

IMSA PAC meeting

Saturday, May 15, 2010

President-Karen Schwerbrock-Called meeting to order. Welcomed all parents and staff.

Secretary-Tracey Rossi-Roll call, quorum met.

Motion made to approve April 2010 meeting minutes by Stu Bloom, seconded by Margie Getz. Motion approved unanimously, minutes approved.

Karen Schwerbrock thanked the PAC members and committee chairs for all of the support and work to make the last two years so successful. Karen presented gifts of appreciation to officers.

Vice President-Steve Maril-Reported on the last bus trip mix-up by the bus company, and thanked all of the IMSA people for working together to get the students home safely. Thank you to PAC for the work accomplished over the last two years.

Treasurer-Tom Hize-Under budget \$6,000, have \$31,000 in account and will spend \$14,000 for senior banquet and \$3,000 for other expenses.

No Downstate or Metro coordinator reports.

College and Academic Counseling-Julia Husen-Prom was wonderful. We have 178 students graduating this year compared to 202 last year. An average of nine transcripts per student were sent out with a total of 1,660. Most popular colleges were University of Illinois, Northwestern, Washington University, and University of Chicago. Top three for percentage of acceptances from IMSA were Cal Tech, Carnegie Mellon, and USC. Friday is the due date for final choice of where to send transcripts, so will have to final matriculation list next week. When applying, students should think about where they will be attending school and whether they will be happy. Environment is important, and students should be realistic and not apply just for the sake of getting admitted.

Student Council-Newly elected officers introduced. President-Shawon Jackson and Secretary Satoe Sakuma talked about the teacher's appreciation reception held with cakes, cupcakes and banners. The teachers were very appreciative.

Administration-Barb Miller (Director of Enrollment and Academic Services)-Last night was Prom and the administration members were chaperoning, so are not here this morning. Bob Hernandez reported this morning that the Prom was amazing and the students had a phenomenal time. Registration for rising Jr. and Srs. needs to be completed online by the end of the month. Attendance is an issue, so students need to make sure they get to class on time. Students need to remember that academics must be the first priority. Please start taking home items from your students' rooms. Housing lists are out. Please talk to the Head RC of each dorm if you have any questions. Summer orientation is June 25-26 and 27-28. We need volunteer help. Acceptance letters went out yesterday, May 14. We over admitted with 236 acceptances for 221 spaces. It is a very competitive class. We had 745 applications, accepted 37 deferred from last year, and 41 eighth graders.

IMSA Fund-Karen Schwerbrock-Parent giving is at 43%, the largest amount ever. Please contribute if you have not done so already. We can make 50% by July if we really try. Every donation counts.

Communications-Stu Bloom-Thank you to Ralph Flickinger and Peter Edgars for all of their work on the new website which is online now. PAC will try to keep it updated as changes occur.

Student Life-Elisa Dressler- Only four parents were present at the meeting this morning. Saturday Something program will possibly be once a month. We are looking for ways to improve communications with the parents. Please join us at 9a.m. on the mornings of the PAC meetings.

Senior Banquet-Nameeta Vedak-The slide show CD's and the photo album gifts are ready. We have had wonderful help...thank you. Marci Crawford is the new chairperson, with Tracy Rogers as the co-chair. The new contract has been signed for the same venue-The Lisle Wyndham. We have twelve volunteers but need more. Email me at cajumas@gmail.com with your contact information please.

Friday Fest-Patti Hizel-Thank you to all who have supported this event either by donating food, money or working. The Finals Fest will be on Monday, Memorial Day, May 31 with set-up beginning at 2p.m. We will be cooking out for the entire campus...Sodexo will be closed. Please come and participate. We need desserts and side dishes.

Parent Partners-Alisa Dressler-We need a volunteer to be the new chairperson. We will address communications issues.

Technology-Arnold Crater-New Executive Director/ITS Chairman. Background of experience given-Mechanical Engineer Uof I, MBA Northwestern, Engineer with Motorola, Accenture-Network Technology. Will be working on ITS internal optimization, the video/photo lab, and internal and external work such as fundraising, alumni contacts, and integrating the 1:1 computing tablet process by collaborating with faculty.

Old Business

Placement testing-need volunteers in Godfrey and Marion on Saturday, June 5 and at IMSA on Friday, June 4. This is IMSA's graduation weekend. Summer orientation volunteers can contact Stu Bloom at sbloom@earlvillepost.com .

Budget-Executive committee voted to spend \$499.00 on a new PAC video camera for streaming meetings. Another \$250.00 was approved for purchasing accessories such as the tripod, case, etc. The purchase of fourteen cots (\$499.00) for the dorms to be used when prospective students shadow IMSA students was approved. We need a PAC vote for a Friday Fest refrigerator for the Kid's Institute/Student Union. Motion made by Patti Hizel to purchase a new refrigerator for \$2,000. Motion seconded by Margie Getz. No discussion requested. Motion unanimously approved.

Table turned over to Stu Bloom the incoming IMSA PAC President.
Thanked Karen for all of her work and introduced the new officers.

President-Stu Bloom
Vice President-Peter Edgars
Treasurer-Toni Skoogs
Secretary-DeAnn Edgars
Downstate Coordinator-Sandi Duval
Metro Coordinator-Julie Geldner
Multicultural Coordinator-open

These positions make up the Executive Committee which will meet before the scheduled PAC meetings.

Placement testings-need volunteers to welcome parents and host a question/answer meeting....can arrange at a coffee shop close by or bring doughnuts and drinks.

Summer Orientation-need volunteers to greet parents in the mornings and help throughout the day.

Picnics-all regions should host a welcome picnic for the new families. Please volunteer to sbloom@earlvillepost.com so we can get the lists and information out to the families in a timely manner.

Motion to adjourn made by Renita Miller, seconded by Karen Schwerbrock.
Meeting adjourned.

Recorded by Tracey Rossi