

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE 1997-98 IMSA PARENTS
ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 15, 1997**

(Next meeting: January 17, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at IMSA)

The November meeting of the 1997-98 Parents Association was called to order by President Stuart Cohen at 10:10 A.M. on Saturday November 15, 1997, at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken, and a quorum was present.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The meeting began with the President reading IMSA's Mission Statement. The Board of Trustees November Meeting was briefly explained including the \$500,000 alumni gift and the upcoming Grainger tour of the proposed student inquiry center. Dr. Ron Pine's move from the proposed center and his college recommendations for senior students were clarified.

The new report card format was discussed. In early 1996 an ad-hoc subcommittee of the Academic Committee forwarded recommendations to the Parents Association Council, which were passed as a resolutions. Carol Quandt, a member of the subcommittee, read the resolutions and they will be forwarded to Principal Sinner and Assistant to the Principal for Operations Ed Goebel. Parents are encouraged to send their comments to Dr. Goebel.

MINUTES

Sharen Gerlick moved and Nancy Steinberg seconded that the minutes from the September and October meetings be accepted. The motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Greg Sinner explained some of the perimeters that the Board of Trustees has mandated regarding the school calendar. The school must open before Labor Day and close after Memorial Day. Sophomores must start at least two days before upper classmen. There are 12 or 13 state holidays to be included. Extended weekends need to be spaced so that students get to see their families regularly. There must be a balance in the length of both semesters.

The phone message incident reflecting unethical behavior was discussed. Sophomores were informed first and then the rest of the school at an all school meeting. The affected students and their parents addressed the school meeting and the mother of one of the students addressed the Parents Association. The incident is still under investigation by the Aurora Police Department. The Parents Association was in agreement that this type of behavior should and will not be tolerated at IMSA.

Differences in grading and discipline among teachers of the same subject were briefly discussed. This is a subject better suited for the Academic Committee as contrasted with the Parents Association Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Committee - David Dean reported on their meeting with the Mentorship and Fine Arts representatives (Dr. Peggy Connolly and Mark Running, respectively). There are 140 students with mentorships with many more students on the waiting list. Appropriate mentorships and, more recently, transportation are problems. Many of the mentorships require a two-year commitment with both junior and senior students attending. The Fine Arts department also explained their programs which, based on less than three full time instructors, is quite impressive.

Student Life

Linda Mellis reported that weekend suspensions for improper behavior have been changed to probation. This is more clearly explained on page 30 of the Student Handbook. Notes from last month's meeting were made available.

A food service subcommittee is being formed so that the entire student life committee can focus on other issues. Carol Berger and Hea-Ran (Helen) Ashraf will serve as co-chairs of this subcommittee and Ms. Berger reported to the Association. Arbor is getting more equipment so that they will be able to do a better job and will have the menus posted. They have been sent to the residence halls and it is up to the hall to see that it is posted. Ms. Berger has attended the food service meetings.

CAC Committee

Emanuel Imoukhuede reported that we need to start thinking about College Day. It is scheduled for April 25, 1998. College Day is a "must" for Junior students and their parents and recommended for Sophomore students.

Technology

David Gossman reported that the committee had a tour of the IMSA computer facilities before the meeting led by Matt Wicks. Next month he will have ideas of where the X terminals might be located. After today's meeting, the Titan system tutorial will be held.

Treasurers Report

Larry Lawson reported that the Phone-A-Thon was a huge success raising over \$41,000 compared to \$30,000 for each of the past several years. A job well done was expressed to Larry Lawson and Britta McKenna who organized and supervised the event. A formal thank you was sent to Britta.

The Parents Fund balance at October 31, 1997 was \$25,853.13.

The vacuum cleaners (see October minutes) have been ordered. They should arrive in the residence halls in early December.

Arlene Quinn reported on the planters. Live plants were investigated, however, there is not an adequate way to maintain them over vacations and artificial plants are being considered. Ruth Margolis offered to help. Ms. Quinn is presently investigating the cost although preliminary estimates are in the range of \$2,500 for the four planters. Ms. Quinn also reported that it is too late in the year to plant near the 1506 and 1507 resident halls. Pat Morley is taking the lead of

this project with a possible planting day next spring.

Communications

Articles are needed including regional activities or items of note. There may be a Holiday issue of the Newsletter but it depends on receiving information from parents.

Recruitment Strategies

The second and final meeting will be held on December 2nd hosted by Kathleen and Les Miller in Arlington Heights.

General

Not all of the completed Phone Trees have been turned in. Please get them to Carol Quandt as soon as possible.

The Springfield meeting will be held February 21, 1998. Possible locations and activities are being considered.

Frances Manson, who has volunteered to organize the Senior dinner, made a brief presentation and senior parents and students will meet immediately after the adjournment to discuss the dinner.

Nancy Steinberg moved and Sharen Gerlick seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

The executive board will meet on Saturday December 13th, at 10:00 A.M.

The next meeting of the Parents Association Council will be held Saturday, January 17, 1998 at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Quandt
Secretary

Attachments in secretary's file
Attendance Sheet
Academic Committee Meeting Minutes
Food Service Committee Report
Report on Health Care Policies
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