

IMSA PAC MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2005 (final draft)

Co-President Sandy Hamman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Roll call was taken. There was a quorum and the April minutes were approved.

Student Council Report

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

- The old and new Boards met and transitioned positions.
- Vice President - Jennifer Zhan will coordinate the Big Brother/Big Sister program for juniors and incoming sophomores.
- Students visited North Carolina Consortium School to consult with them and to share ideas.
- Treasurer -John Li will be coordinating plans for Homecoming 2005.
- President - Codi Kuhlemeier attended the Board of Trustees Annual Retreat which included sessions on "No Child Left Behind" and St. Charles Community School District #303 implementation of the Math MI series under IMSA guidance.

IMSA Administrative Reports

Principal Eric McLaren reported that IMSA invitation letters have gone out to 242 students for the class of 2008. Currently 30-40 kids are waitlisted.

Eric also announced IMSA is planning to replace Shari Kocek who resigned. Until a replacement can be found, Jim Priovolos, Director of Yorkville Church, will fill-in through the end of the year. The band, orchestra and choir have a concert on May 19, at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium. Please plan to attend. "Dr." McLaren was congratulated on completion of his doctoral studies!

Eric McLaren reminded parents that Dr. Stephanie Marshall won the Lincoln Award, the highest award for public service in Illinois.

IMSA will be hosting the girls' Regional Soccer Tournament. He also shared that in regional soccer competition IMSA's team has won 11 and only lost 1 game. The team plays next on Monday at 4:00 pm, Tuesday at 2:00pm, and Thursday at 4:00 pm for the Championship.

Bob Hernandez reported on the following issues:

- (1) Bob shared that 200+ kids are planning to attend the Prom tonight, May 14, at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago and after they will go on the "Spirit of Chicago" boat. Should be a lot of fun!
- (2) He reminded parents that you need an "excused absence" form to return to class if a class is missed. Otherwise, a tardy will be given and points will be assessed in attendance.
- (3) He also explained the Food committee is still working on contract wording to include paying per actual meals served and looking to incorporate incentives for weekend food service to improve. Right now IMSA spends \$5.07 x 628 per day. However, only 40% of the kids per week actually eat in the Cafeteria. The goal of the new food contract and service provider is to increase patronage and food quality of the facility. Gina Zager explained that she is "cautiously optimistic" about changes being reviewed for Food services. Bid opening is scheduled to take place June 3.
- (4) He also discussed weekend programming for September to February. He particularly highlighted the carnival rides and inflatable attractions for the September weekend event. He also reminded parents that all weekend Student Life activities are free to students. Other fall weekend programming under consideration include a hypnotist and laser tag.

Gretchen Stauder reported that:

- (1) AP testing began May 2 and is now complete. Current juniors will receive next year's schedule in their "reinvite" packets this summer.
- (2) She also shared that she has become more involved in intervention. It seems kids are hitting a wall earlier this year as the semester closes out. She hopes to prevent any serious issues.
- (3) She also explained the attendance office has a new points system. Though kids are still "playing" with the points requirements, they now have immediate feedback about where they score in the system.
- (4) Gretchen also announced student check out is on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 and Thursday, June 2, 2005. Sessions will be scheduled for junior parents on the college selection process and what students and parents should be addressing during these summer months.

David Abler shared results of the "State of Learning" day held at IMSA. He introduced the Coordinator of the assessment, Kirk Hollowell who gave a summary of the "report card" from the event. Copies of the report are also available upon request.

Incoming Executive Reports

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Co-President Sandy Hamman reported on the IMSA Board of Trustees Annual retreat.

Treasurer Report

Janet Lumsden reported there were 3 deposits for \$ 25,000 and 3 checks cut for expenses all related to the Senior Banquet.

She also shared that check requests would be taken until two weeks before the books close on June 30. After that the books close for school budget 2004-2005.

Downstate Coordinator

Jan Siemens announced she is still looking for a downstate rep. Please give her a call if you'd like to be the representative.

She also gave an update on the Discipline committee meeting. The committee met with the IMSA Board of Trustees last week. She explained there would be a 3 tier system in the new policy:

Level 1 Day to day	Administered by RC's and Administrative staff
Level 2 Potential of Endangerment	A - no suspension
	B - 1-3 days suspension
	C- 3-5 days suspension

Level 3 considered for substance dealing, weapons or assault issues. It would immediately require a dismissal hearing including a 2 weeks automatic suspension during investigation. However, the faculty's stated goal is to reduce suspensions. So a second reading and discussion of proposed policy changes will occur in the June Board meeting, with a final vote expected in July.

Academic Coordinator

Sheri Kwei thanked Dr. Abler for setting up great programs for their committee's review this year. She announced that David Jordan will be the new chairman.

Parent Fund

Sandy Hamman read Michelle Whetstone's report: unrestricted donations were up by 30%. However, parent participation was at 20%, down from last year's 50%.

Student Life

Patrice Onyiego reported that the last event "Final's Fest" is scheduled for May 31, 2005. She still needs food and volunteers to work the event. She also thanked all the many volunteers for their support through this past year.

Jan Sharpless updated on upcoming senior banquet plans. Currently 890 reservations have been made. This is up from 800 last year. The Carlisle can accommodate up to 1000, so we are still under the capacity of the facility. She gave a big thank you to Janet Lumsden for the Photo CD's and helping with all the finances, Naomi Knapenberger, Patrice Onyiego, Lorna Ruddy Lucinda and Gary Dittmer for all their help planning the event. She also detailed that Dr. Kiely has agreed to emcee the event with Dr. Skinner and Dr. Nokkentved as program speakers. Mark Simmons will speak as the class club president and Grant Keaton as the student council president. She still needs help with stuffing envelopes and moving senior gifts from the banquet if they don't attend.

Jan ended by giving a big "Thank You" to Gina Zager, 2006 Banquet chairman, for all her help and support during this year.

Technology

Bob Kopika updated on the success of Technology Day with a quote from one of the presenters "we are preparing our children for a future that for the first time cannot be described". IMSA is therefore working to implement technology over the next 5 years with staff and in all educational areas that will help our kids meet these yet determined challenges. He also announced he is looking for a co-chair for the committee next year. Please contact him if you can help.

Janet Lumsden announced that a new PAC web site developer would be needed for next year because her daughter is graduating this spring; this new person will need to request an IMSA login because the PAC web updates must go through the CNS help desk. Contact Janet or Bob for more information.

David Abler rose to recognize Janet Lumsden for her outstanding talents and efforts in developing the new Student Inquiry and Research website; Dr. Abler is director of the Student Inquiry and Research program. Parents should visit the site, located at <http://www2.imsa.edu/learning/inquiry/>, to learn about the program and encourage their students to participate in Student Inquiry and Research because it is a unique independent learning experience that is very unusual at the High School level. Most weeks during the school year have "Inquiry days" (usually Wednesday) set aside for students to participate in inquiry and research projects.

Old Business

No reports.

New Business

Sandy Hamman reported we needed to allocate \$1000 in the budget for a deposit to the Carlisle for next year's Senior Banquet. Janet Lumsden made the motion, it was seconded by Jan Sharpless, and unanimous vote agreed.

Gina Zager reported that during Math placement exams, June 3, 2005 we will be providing breakfast and question/discussions opportunities with the parents of incoming sophomores while students are taking the exams. She explained that she needs volunteers to help her from 7-10am. Please call her if you are available and willing to help. A question was brought up on whether we offer this at off-site testing locations, it is currently not. A suggestion was made to have these opportunities available at the off-site testing locations and is going to be looked into.

Also announced was that student / parent summer orientations are currently scheduled for Saturday, June 25-26, 2005 and July 30-31, 2005. Regional representatives need to plan to attend these meetings.

The PAC Executive committee meeting will be July 30 in conjunction with Orientation.

Announcements

Barb Kulbida's new email address is bamkc52@aol.com.

Jan Seimens moved that the meeting be adjourned. Patrice Onyiego seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted by,
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