

IMSA PAC MEETING MINUTES  
April 23, 2005 (approved 5/14/05)

President Lorna Ruddy called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Roll call was taken. There was a quorum. Lorna requested that the March 15, 2005 meeting notes be approved. Jan Siemens moved for approval of the minutes and Jody Bogdan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**IMSA Administrative Comments**

Principal Eric McLaren reported that some grades were inaccurately reported and mailed in the first report card sets sent in early April. There was an inadvertent error in downloads of some grades and comments from a few teachers. Because of these errors, the office is resending all packages with teachers whose grades may have been affected. All students and parents should receive the resent packages any day.

He reminded parents and staff that Inquiry Presentation day is Wednesday, April 27, 2005. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. The presentations are always interesting and educational.

He also handed out specific "Thank You" certificates to the parents of seniors for their support during their years at IMSA. He highlighted several parents' specific contribution to Friday Fest and their extra efforts to "Feed the Hungry" at IMSA! Certificates were presented to: Jim Blasingame, Ruth Blasingame, Deb Brown, Bill Hermann, Beth Riley, Bev Rossmiller Jan Siemens, Herb Sharpless, Jan Sharpless, Pat Gebler, Patrice Onyiego, Lorna Ruddy, Naomi Knappenberger, Janet Lumsden and Pierre Maloka.

Dave Jordon was announced as the new academic chairman next year.


Bob Hernandez reported on the following issues:

- (1) He reminded parents of the upcoming extended weekend, Thursday, April 28 – May 1. Halls will close at 5 PM on Thursday. He encouraged parents and students to begin bringing dorm room stuff home during the break. He reminded it may take more than one car load to remove student's goods that have accumulated throughout the year.
- (2) Next Tuesday, April 26, 2005, Wayne Messmer is speaking at 7:30 at Senior Lecture and will discuss topics of leadership ethics and forgiveness. Wayne is a professional speaker who was shot in the throat and will undoubtedly prove to be a powerful speaker.
- (3) Prom will be held at the Sheraton on Saturday, May 14. Approximately 200 are signed up. Tickets are on sale to seniors and are still available.

Doug Pratt (IMSA Alumni Association President) shared that the CAC college fair seemed a great success, and included 10 alumni who came back to represent colleges and Alumni Association. He also reminded parents that the Alumni Association is planning to assist in college visits including volunteering to house, drive and take students to dinner when on University visits in college towns. The CAC office will have a complete list of Alumni volunteers; information is also available at [www.iaa.org](http://www.iaa.org). He also announced an upcoming welcome event for seniors on Tuesday, May 17. He is interested in recruiting as soon as possible. He also reminded that June 18, 2005 will be the beginning of Alumni weekend starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday and then lunch with the staff in LRC at noon. The afternoon will include the Lumen discussion event. Class reunions this year are for the classes of 1990, 1995, and 2000. He reminded all committees to call or email if they want alumni assistance with upcoming events.

Jim Gerry reported on the following issues:

- (1) He invited parents and students to attend the upcoming May 7, 2005 event, Generating the Horizon: Technology's Role in the Future of Learning. This event will bring educational technology leaders to the IMSA campus to share stories and examples of emerging technologies and dynamic learning environments. For detailed information about the speakers and the day's events, visit [www.imsa.edu/programs/greatminds](http://www.imsa.edu/programs/greatminds)

[/scheduleOfEvents.php](#). You may also contact [greatminds@imsa.edu](mailto:greatminds@imsa.edu) or  630-907-5989 . Tickets must be obtained in advance. The keynote will be presented by Dr. Alan Kay, President of Viewpoints Research Institute, Inc. and Senior Fellow at Hewlett Packard Labs. Dr. Kay also served as Chief Scientist at Atari and Vice President of Research and Development at the Walt Disney Company. Dr. Kay also is one of the founders of the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center and participated in the original design of the ARPANet, which later became the Internet. Two 60 minute concurrent sessions will follow his address. Among the featured speakers are: Ms. Bonnie Bracey, an educational technology and reform consultant who works on national and international technology integration projects; Ms. Cheryl Lemke, president and CEO of the Metiri Group, a consulting firm dedicated to advancing effective uses of technology in schools; Dr. David Thornburg, author of Campfires in Cyberspace, and founder and director of global operations for the Thornburg Center; Dr. Robert Tinker, president of the Concord Consortium where he concentrates on educational applications of portable computers, online courses for teachers and students, simulations and the development of technology-rich materials; and David Warlick, author of Raw Materials for the Mind and Redefining Literacy for the 21st Century and principal consultant of The Landmark Project, a professional development, web design and innovations firm.

(2) Jim explained that IMSA purchased and implemented a computer system, Acrux, last year. He also announced Acrux Company has been sold and IMSA now has the opportunity to go with the new company or maintain the Acrux system on its own. Despite these ownership changes, Jim still plans to implement the Acrux student tracking system in order for parents to review grades and attendance records online.

