

IMSA PAC Meeting of January 23rd, 2008 notes
Not- Approved due to lack of quorum

Kim Schmitt introduces Stephanie Pace Marshall. At the senior banquet she was given \$25,000 to pick a piece of artwork to donate to IMSA. The acrylic piece, "Stairstep" by Saloni Azeza, was found in Sacramento CA. Stephanie Pace Marshall noted the many reasons she picked it, color, movement, name, artist and IMSA connection to Israel. She is hoping that the artist will come to IMSA to dedicate it.

Noble Redmon called the meeting to order and roll was taken, there were not enough present to make a quorum. We continued with a general meeting.

Treasurer's report :	Have:	\$35,581
	Income:	\$23,600
	Spent:	\$13,106

Metro-Area Report: Think about regional picnics.

Student Council: Intersession went well. Students were able to meet with alumni. Trips to Italy, Spain and Honduras went well. ASG conference in mid April will not interfere with Friday Fest. There are four Intel finalists. Life at IMSA survey the same day as AMC Math test. Feb 2 is the "Winter Formal". Jonathon Koch will ask the Jr/Sr Class Club if they need help from the parents. "Clash of the Halls" is the last week of February. The African American Club will be sponsoring an event on Wednesday of that week.

CAC: Julia explained the strict graduation requirements needed at IMSA and that all courses were rigorous. November she met with sophomores in groups to go over general expectations. On January 30th there will be mandatory meetings for sophomores and juniors, where they will meet with the Academic Teams who will present course offerings. Soph/Jrs then have 20 days to meet with teachers. The student will get input from the teachers as to what classes are best suited for them and then the teacher will initial their selection. Sophomores get yellow sheets – juniors get blue. Parents need to sign these sheets over February extended. When the students return from extended they will have 15-20 minute individual meetings with their CAC counselor to finalize their selections. It is challenging to schedule classes. Students will no longer list what is their 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice, but will give a list of alternate choices. There will be a link on the IMSA website under Learning – Academics – Learning Opportunities 08/09. There will also be a link to the parent page. You can then review the schedule when it is published to fix adjustments. Junior year is the year to put your best foot forward by take the most demanding classes. This is the year that colleges look at on transcripts. Of the 197 students taking the SAT's in January at IMSA, only 17 of them were IMSA students. Most IMSA students will take the SAT in March.

Student Life: *(I'm not sure if this is all student life or it is a mix of other reports)*

We are still looking for family to take in sick students for those who's parents far away.

Kim: Looking into a sleep deprive lab

Sedexo closing early

Kids cutting through homeowner's yards to get to Walgreens

Super Bowl Fest is still in need of parent volunteers and food donations. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the game.

Sr. Banquet Committee will meet right after the meeting.

Discipline report –The semester was going well until the end of the semester. But overall it was a significant improvement over the last few years. There was only one incident of chemical abuse on the last day of the semester.

To help keep thefts down, students should lock doors and possessions up. Computer integrity – Revisit “resource use policy”. Students should not leave computers unsecured as there have been some email issues.

Technology: Bruce gave a brief overview of the One laptop per child program in 3rd world counties. Laptops can be used to teach concepts of time – as the sun relates to time, teach foreign languages, can be used for medical purposes (EKG)

Robotics Team will participate in a contest to have robot race around a track and have a ball go over an arc. 10 to 15 kids participating with a Caterpillar engineer as a mentor.

Looking into the Feb or March PAC meeting to be streamed over the net so downstate parents could participate. You would need audio and video links. Aim chat room and real player. Five years ago this was tried and 2 people logged in.

IMSA Fund: There is a full time Alumni Coordinator. Current parent participation is 20%. The goal is 40%. Junior parents lead the way with 26%. Region 1 leads with 33%. There will be a phone-a-thon in the spring. They are looking for suggestions and volunteers. You will be on the “Do not call” list if you gave. They are looking for ways to increase participation. Suggestions made: 1) At registration have a table for funding not just advancement. 2)On registration form have a line for optional IMSA fund. Business office needs to figure out how to separate funds February meeting the results of the parent survey will be presented.

Preview day tomorrow – looking for parent volunteers. It was suggested that advance notice be given to parents when volunteers are needed.

Administration's Report :

1. There will be new Math, Social Studies, and Science courses. English will change from the 4 semesters required and 2 semesters electives to 3 semesters required and 3 semesters electives.
2. Wellness will no longer be pass/fail. It will now be for a grade. Students are motivated by grades.
3. Four sophomores left after first semester. A few more are expected before the end of the year. Typical student loss is 1-8. This year we started with 213 sophomores, now 209. Starting class was smaller than normal because of the higher retention of juniors and seniors.
4. More sophomores than expected are on academic probation. They are looking into what the common factors are. There is no correlation with new teachers or the invitation of students SAT scores. They are looking at previous GPA and comparing it to IMSA GPA. There are programs in place to help students on academic probation, so they can build new skills.

Last year there were 15 new RC's, concerns about lack of experience were expressed. Some suggestions made: increase residential life help for new students and more individual help for new students.

Board meeting – Portrait of Stephanie Pace Marshall. Academic calendar on website

Academic integrity - faculty and staff looking at students signing yearly or individual assignment honesty form. The biggest concern is not collaborating on problem sets, but just passing sets around. Too many times the school hears students say, "I didn't know."

Bob Koren – Feb 6th Leadership symposium - Holister Lecture - Ed Maloney 18th district
Orientation: June 28-29 and July

Teacher recognition: Sophomores and juniors who did not participate last year will honor teachers who made the student passionate about learning.

Reminder your student that; Cell phones are not to be used in the building, whether in class or at school function. Not even on vibrate.

Cold and flu season is here. It is cold outside and students are still wearing flip-flops, shorts, and t-shirts. Parents need to talk to their students.

Notes taken by Barbara Freund at the request of Noble Redmon in Scott Crawford's absences.