

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE 1997-98 PARENTS ASSOCIATION
MAY 16, 1998
(Next meeting June 13, 1998 at IMSA)

The May meeting of the 1997-98 Parents Association was called to order by President Stuart Cohen at 10:07 A.M. on Saturday, May 16, 1998 at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

APRIL MINUTES

Jerry Rickart moved and Nancy Steinberg seconded that the April minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion passed.

DR. SINNER'S REPORT

Dr. Sinner reported that Dr. Marshall has been hospitalized for elective preventative surgery. She should be released from the hospital on Saturday or Sunday.

The number of applicants for the Class of 2001 is up. 700 students applied. 242 were accepted and 35 were waitlisted.

Deb Guffy is leaving to become the Dean of Students at the Science and Mathematics Academy in Arkansas.

There is the possibility of changing to A status due to the size of IMSA. IMSA will apply for the change from AA to A next year. There was a discussion as to how this would effect the Scholastic Bowl competition.

There was a problem on Presentation Day because not all students attended. There have been an increasing number of students taking advantage of only one day hall supervisor on duty on Wednesdays. The academy will look into how to solve the problem.

A discussion on the alcohol policy was held. It will be discussed further at the June retreat. We will discuss how we can help decrease the increasing usage of it on campus.

In the long range plan for Inquiry, it is planned to have it be a graduation requirement within the next five years. IMSA is implementing the process gradually.

CATHY VEAL REPORT

The legislative consultant that was employed has been effective. They have given good advice as how to strengthen out position with the Illinois Legislature.

Individual parents can help by sharing their personal experience with IMSA with their individual legislators. This would lay the groundwork for any future contacts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC

David Dean had been trying Saturday A.M. meetings to make it easier for downstate people to attend. The objective of the committee is to deal with an overview of the programs that are here at IMSA. Today they reviewed the longitudinal study. (See attached)

There is a consortium group of institutions similar to IMSA. IMSA will do their institutional studies for them. This will give IMSA a control group to use in measuring the effectiveness of our programs.

STUDENT LIFE

Linda Mellis reported that things for summer orientation are being made ready. We feel that many improvements will be made. (See attached)

Health issues and food issues will be considered next year.

FOOD COMMITTEE

Carol Burger reported that the rough draft of the report is ready but that they are waiting for Arbor's response.

PARENT PARTNERS

24 wings were covered this year. (See attached) The booklet will be ready for next year will ideas for wing and hall activities.

Betty Dietrich and Sue Hensley will be the chairpersons next year.

AD HOC POLICY CHANGE

Dr. Sinner reported on the change in the student record policy. (See attached) President Cohen explained the impact that the changes would have on students. He sent a letter to the Board of Trustees. (See attached) Dr. Sinner, Stuart Cohen, Moses Harris Sr. and Nancy Steinberg will work together to establish language for the new policy.

TREASURERS REPORT

We have about twelve thousand more dollars to spend. We have spent seventy thousand up to the present time. (See attached)

TECHNOLOGY

David Gossman reported that he committee has met many of its goals. The X terminals are in place. The software library is ready. The health and safety issues in the labs have been addressed and improved. David will continue to work over the summer on the Grainger Lab. He will continue to keep parents informed to he progress. There has been an improvement in student access to computers in the residence halls. They are considering loaning computers to some students. We will consider funding to the Grainger facility next year.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jerry Rickart reported that we have had four issues of the Parent to Parent Newsletter. The last issue will be distributed with the report cards.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Joan Winstein reported that the first year was very successful. The staffed a lot of committees. The Music Parents Group was started. They have provided refreshments after the concerts. The brochure for volunteers was redesigned. It was suggested that concert reviews be gotten to the newsletter next year.

LANDSCAPING

May and Pat Morley did the organization of the 06 & 07 landscaping. It was a huge success. Letters of appreciation were sent. (See attached)

FUNDING REQUESTS

John Gregg moved and Jerry Rickart seconded that \$2,181 be given for the acoustical shells. The motion passed.

David Gossman moved and Carol Quandt seconded that \$315 be spent for the printing requested by the athletic department. The motion passed.

David Gossman moved and Jerry Rickart seconded that \$300 be spent to bring the Tribune bill up to date. The motion was passed.

David Gossman moved and Jerry Rickart seconded that \$102.80 be allocated for the phone-a-thon. The motion passed.

Linda Mellis moved and Nancy Steinberg seconded that \$1000 be spent for software for the software library. The motion passed.

Sue Guilianelli moved and Liz Pasqualucci seconded that \$4300 be spent for an elliptical trainer and an AirDine bike. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

John Thompson and John Gregg were thanked for making College Day a success.

The amendment proposed by Marilyn Thompson was brought to the floor. Carol Quandt moved and Nancy Steinberg seconded that it be voted on. The amendment was defeated.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

David Mellis was one of the sixteen finalists in the 10th International Olympiad in Informatics.

THANK YOUS

Thank yous were read. (See attached)

RETREAT

The summer retreat is scheduled for June 13 & 14 at IMSA.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry Lawson moved and Carol Burger seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Quandt, Secretary

Attachments in Secretary's file

Attendance list

Letter to Dr. Marshall-Board of Trustees Meeting

Letter to Dr. Marshall-Objection to Board Policy Change

Letter to Mr. Thomas Bradenburg-06 & 07 Plantings

Letter to Mr. James Bondi-06 & 07 Plantings

Student Life Committee Summary

Student Life Committee Report for April

Treasurers Report

Parent to Parent Handbook

Parent Partners Year End Summary

Class of 1993 Profile

Class of 1996 Profile

Classes of 1989 & 1990 Profiles

Exempt Records

Thank you-Kevin Pennington

USACCO finalist list

1998-99 Representative list



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