

Introduction

1. Meeting was called to order by Tim Koch
2. Video stream being used for the first time and therefore people will have to come forward or use a microphone
3. Announcements
 - a. There is the ability to send instant messenger comments/questions from the video stream
 - b. Initiative this year to increase communication and thank you for the Connect Ed messages system
 - i. If someone has not received a message please check to make sure your phone number is correct with the school.
 - c. No president's report since there was no board meeting
4. Role Call
 - a. Quorum yes at 17
5. Grace made motion to approve November minutes Ann Iglesias seconded
 - a. November meeting minutes approved

President's report

1. none

Secretary's Report

1. none

Treasurers Report (Valerie)

1. Cash balance around 29,000. At the end of year we will have about \$20,000 to surplus.
2. Financial data summary is available
3. Senior Banquet is not yet reflected

Regional Coordinators Reports

1. none

Student Council Report (Jonathon Koch)

1. A new student council website is now in place
2. The number of students has doubled eating breakfast now since "to go" breakfasts have been added, from 180 to about 360
3. Request to PAC for help with Faculty and Staff appreciation day in April or early May. Email for info to follow
4. ACSG "Associated Consortium of Student Governments", student conference is upcoming April 16-20 to coincide with a Friday Fest. 40-50 students from various other schools will visit IMSA. This is part of the Student government outreach.
5. Life at IMSA survey has been completed – a quality of life at IMSA survey.

6. Student Council uses the survey to put together the course evaluation guide which gives students more information about what classes will be like.
7. The question was posed regarding is there a way to evaluate instructors.
 - a. After each class there is a survey. Data is collected
 - b. Student surveys go to the instructor's mentor and second to Dr. McLaren

CAC report (Julia Husen)

1. 150 students applied to UI champagne out of 210. 139 were admitted 11 denied. Of the 11, 7 had D's in Math and Science and 4 made serious errors on their applications. Usually about 50 students end up attending.
2. CAC belief that every senior should have at least one state school on the list including possibly University of Illinois Chicago or Springfield in addition to Champagne
3. Pass / Fail declarations due on Monday Feb 25. Question posed as to how many take p/f and answer is very few.
4. AP exam registration in process and due date is March 7th (check PrepHQ)
 - a. These exams should not be taken too early but after a sequence that enables them to succeed. Very few sophomores take an AP exam.
5. Course selection meetings with sophomores and juniors beginning currently
6. Next meetings with juniors regarding college selection. Juniors need to register on PrepHQ by Feb 29
7. College day is on April 19th. Need monetary support from PAC.
 - a. A college educator is asked to speak as key note speaker each year, followed by the college fair

Academic Committee

1.none

Communications Committee

1. Presented by Cindy McCabe mccabe@wideopenwest.com 630 527 2451
2. Committee is in the process of putting together group of parents and students to update the student to student and parent to parent handbooks to go on the web with a word search
3. Families have responded to EM communication about Springfield Day put on by Gifted Children Foundation to reinstate funding for gifted children. Cindy is the contact person for further information
 - a. Brochure is available at this meeting at front table

Student Life

1. List available for downstate parents with contacts in case child is sick and they will take care of the child
2. In case of computer problems, there are peer tutors available to help

3. Better communication is needed with the school telling parents about what some of the things students are doing
4. Sodexo – grab and go has increased breakfast eaters however has caused long lines which make kids late to class. Second there is more trash not handled
5. Changes coming in the cafeteria. New idea in a collegiate style. Need parent and student council input.
6. Ann and Alison to talk about Friday Fest
 - a. Super Bowl chili fest was a success
 - b. Friday March 14th the evening before the PAC meeting. The theme is baked potatoes and need toppings as well as desserts and salads
7. Senior Banquet
 - a. Laurie Hayes
 - b. Need to stuff and mail invitations today
 - c. Baby childhood pictures for slideshow are due on Feb 15th
 - d. Decorations for theme of casino night
 - i. “Coming to IMSA was a gamble but in the end we hit the jackpot”
 - e. Location is Northern Illinois University
 - f. \$25 for seniors, \$35 for guests (financial assistance available)

Technology Report [Bruce Biwer]

1. One laptop per child initiative shipping laptops to other countries and sending home with kids. See laptop.org.
2. The robot competition is this coming Friday Feb. 29 and Saturday March 1 at the Chicago pavilion
3. Video stream for the meeting appears to be a success
4. Sun thru Thursday help desk now set up
5. A question posed that since most kids do not appear to use the writing portion of the laptops to consider whether we are getting our money out of it.
 - a. Will continue with the tablet program for next year
 - b. Dr. Bob – study being done asking students when how etc they are using their laptops and their perception. Results will be shared and meant to improve the laptop policy.

Administration Report (Dr. Bob Hernandez)

1. Tragedy at NIU. Condolences sent by McGee
 - a. 10 RC's sent to help with transition
 - b. 8 more staff going tomorrow Feb24 to also help
 - c. Sending additional counselors to help
2. Shelter and Place drill
 - a. Focus is on communications including ConnectEd, email systems, websites, systems in Halls, front desk communications
 - b. This will be first test of the entire communications system
3. What is the AMC

- a. American mathematics competition
- b. All students take the test on Feb 12th , next stage is at the end of march and is by invitation
- 4. FY 09 Appropriations etc. is in process
- 5. Trip Wikie – students submit the trips they want to do and RC’s select
- 6. Discipline Policy being reviewed and led by Keith McIntosh
- 7. Question will there be instructions for what parents should do in case of these emergencies so they know what to do
 - a. There is a command center that will provide communications to parents and inform what needs to be done
- 8. Appropriations for next year is there anything parents can do?
 - a. Contact Kathy Veal in the presidents office to get information and be prepared prior to contacting congressmen.
 - b. Springfield Day is an opportunity for parents educators
- 9. Barb Miller introduction
 - a. New director of enrollment and academic services
 - b. Oversees admission process
 - c. Looking at the whole picture, on admissions and overall academics
 - i. Question does imsa do longitudinal studies? Yes

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. none

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. IMSA Fund
 - a. IMSA fund phone-a-thon (Greta Salamando)
 - b. Need to have bilingual phone-a-thoners
 - c. Participation now at 22 percent, goal is 40%.
 - d. Doing the phone-a-thon again to raise more money
 - e. people who have donated will not be called
 - f. goal is participation, not \$ amounts
 - g. calls do not need to be made from IMSA
 - h. packets will have a script and FAQ’s etc.
 - i. March 17th to April 6th.
 - j. IMSA fund money goes to many things (scholarships for students and staff, trips, PAC, staff development, seed money for pilot programs, outreach programs to inform public about IMSA – used for items that State funding does not cover)
 - i. Recent presentation to the staff to explain what the IMSA fund does
 - ii. Contributors to IMSA (corporate and big etc) look at what percentage of parents contribute to the fund when considering their own contributions.
 - iii. Should consider grandparents contributions in the parent count?
 - k. Payment can be done with credit card, other or by pledge

1. Should put a pie chart telling where the money comes from and where it goes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bruce said that Nobel Redmon is attending via video and it looks good
2. In general attendance at the PAC meetings is needed in order to have a quorum
3. Currently in the process of searching for next years PAC officers. Anyone interested please contact Tim Koch or Nobel Redmon
4. Question whether someone attending via video can be included for the vote and quorum. Still being studied

Motion to adjourn

Seconded

Meeting adjourned 1130 am

Send drafts, Tim Koch, Nobel Redmond, Eric McLaren and Robert Hernandez.

Send also to person who posts to the website