

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING
OF THE 1998-99 IMSA PARENTS ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 17, 1998**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President David Dean called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken, and a quorum was present.

III. MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Doyle, seconded by Kathy Myers, that the minutes for the May 16 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS AND REGIONAL REPS.

President Dave Dean introduced the officer and regional representatives.

V. REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT REGARDING SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

- David reported the Parents Council's retreat in June was a success where goals were prioritized (see insert), and many issues discussed.
- David attended the IMSA Board of Trustees Meeting, and the revised Student Record Policy was discussed. It has been accepted by the Board of Trustees but continues to be revised by the Administration. He will continue to follow up on its implementation.
- Regional picnics were held and representatives were chosen. (see insert)
- Attended private meetings with Stephanie Marshall and Greg Sinner to discuss the goals of the PAC.
- David thanked Carol Quandt for the implementation of the phone tree this summer regarding the death of former student Dan Hammon.
- A brief report was given regarding the Executive Council meeting held on Moving Day, August 23, 1998. (minutes inserted)
- David Dean, President, was unable to attend the interviews for the Director of Student Leadership, and Lorelei Riddle attended. Linda Mellis also attended the final interview.
- The Downstate Meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 14. Later notification will be given.
- It was noted that Angela Jones agreed to be Senior Rep for Region 3.

VI. Report by Principal Greg Sinner

For the school year, 1998-99 IMSA has had a good start. The education curriculum and facilities continues to grow and programs developed. The administration continues to foster dialogue defining who we are and where we are going.

VII. Report by Assistant Principal and temporary Director of Student Life, Eric McLaren.

A public announcement will be made soon regarding the selection of Robert Hernandez as the new Director of Student Life. Mr. Hernandez is presently on staff at the academy.

VIII. INTRODUCTIONS

Student Council rep: Kathy Adams

Standing Committees: Meetings will begin in October and will be held prior to the Parent Council meetings.

1. Academic Committee: Chairman - Ev Prested. Meets at 8:30 a.m.
2. Volunteer Chairman: Chairwoman - Joan Winstein - looking for additional volunteers - see insert.
3. Student Life: Chairwoman Linda Mellis: meets at 9:00 a.m.
4. Committee of College and Academic Counseling: Chairman - John Thompson; the annual college fair will be held in April along with the smaller college days throughout the year.
5. Technology Committee: Chairman - Mike Doyle; the committee will continue to help with funding and assisting the Academy's Computer faculty, Mr. Wicks.
6. Parent Partners: Chairwoman Betty Detrich; announcement for anyone who would like to help with wing parties.
7. Metro Coordinator: Joan Winstein - has compiled a list of IMSA parent volunteers and solicited additional help to anyone who would like to become involved.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT: Stuart Cohen

Financial Statement attached.

Phone-a-thon scheduled for October 26, 27, and 28. Volunteers are needed on these evenings to phone parents for pledges.

X. PARENTS ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT:

David Dean read the PA Mission Statement for IMSA. (see attached)

XI. CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS:

The Parent Council will address the following:

- Students attitudes towards math - is there significant evidence that the students' enthusiasm towards math changes from positive to negative as a result of being at IMSA?
- Food Report -evaluating the Administration's response to the PA report completed in February 1998.
- There have been complaints that there is not enough to do on the weekends on campus.
- Improving parent-teacher communications'; is an Open House for the second semester a good idea? This will be discussed with the Administration.
- The Parents Council will be networking with other math and science academies for ideas, especially for the improvement of communications.
- The phone tree was distributed to the regional representatives, to be completed and returned to Carol Berger, Secretary.

XII. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned and each regional group had a brief meeting for the purpose of electing representatives where needed and the distribution of phone trees.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Carol Y. Berger, Secretary



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