

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1999 MEETING OF THE 1998-99 IMSA PARENTS ASSOCIATION

April 17, 1999

### I. Call to Order by Vice President Loreli Riddle

### II. Reports:

#### A. IMSA Business Plan -- Stephanie Marshall

Dr. Marshall presented IMSA\*s Business Plan up to the year 2003. In doing so, the essence of the institution for the immediate future is to create a program for students to become inquirers, leaders, and stewards. In addition, IMSA is committed to the advancement of teaching for teachers in the State of Illinois so they, too, can develop skills to teach their students to become inquirers, leaders, and stewards.

The Goals for IMSA are the following: (1) By the year 2003 to be recognized as an exemplar and a national leader in the teaching and learning and the demonstration of mathematics and science. And, (2) by the year 2006 to be recognized as a pioneer and architect of inquiry that is centered by problem based learning and is integrative which enables learning to acquire and generate Core Competency.

IMSA\*s plan is under the jurisdiction of the Higher Board of Education of Illinois. The plan will be presented in August as they are requesting such a plan from all institutions of higher education. No funding will be given until a business plan is presented.

Dr. Marshall also announced that the Federal Government has allocated funds for IMSA and the City of Chicago to build institutes committed to the Advancement of Teaching.

#### B. President\*s Report - written by President David Dean and read by Vice President Loreli Riddle:

\*I regret that I am not able to be present at the meeting this morning, but I had a prior commitment (a year old) for this weekend. My activities as President this month included representing the Parents\* Association with the IMSA Board of Trustees. The revised student discipline policy had its second reading and the student expression policy the first reading. A former IMSA parent read an impassioned statement about her child\*s withdrawal from IMSA due to substance abuse. A substance abuse task force is being established and will need parent involvement. I also participated in a meeting with our PAC Food Committee along with Stephanie Marshall and Bill Fritz. In the meeting we expressed our concerns (actually Carol

Berger and Joan Winstein did most of the talking) about the food situation and the resulting frustrations of the parents in working with the administration. I feel the meeting was productive.\*

### C. Principal\*s Report -- Dr. Sinner

1. Rosemary, the receptionist, is back to work
2. A report was given on the 1st reading of the \*Receipt of Gifts Policy\* via Cathy Veal. Presently the policy allows nominal gifts to be given to employees not to exceed \$50.00, and the total amount each faculty member or staff is allowed to receive is \$500.00. Any questions regarding the gifts policy should be directed to Cathy Veal at ext. 5034.
3. The State Legislature is considering H1160 bill which changes IMSA\*s admissions formula. However, this bill is still in committee, and not expected to be reported out of committee, but we are never sure of what the legislature will do.
4. Dr. Sinner announced to the parents as stated in his e-mail to the IMSA community that he will be leaving on June 30 to Head a school in Massachusetts and Eric McLaren will be his successor.
5. The \*Chemical Use Policy\* is still being discussed and is under the direction of Bob Hernandez.

### C. Chemical Use at IMSA -- reported by Bob Hernandez:

This has been a high profile issue at IMSA and Bob reported the status of how IMSA is addressing the situation. Our resident expert is Deb McGrath, a social worker who is assisting with the administering and the interpreting of the survey given to the students in February following the AJHSME test. As Bob began explaining the results of the survey, questions were raised. (see web for survey results) A motion was made by Joan Winstein and seconded by Don Ennis to postpone further discussion until after the election of next year\*s Regional Representatives. The motion carried.

## V. COMMITTEES

1. Academic Committee -Ev Prested - the committee reviewed Inquiry, its history and where it is going. The NorthCentral Accreditation process will take place next year and is very important. The committee is looking for topics of discussion for next year. Mae Lyn Morley will be next year\*s Chairperson.
2. CAC - John Thompson - The College Fair will be held on April 24.
3. Communications - Loreli thanked Joan Winstein for helping with last month\*s newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter will be in late May. All committee members are expected to write an article and send them to Loreli - either by mail or via e-mail - Lrlnnk@AOL.com
4. Student Life - Linda Mellis
 

There will a request for funding of new lighting in the dorms. As soon as the cost is determined, the request will be made. We have three chairpersons for next year\*s music concert receptions. They are Penny Fillmer, Chandra Jadhvani, and Jeneatte and David Hachmeister. This committee will fall under the Academic Committee. The Student Life Committee is looking for a CoChairperson withSandy Ohler. If anyone is interested, please contact her.

5. Parent Partners Committee - Betty Dietrich absent.
6. Food Committee - Joan Winstein - the food committee met with Dr. Marshall in March and informed her of problems with Arbor. The meeting was productive. The contract comes up for renewal next year. We are looking for parent reps to be on the committee next year.
7. Technology - Mike Doyle reported that Matt Wicks thanks everyone for funds to provide computers on loan to students.
8. Treasurer\*s Report - Stuart Cohen was absent but he provided the balance sheet which is inserted in the minutes.
9. Senior Dinner - Sharen Gerlick - the Senior Dinner will be held at the Fox Valley Country Club. There has been a big problem with the Senior Annoucements and the vendor, Herff Jones of DeKalb. It was recommended that this vendor not be used next year.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of Regional Representatives; it was noted that all reps. are expected to attend the PA monthly meetings and the summer retreat. The reps. elected are as follows. The regions not listing anyone are in need of a rep.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Joan Winstein made a motioned and was seconded by Linda Mellis \*to expense \$750.00 for the purchase of 7 grills - one for each dorm. Motion passed.

## VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED.

IX. Discussion was held on the Chemical Abuse Policy and Survey led by Bob Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Y. Berger



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