

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF THE 1997-98 PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
APRIL 18, 1998  
(Next meeting May 16, 1998 at IMSA)

The April meeting of the 1997-98 Parents Association was called to order by Vice President Jerry Rickert at 10:03 A.M. on Saturday, April 18, 1998 at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

#### ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

#### COMMUNITY PICNIC

The community picnic which was scheduled for today was cancelled. The reason for the cancellation was not given.

#### MINUTES

Sharen Gerlick moved and Will Guilianelli seconded that the March minutes be approved. The motion passed.

#### IMSA REPORT

Dr. Sinner reported that the third quarter grades were finished early and sent out. The Parent to Parent Newsletter was accidentally left out of the mailing.

Interim reports will be mailed next week.

Presentation Day will be Wednesday, April 28.

There are many poster presentations around the building from student inquiries. Be sure to see them.

The Grainger Lab planning process is complete. The lab should be ready for use some time during the fall term next year.

Due to the recent news reports on vans IMSA is studying its van policy. It is legal to use them for student transportation. At the present time IMSA is not planning on making any major changes.

IMSA has received a visit from a 7-12 grade school principal from China. Next week IMSA will host a delegation from the French Ministry of Education.

Cathy Veal is ill today so she will give her presentation in May.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### ACADEMIC

David Dean postponed his meeting this morning. The speaker was unavailable. Arlene Quinn is serving on the accreditation Committee too. She reported on last month's meeting. (See attached)

##### STUDENT LIFE

Sue Guilianelli submitted the minutes for their last meeting. (See attached) A number of students attended the last Food Committee meeting. The draft of the report has been sent to Student Council for their review and input. The committee is waiting for their response. It was decided that more representatives need to be placed on the food committee.

The question of funds for halls was raised. Some wings are receiving donated VCRs while others are not. There will be a list of spare VCRs made and which wings have them.

The evaluation of the RCs form will be sent home. All are encouraged to fill them out and return them as soon as possible. A focus on RC communication is being started. Students will also evaluate RCs. The Academy is looking for ways to encourage RCs to return. For next year 13 RCs are definitely and 4 are possibly leaving. There will be a new structure for each hall next year. One RC will be in charge of the hall. There will be a 2 week staff training for all RCs during the summer. The CD program had been expanded to give more students the opportunity to be CDs. In the past there have been too many students for the positions available.

The Snowball weekend was cancelled due to the decreasing attendance at the meetings. It will be rescheduled.

There has been increasing concern about the decreasing number of activities that have been planned for students on the weekends.

Wing newsletters are still needed.

## TREASURERS REPORT

The increased amount to \$308.00 for the music awards was approved by President Cohen. The increase was due to a larger number of Participants than in previous years.

The request for a thermometer in 1506 was discussed. No action was taken.

The committee will review all unfunded requests that have come in for the year so they can be reexamined.

## TECHNOLOGY

David Gossman reported that Sandy Donahue will catalog and manage the software lending library.

## PARENT TO PARENT HANDBOOK

Joan Guilianelli reported that the handbook is almost revised. A big thank you was given to Liz Pasqualucci for all of her hard work.

## OLD BUSINESS

### LANDSCAPING

The money went further than expected. We will need lots of volunteers. Please bring both digging equipment and people. The digging will start at 10:00 A.M. on April 25.

### BYLAWS PROPOSAL

The bylaws proposal that was submitted last month has not been in the hands of the members for 7 days as required. Therefore any action on it will have to be taken next month.

## NEWSLETTER

The final edition of the newsletter will be mailed with the student's report card. Any entries must be submitted to Jerry by midnight May 24.

## NEW BUSINESS

June 14 is the date for the Parent Association retreat for all new officers. It is highly recommended that all attend.

## STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IMSA took first place in the Scholastic Bowl. This the third consecutive year for it that IMSA has retained the title.

Dance Squad took first in state.

The new clock in the entrance was made by Richard Goetze '97.

## CORPORATE GIFTS

The question of if an acknowledgement is sent if corporate gifts are received was raised.

## SPORTS

It was brought to attention that IMSA sports teams are not always carried in the local newspapers. Further investigation revealed that the scores have to be called in by the school. Since our coaches do not do that, our victories are not always reported by opposing teams.

## SOPHOMORE MOVE IN DAY

Nancy Steingberg asked that a chairperson be appointed for Sophomore Move In Day.

## ADJOURNMENT

David Gossman moved and Kathy Myers seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Quandt

Attachments in Secretary's file

Attendance list

Academic Committee Report

Student Life Committee Minutes

Treasurer's Report



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