

IMSA PAC MEETING MINUTES January 19, 2002

President Jana Fitting called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Roll Call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum. Jana requested that due to the number of corrections in the Dec. 8, 2001 minutes and the number of items to cover on agenda that the approval of the minutes be moved to the Feb. 23rd PAC meeting. Cathy Null moved to vote on approval of Dec. 8th minutes to next month. Barbara Decker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IMSA Administration Report

Principal Eric McLaren opened his report by stating that January and February are difficult months for the students to stay focused. He appreciates the efforts made by the PAC and the Student Life Committee to help the kids.

Eric reported that February 6 is a scheduling meeting for Sophomores and Juniors. At this meeting the course offerings for the next academic year and the new courses are discussed. Students are to bring the packet of course offerings home to discuss with parents.

Bob Hernandez recognized Penny Newton, Jeri Hagiwara, and Kathy Barnes for all of their outstanding dedication and hard work on the Student Life Committee. He presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

IMSA will have new ID badges for parents and alumni. The new ID badges will permit parents and alumni to move about the building without an escort. The new ID badges will be available at the front desk.

Several events are taking place this spring. The 2nd annual Leadership Symposium is January 30th. It is mandatory for sophomores. March 15th at 1:00 p.m. is the Care to Challenge program. Sophomores have an opportunity to recognize someone who made a difference in their education. March 19th is a program for the Seniors. Dr. Martin Marty is the speaker.

Bob expressed the appreciation from the Resident Counselors for all of the Parent Partners help.

Student Life is revising the handbook. Please send Bob Hernandez your thoughts or questions.

President's Report

President Jana Fitting reported that the nominating committee needs everyone's help to find candidates to fill the committee chair positions, regional representatives, secretary and treasurer. The nominated people are elected in March. This gives the newly elected officers, representatives, and chairmen some time to work with their counterparts before they assume their positions in the summer. Jana stressed that IMSA PAC has programs that we need to staff. PAC raises \$30,000 and does an incredible amount of work.

IMSA PAC has a new P.O. box. Correspondence can be sent to this address. The address is IMSA PAC, P.O. Box 255, North Aurora, IL 60542.

Jana covered the Board of Trustees retreat and meeting. It was held in St. Charles at the Arthur Anderson retreat. Jana said it was a day of brainstorming, sharing ideas, and looking at trends and ways of outreach. At the end of the day, they gathered for the board meeting. When they discussed the budget, it was recognized the Parents Association made a positive impact with the \$4600 transferred to IMSA for a trainer.

Vice President's Report

Fred Hines reported that Mr. Abler informed him the Board of Trustees would like for a joint committee of the school and parents to give input on the science curriculum. Contact Fred or Betty Kay for more information.

Treasurer's Report

Don Cooper presented the Treasurer's Report. He pointed out that during the month of December PAC received \$2160 in donations. Last year during this time, \$16,000 was donated.

Checks can now be written to IMSA PAC. PAC can write the tax donation letter. Cathy Null, Junior Regional Representative for Region 2 asked about making donations to the wing. According to Bob Hernandez, the donation goes through IMSA and the check is deposited and recorded by wing. Bob can provide PAC with how much money has been

given to the dorms.

Secretary's Report

Ann Carpenter read two thank you notes from the Resident Counselors of Hall 1501 and 1504. The Resident Counselors thanked PAC for the Border's gift certificates.

Committee Reports

Academic Committee: Fred Hines, filling in for Betty Kay, said the committee needs members.

College Academic Counseling Committee (CAC): Barb Decker, Chairman of CAC said that the Parent Panel planned for March is going to be moved to May. Gretchen Stauder will present the CAC approach. The panel will also include parents and seniors.

Gretchen Stauder, Coordinator of College Counseling announced that the web site was up and running. Check out the new CAC site at <http://www.imsa.edu/team/cac/>

Gretchen thanked the people that came to the college and academic regional programs for IMSA parents. Gretchen would like to make these meetings a regular part of the CAC and hopes to have another one this spring.

The PSAT scores have been received. Students must their parents sign off on their course selections. The Juniors will start having small group meetings and individual meetings the beginning of March. Both Barbara Decker and Gretchen Stauder stressed that CAC needs committee members.

Parent Fund Committee: Cheryl Widman, Chair of the Parent Fund Committee reported that her committee had an on-line meeting last week. She said that her committee needs members.

Cheryl gave a report on the Community Day Event which was held on November 17. Between the sales of the coupon booklets (\$300) and the percentage of purchases (\$272.72) rebate, PAC made \$572.72. The next Community Day event is March 2, 2002. Cheryl asked that each parent try to sell ten books each. Contact Cheryl for coupon booklets

In March, there will be two days of telethons. Cheryl needs volunteers for one or two days. The plan is to have the phone-a-thon during two separate weeks. Volunteers can work 1 day each week.

Cheryl stressed how important our fund raising is. She said that PAC provides items that IMSA can't.

Student Life Committee: Jana Fitting reminded the parents that Region 9 was chaperoning the Friday Fest in the Student Union and she needed volunteers.

Penny Newton reported that the Fitness Center Sunday hours were on hold for now. Parents can sign up to be trained to staff the Fitness Center. A sign up sheet was distributed.

Another sign up sheet was passed around for parents to sign up to be on a task force. There are a lot of key issues that need to be addressed. The handbook is going to be revised. Student life is looking for parental input on study hours. Parents should direct their information to Bob Hernandez at hernandi@imsa.edu or 630-907-5009.

Eric McLaren informed the parents that during the last whole week of 1st semester all students filled out a survey about use of time. Results are being compiled now.

Jeri Hagiwara, Chairman of the Senior Dinner, passed out sample invitations to Senior parents to review. She asked them to vote for their favorite one. Jeri gave a special thank you to William Blanchard and Jim Gerry for all of their help with the Senior Banquet presentation.

The Food Committee met last week but there was no report.

Technology: William Blanchard, Chairman of the Technology Committee thanked the students (Nick Reinhart, Linda Pinto, and Sam Chen) that gave up sleep and the IMSA staff (Bill McGrail and Jim Gerry) who helped and provided support so that we could video stream. Matty Kang was watching the meeting from downstate. William said that the committee continues to improve the technology. The committee is working on a web page to capture the history of what they have done.

Jim Gerry, Director of CNS, said that PAC needs a replacement for William who is leaving this year. He said that William took the torch and ran with it—this video streaming is William's vision. Today is the first production. The December PAC meeting was a demo. Without William and the students, it wouldn't happen. Hopefully, IMSA will go international with our streaming.

Jim gave a quick web update. He has been working on the Admissions site. He has sent a form to all staff asking what needs to be changed immediately. He hopes to have all changes done in 60 days. The revamped Admissions site is: