTS – February 13 & 14, 2015

GASTOS	\$	Registration	\$
Camisetas	800.49	American School GUA	400.00
Bolsas	512.11	Interamericano GUA	400.00
Pantalla Gigante	1375.00	Antigua IS	400.00
Lapices	169.50	Village Guatemala	400.00
Buses	414	Balboa Panama	400.00
Comida	1200.00	Lincoln	400.00
Donas	25.50	EIS	400.00
Publicaciones	77.96	Maya El Salvador	400.00
Trophies & medals	265.00	CISS	400.00
		Pan American ESA	400.00
		ABC El Salvador	400.00
		EA	400.00
Total	4839.07	Total	4800.00
Leftover (In red)	\$39.07		
Purchased too many shirts and bags			

Final Standings:

Math Relay:

- 1st Place: Panamerican School of El Salvador
- 2nd Place: Lincoln International Academy of Nicaragua
- 3rd Place: American School of El Salvador

Mathcounts:

- 1st Place Team: British School of El Salvador Team A
- 2nd Place Team: British School of El Salvador Team B
- 3rd Place Team: Balboa Academy of Panama Team A

- 1st Place Individual: Joshuah Chen of the British School of El Salvador
- 2nd Place Individual: Carlos Vasques of the British School of El Salvador
- 3rd Place Individual: Marcelo Moreno of the British School of El Salvador

Awards Given:

- Trophies and medals for all participants and their coach on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place teams
- Medals for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Mathletes of the Mathcounts competition
- Certificates of Participation for all student
- Distinguished Mathlete Award to each school's top mathlete as determined by each school's respective coach.
- Certificates of Appreciation for all coaches

Discussion of calendars:

Pledge Calendar (2015-2016) (With suggestions from Athletic Directors in March 2015)

EVENT	DATE	SCHOOL	-
High School Leadership Conference	September 16-20, 2015	International School of Panama	OK
Middle School Leadership Conference	September 24-27, 2015	Colegio Maya Guatemala	OK
Tri- Association Conference	October 7-9, 2015	Bogotá, Colombia	OK
Large School Basketball	October 21-25, 2015	American Nicaraguan School	OK
Small School Basketball	October 21-25, 2015	American International School (Costa Rica)	OK
Elementary Principals' meeting	October 22-25, 2015	Colegio Americano de Guatemala	OK
<i>MS Invitational Pilot (Basketball)</i>	October 29-November 1, 2015	Colegio Americano de Guatemala	OK
PANAMUN	October 28-30, 2015	International School of Panama	OK
Knowledge Bowl	November 11-15, 2015	Colegio Americano de Guatemala	
Invitational Cross-Country and Track and Field*	November 18-22, 2015	Maya	OK
Drama Festival	January 27-31, 2016	International School of Panama	OK
Athletic Directors' Meeting	January 28-31, 2016	Pan-American (Costa Rica)	OK
<i>Math Counts (Middle School)</i>	January 27-31, 2016	EAS	Ok
Large School Soccer	February 10-14, 2016	EAS	OK
Small School Soccer	March 9-13, 2016* (Can it be moved a week either direction? Hacia democracy this weekend)	Pan-American School & Colegio (El Salvador) Internacional de San Salvador	*
Invitational Volleyball	April 13-17, 2016	Lincoln, Costa Rica	OK
MS/HS Principals' Meeting	April 20-24, 2016	Panama Balboa	Ok
General Directors' Meeting	April 27-May 1, 2016	Miami	Ok

Hosting Pledges 2016-2017

Suggested by Athletic Directors in March 2015

EVENT	SCHOOL
MS Leadership Conference	Country Day School
HS Leadership Conference	Colegio Americano del Sur (Guatemala)
Tri- Association Conference	
Invitational Basketball	Colegio Interamericano de Guatemala or EIS
Elementary Principals' meeting	
MS Invitational (Soccer or volleyball if it is continued)	Lincoln School of Costa Rica
<i>PANAMUN</i>	ISP
Knowledge Bowl	AST Honduras*
Invitational Cross-Country and Track and Field	EAS
<i>Math Counts (MS)</i>	EAS
Music Festival	ISP (co-hosted by Balboa)
Athletic Directors' Meeting	American International School Costa Rica
Large School Soccer	ANS
Small School Soccer	Pan-American School, CR
Large School Volleyball	Lincoln International Academy, Nic
Small School Volleyball	Colegio Maya, Guatemala
MS/HS Principals' Meeting	Mazapan School Honduras
General Directors' Meeting	Miami

Community Service Awards:

School Wide Projects:

- AST- The Honduras Project
- Lincoln International Nicaragua- Aproquen

Club Projects:

- Balboa- RISE
- Escuela Internacional Sampedrana- Misión Internacional Voces Esperanza

Election of Officers for 2015-2016

President: Maria Motz (AST)

Vice- President- Rita Sosa (Balboa)

Secretary- Courtney Cullum (Mazapan)

Tech Support- Ken Davis (Inter-Americano)

Suggestions for Future Principals Conferences:

- Visit other schools during conference (Congratulations to Patrick and Miguel)
- Name Tags- placards in front of each person.
- Prior to conference send a “hi and a photo” to the group to get to know names and faces prior to coming.
- Continue to have in-house PD from principals sharing things going on in their own schools.