(3) Wireless access on campus is proceeding. Testing is going well and wireless may be available in the fall. \$40,000 for wireless hubs in each Hall still needs to be approved from State funding (80211b). Jim noted that several different wireless cards can be used; however the 80211G card is faster and uses standard Windows XP.

Michelle Whetstone announced her plans for a Thank You event to be held at Brookfield Zoo in May for \$10,000 + major donors. She noted the event will highlight the IMSA-inspired exhibit of wolves. Breakfast and presentation with the donors is planned. The phonathon was completed last week which consisted of final contacts to parents and previous donors. Another phonathon to contact alumni is scheduled for the first week in May. Currently both donorship and fundraising are up. She expressed her thanks to all parents and staff for their help.

### **Student Council Report**

Codi Kuhlmeier, new 2005-2006 Student Council president, reported on the following issues on behalf of the Student Council:

- Battle of the Bands last week was a great success. Fun was had by all.
- Student Council assisted Ms. Whetstone with the April Phonathon calls.
- As the year is winding down, the last Student Council event will be a movie event in May.
- Elections were just completed. The 2005-06 Student Council will consist of President: Codi Kuhlmeier, Vice President: Jennifer Zhan, Secretary: Katie Kaenkumchorn, Treasurer: John Li, Senior-at-Large: Heena Mutha, Junior-at-Large: Susan Xu

### **President's Report**

Lorna shared that she will miss the next meeting in order to attend the Notre Dame graduation of her two daughters. She explained she wanted to especially thank Executive Committee members for their special help through out the year. As officers gave their final reports she presented them with medals honoring their hard work.

### **Vice President Report**

Mitch Roth reported the Discipline Task Force is completing the new Discipline Policy. Bob Hernandez presented the committee's recommendations to the IMSA Executive Board at their last meeting. The specific goals of the new Discipline Policy are to provide clearer structure to assure consequences and for discipline to become gradually more serious with each level, to be clearer and more consistent in applying discipline and to include parental and student involvement in the discipline decisionmaking process. The committee's goal is to complete the final Discipline Policy to be shared at the next PAC meeting. Committee members for next year include Jan Seimens, Naomi Knappenberger and Choonie Cladek. Sophomore representatives will need to be chosen in the fall. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Mitch. The major role of the future committee will be to compile and develop, along with staff, the investigation guidelines that staff will use in implementing the discipline policy.

### **Treasurer Report**

Janet Lumsen reported the PAC treasury has a balance of \$3,512.83, which is approximately \$1,500 ahead of budget. Six checks had been written since the last meeting, as set forth in the Treasurer handout distributed at the meeting. She announced there will still be additional Senior Banquet expenses outstanding but the expenses should still be within the PAC budget.

### **Downstate Coordinator**

Jan Seimens announced that she was working to complete downstate business issues, including bus contracts for downstate service.

### **Metro Coordinator**

Jody Bogdan thanked everyone for all their help on college. She reminded regional representatives and SR parents hosting picnics to reserve facilities now for the summer.

### **Student Life**

Keri Beaujolais reported last night's Friday Fest ran out of food. She ended up going out and purchasing extra food for the event. She asked for additional funds for Final fest. They are planning to cancel the scheduled May 13th Friday Fest and substitute a May 31st Finals Fest, which would include a cookout. She explained they will be buying food for the cookout, but asked for donations of salads and deserts for the event. She also explained that students were particularly messy at the last Friday Fest and reminded parents to ask their kids to respect the Student Center, particularly asking them to clean up after themselves.

The Nutrition Committee reported the new food contract offering is being drafted with bids due back in June and the final award to be made in July.

### **Senior Banquet**

Gina Zanger shared updates regarding the Senior Banquet plans. Herb Sharpless also reported the photo and music CD are completed. The invitation of guest speakers (teachers) is proceeding. The banquet is scheduled for June 3, 5-7 PM at The Carlyle in Lombard. They still need eight junior parent volunteers to act as greeters and work registration so that senior parents can participate in the festivities. Currently 838 have made reservations with up to 900 capacity for the evening. During the month of May, the committee will be working on final seating plans, the final program, and finalize all speaker plans.

### **Technology**

Bob Kopeika shared that he and IMSA students trekked to Slidel, Louisiana to help Habitat for Humanity work on homes there. The volunteers did home construction and were blessed with good weather and good progress.

Bob also reminded parents to attend the May 7<sup>th</sup> Technology/Great Minds program.

**Old Business**

Mitch Roth presented a brief speech about Lorna Ruddy's exceptional service and contributions to the IMSA and especially to PAC. He presented her with a card, signed by many wellwishers, a plaque noting her significant contributions and a donation to the Senior class project in her name.

**Announcements**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2005 at 10 a.m.

Jan Seimans moved that the meeting be adjourned. Herb Sharpless seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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