

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1999 MEETING OF THE 1999-2000 IMSA PARENTS ASSOCIATION

January 15, 2000

I. Call to Order

Roll Call

II. Administration Reports:

A. Eric McLaren, Principal;

1. Eric reported on the Chicago Tribune article that appeared in the Sunday edition on January 9 regarding the resignation of IMSA's basketball coach , Terry O'Donnell. It was a very positive article emphasizing that IMSA is not only math and science exclusively, but has sports, too. Mr. O'Donnell has accepted a job with the NCAA.
2. Grades will be mailed on January 19.
3. Eric spoke of the NCSSSMST (National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Math, Science, and Technology) which IMSA is hosting on March 2-4. Participants will be coming from all over the country. It will be an extended weekend for the students.
4. Intercession went very well this year, and Eric has received positive feedback. A special seminar was led with selected students giving feedback on Intercession classes. IMSA is committed to this program and will continue to do an indept study on ways for improvement and will give it sizeable energy.
5. The Great Minds Program is on the IMSA web site for your information. All are encouraged to participate as space is available.

B. Bob Hernandez, Director of Student Leadership Development

1. Bob informed the parents of the special Leadership Seminar that took place during Intercession Week. A representative from "Free The Children", the largest youth organization in the world, helped conduct the seminar with IMSA students. Interaction took place among a variety of students.
2. The vacant position of RC for Dorm 05 has been filled which was vacated when Steve Zant became the interim Residential Life Coordinator.
3. The robbery situation that took place in December has not been resolved. However, the security at IMSA has been increased. The Aurora Police also make their presence known on campus. Students are encouraged not to use Sullivan Road under any circumstances, but to take alternative routes.
4. It is considered not be reasonably safe. Bob wanted the parents to emphasize this with their students.
5. The parents were also encouraged not to impose upon students they do not know to open the outside doors to the dorms. IMSA would like for all parents to use the security phones located in the vestibule of each dorm.
6. There has been a Campus Safety Committee established by the Student Council.

III. Officer Reports:

A. Loreili Keltner Riddle, President

Lorelei reported on the IMSA Board Retreat held on January 15. The highlights are as follows:

- (a) IMSA will remain under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Higher Board of Education;
- (b) IMSA has received federal funds along with the Chicago Public Schools to form a partnership to build a Center for the Teaching of Math and Science Educators. The announcement was made at a press conference on December 20, 1999;
- (c) there have been clarification changes in the admissions policy, but no significant changes have been made;
- (d) IMSA students, Jonathan Berger and Donielle Newell, made presentations to the board regarding the Kids Institute and Real Science.

B. Dennis Delfert, Vice President

- 1. The newsletter is going fine. Dennis has requested that more parents share their personal experiences in the newsletter as it relates to IMSA and their student that might be helpful to others.
- 2. Transportation to the downstate meeting is still “up in the air” depending on numbers. Please contact Dennis if you and/or your student are interested.
- 3. Video conferencing continues to be considered, and the question arose whether or not a quorum would be included for those attending the conferencing. A possible site might be Edwardsville.

C. Carol Berger, Secretary; no report

D. David Kinney, Treasurer

- 1. David reviewed the outstanding authorizations. (see [Budget Report](#))
- 2. The downstate meeting will be held on February 19 in Peoria at Bradley University. Bradley is willing to accommodate with tours and admissions information for those who desire it at 12:00 (noon). The Academic Committee will be held at 12:30 p m. The meeting will be take place in the Student Center. Rooms are available at Jumers Hotel who are giving IMSA parents a special rate. All parents who will be arriving Friday night are welcome to have dinner together at Jumers. Contact Dave Kinney for further information.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Academic Committee - Maelyn Morley

The committee will meet following today's meeting.

B. Committee for Academic Counseling - Gail Peck

1. A list of Universities and statistics of each are now available on the Committee's website.
2. The Junior packet will be distributed in February with information on the time-line for college application preparation.
3. It is recommended that parents accompany students on the virtual tour.
4. Kristie Polk spoke to the students recently on "Bringing Futures Into Focus."

C Parents Fund - Mary Beth and Steve Lauricella absent

Dave Kinney announced that \$32,000 was raised during the Phone-a-thon, and pledges are still coming in. A big thanks goes to Mary Beth and Steve.

D. Student Life - Liz Pasqualucci

1. Weekend activities are now posted on the web.
2. Future planned activities are a lock-in, pool tournament, a Mall trip, and the Winter Formal took place last night.
3. Discussions are good during the Wednesday night programs.
4. There is an opening for a minority recruitment staff person.
5. A rehabilitation for the cafeteria is seriously being considered, and designs are in the preliminary stages.
6. The new lighting in the dorms has received great reviews! Additional funding is recommended to complete the project.
7. The position for the minority recruitment staff person has been filled by Will Perkins. There is now an opening for an Admissions Counselor and has been posted.

E. Parent Partners - Report by Kathy Clair; Chairwoman Betty Dietrich absent.

1. All parents interested in helping with dorm activities have been contacted, and there have been many active and willing parents.
2. The Senior Dinner has been scheduled for June 2 at the Fox Valley Country Club and Amy Burnett will be the IMSA contact person.

F. Food Committee - Tammie Hardick

([Food Service Report](#)); All students and parents are encouraged to contact Tammie by e-mail at eyeful_tower@yahoo.com for comments, suggestions, problems, etc. regarding Arbor and/or the food.

G. Technology - Mike Doyle and Wayne Schneidman

1. It was announced the Chairperson for the Technology Committee for next year will be Cheryl Widman.
2. The digital camera purchased by the PAC for the Granger lab has been delivered and greatly appreciated. The committee has also found a need for new computers to be put in each dorm, which is being seriously investigated.
3. Wayne has put the funding requests form on the web for anyone who would desire to solicit the PAC for funds.

V. Old Business

1. A motion was made by Mike Doyle and seconded by MaeLyn Morley to purchase 7 new computers for each dorm, the cost not to exceed \$1000 per computer. Discussion was held, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Sandy Richards and seconded by Moses Harris to authorize the School Food Authority to hire a Food Consultant to assist with an evaluation in the preparation for a new contract for next year. Motion carried.

VI. New Business

President Lorelei gave a brief presentation regarding the NCSSSMST (the National Consortium for Specialize Secondary Schools of Math, Science, and Technology.) It was suggested by the IMSA Administration for the PAC to send 2 parent representatives. The cost is \$135.00 per participant. IMSA will be hosting this event which will include numerous seminars, activities, lectures, workshops, meals, and sight-seeing excursions.

A motion was made by Cathy Null and seconded by Kathy Clair to send as our representatives the PAC President, Lorelei, and Vice President, Dennis Delfert. Discussion was held, motion carried with 2 abstaining.

A motion was made by Sandy Richards and seconded by Kathy Clair to cover the cost of registration for the 2 Representatives, not to exceed \$300.00. Motion carried with 2 abstaining.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Berger, Secretary