

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING  
OF THE 1997-98 IMSA PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
OCTOBER 18, 1997**

(Next Meeting: Nov. 15, 10:00 AM. at IMSA)

The October meeting of 1997-98 Parents Association was called to order by President Stuart Cohen at 10:10AM Saturday October 18, 1997 at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance was taken, and a quorum was present.

The meeting began with a commentary by the President on several past incidents at IMSA reflecting **unethical behavior** by students. A more recent incident concerning a hateful message was discussed with Principal Gregg Sinner joining in the discussion. The change in school policy concerning Dismissal rather than allowing a student to Withdraw was discussed.

Principal Sinner announced that the **leadership council** was being reinstated. This group includes parents, students, faculty and administrative staff and will discuss policy at IMSA. The first meeting of the year will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Inquiry** was the next topic of discussion. This is still a concept evolving. A clearer understanding of Inquiry expectations is required. What are IMSA's expectations and how will they be met? What is "authentic" research? A change in Inquiry as it relates to Junior students was announced with it being optional this year. This announcement triggered discussion as Junior Inquiry was designed as mandatory for Juniors this year.

Deb Guffy referred to a thank you scroll from the students attending the **Natural Helpers** program. Sophomore students are still attending **Navigation** sessions which has small groups of students meeting with IMSA adults on Inquiry Days. On behalf of LuAnn Smith, Ms. Guffy distributed the schedule of IMSA Informational Meetings to be held throughout the state from mid-November through late January. Current IMSA parents are encouraged to attend and the Parents Council will make a concerted effort to obtain volunteers.

Sarah Guthrie from the **Student Council** reported that the in-wing curfew on Tuesday evenings prior to Inquiry days is under discussion.

The Parents Association still has **vacancies** for Region 3 (Kankakee, Champaign, Effingham) Junior class and Region 4 (Springfield, Quincy) Senior class representatives to the Council.

The "extra" room in each resident hall has been converted into a second office for the RCs and, therefore, are unavailable to PAC members the evening before a meeting. However, Deb Guffy

announced that a cot could be made available if necessary.

**Academic Committee** - David Dean distributed notes from the September 18<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup> meetings and discussed Inquiry which was the subject of the most recent meeting. The next meeting will be November 4<sup>th</sup> and will cover the Mentorship program and foreign language program.

**Student Life** - Linda Mellis reported that the RCs' newsletters are better; student telephones are blocked from 900 telephone numbers; and all hazing is to be reported. Hea-Ran (Helen) Ashraf had compiled an [in depth review of the Arbor menu](#) over a three week period and wrote a report on the subject. This is a "must read" for all PAC members and will be distributed. Carol Berger will join Helen Ashraf on the Food Service Subcommittee.

**Parent Partners** - Currently there are 19 Parent Partners. Cindy Orwig would like to hear from parents for more ideas for wing activities. She suggested a pizza party for the RCs, CDs and Parent Partners to exchange ideas.

**Treasurer's Report** - Larry Lawson reported that the Parents Fund balance as of September 31, 1997 was \$15,457.30. The Phon-A-Thon, on October 27-29 needs more volunteers especially on Wednesday evening. The furniture the PA purchased was under budget. The ultra sound machine is being used more than expected and requires a physician's direction for treatment.

**Technology** - David Gossman. Next month there will be a tour of the computer facility prior to next months meeting. After the November meeting, there will be a training session for any PAC member wanting to establish a Titan account.

**Communications** - Jerry Rickert is seeking more articles for the Newsletter and hopes to publish early in November.

**Community Service** - Dianne Falgiani reported on her committee's work and proposed a resolution for the PAC. It was noted that 86% of the parents responding to the survey favored some kind of parent community service. The President suggested that the resolution be submitted in writing to all Council members and considered at the next meeting.

**Recruitment Strategies** - The project has not yet started but LuAnn Smith informed the President today that there would be two regional meetings with 12-15 parents being invited to attend each session. Volunteers from Regions 2 and 3 could be accommodated.

**Volunteers** - As Volunteer Coordinator Joan Winstein indicated that 83 people are on the parent volunteer database plus the 30+ members of the PAC.

Carol Quandt reported that only 7 of the 30 **Phone Trees** have been completed. This is an

important item and needs to be completed as soon as possible. Ms. Quandt also acknowledged thank you notes from the IMSA community for the new furniture, from Deb Guffy for the furniture and all that the PA has done for the students, and from Ellen Johnson.

John Eggebrecht stopped in to say thanks for the furniture. The students really like it.

**General** - Cheryl Meyers filed a report on the **Ice Cream Social** which will be of tremendous assistance next year in planning the event. Arbor did a fabulous job and the President sent a thank you to them. The extra ice cream was served to the students. A brief discussion of applications to and admissions to the **U of Illinois** (Urbana and Chicago) from the Class of 1998 was had. It should be noted that about 5% of the applicants were not accepted.

**Special Gift** - Sandy Lenz on behalf of the **Region 2** (Peoria, Bloomington) bus fund donated \$1,200 to the Parents Fund. This was extra money that had accumulated over a number of years and the parents decided to donate these funds to the PA. The parents had no restrictions on the funds but hoped that the money would be spent this year. Thanks Region 2!!

**Funding Requests** - The Music Department requested funding for 2 **acoustical shells** (\$2,815 total) and 5 4'X8'X16" **portable platforms** (\$1,825 total). The Funding Subcommittee was split and decided to present the arguments to the entire Council for discussion and determination. Both requests would add to IMSA's supply of identical items and many IMSA departments make use of both items. The Council discussed using its funds for this rather than the projects that had been targeted at the summer retreat. It was decided to split the request and David Kinney moved with Sandy Ohler seconding that the Parents Association spend \$1,825.00 for the platforms. The motion passed. The acoustical shells can be brought up at a latter meeting.

Larry Lawson discoursed on **vacuum cleaners**. John Greg moved and David Gossman seconded that \$2,711.00 be spent to purchase 14 vacuum cleaners for the residence halls. The motion passed.

Joan Guilianelli raised the **RC/CD/Parent Partners pizza party** discussed earlier. Sharen Gerlick moved and Helen Newell seconded that \$200.00 be used for the Parent Partner idea exchange pizza party. The motion passed.

Glenn Schwartzwalde's request for funds was discussed. Most of the funds requested were considered and voted upon last year and therefore did not need discussion. However, a request for \$625 to print the athletic schedules and directions to away games was tabled.

Immediately after the meeting an orientation session for new PAC representatives will be held. Stuart Cohen, Sandy Lenz and Will Guilianelli will conduct the meeting.

Joan Winstein moved and Will Guilianelli seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Carol L. Quandt, Secretary

Attachments in Secretary's File:

Attendance List

Thank Yous from: Deb Guffy, IMSA Community, Ellen Johnson

Academic Committee minutes

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