

Introduction

1. Call to order and welcome by President Karen Schwerbrock. Please try to end the committee meetings by 9:50...may start at 8:30 if need more time allowed.
2. Roll call made—49 parents present, 25 voting members, quorum met.
3. Motion made by Ed Zaretsky to approve September 2008 minutes. Second made by Margie Getz.

Reports

1. **President**-New laptop is up and running.
2. **Vice-President** Steve Maril-Bus routes—bus seats available for extra riders.
3. **Treasurer**-Wei Wei Jiang- Tax return has been filled out...thank you to Lawrence Ly and Valerie Ogilvie for the help.
 - Bus money collected for regions 2,4,and 5
 - \$23,900 in the bus account
 - \$14,454 in checking account
 - Stressed importance of filling out the reimbursement form along with the receipts when requesting re-payment of money. Please turn both in on PAC meeting days as two officer signatures are needed on the checks.
4. **Secretary**-none
5. **Downstate Coordinator**-Mark Drummond –no report
6. **Metro Coordinator**-Ed Zaretsky-no report
7. **Dr. Max McGee**-not present
8. **Student Council**-Mamatha Challa-Homecoming dance-good turnout and made good money for budget >\$5,000 in account now. Soph. at large-elected by class-16 applicants, 6 finalists, will select 2.
 - Looking for more collaboration with PAC, StudCo chairmen attended PAC committee meeting meetings today
 - Club Committee-club room more available for use..doing fundraising for clubs.
 - “Bathroom Minutes” on stall doors—StudCo meeting minutes
 - Comprehensive marketing plans for StudCo in planning process
 - Last Lecture Series on Life—teacher’s lectures
 - Halloween trick or treating
 - Student shadow program—taking surveys now
 - Intercession proposals review
 - Student Life- more trips being organized and getting more participation.
 - RC Spotlight-board with highlights
 - Residential Life-Seth Pree—Student Life wants bike program—have rules drawn up and explained. PAC told by President Karen that the decision had been voted on and denied by the PAC Executive Committee.
 - Questions arose from PAC members as to how issues are not brought to PAC general meeting first. Dr. McLaren read the bylaws which state the Exec. Council can make decisions on which issues need to be brought to general meeting.
 - Motion made by Cindy McCabe to open issue for further vote..2nd by Tama Fisher, 9 votes to reopen, 14 oppose, motion denied. Inez Verwey gave credit to Admin. for overseeing dispute, and asked where the rules of the Exec. Committee could be

found-response-on website.

--Mark Drummond added the legal responsibility issue of bicycles and students, that PAC does not have insurance to cover such a proposal, along with the safety issue of putting students in harms way.

9. **Communications Committee**-Lynette Hallauer- Looking at possible website to streamline questions and responses. Working on TV communications board.
10. **CAC**-Julia Husen-205 Seniors applying for college now..top 5 early action schools applied to are, UIUC, UC, MIT, Case Western, Cal. Tech. Sr. financial aid night is Nov. 13 at 7 or 7:30. Roberto Suarez is organizing event. Juniors—PSAT tutorials done, all students took PSAT..will meet in Dec. to go over answers with booklets. Sophomores—Oct. 8 met 4 groups to discuss IMSA issues with HS/College transitions. Jan. will meet to choose classes and go over requirements.
--Last week of college visits coming up. Schools are visiting individually this year instead of in a large group—better results, interest and attendance. 75 colleges came.
--Nov. 1, 48 IMSA students taking SAT
11. **Adler Planetarium Event**— jnelson625@hotmail.com for information or to volunteer to help. March 5-fundraiser, will meet in November.
11. **Parent Partners**-Jean Balzweit- 4 groups-- 1. Student Development, 2. Staff Development, 3. Training and Support, 4. Community Engagement. The groups meet every Tuesday. Need donations of dishes, games, weekend activities, kitchen closet baking and cleaning items. Compiling document of local restaurants, phone numbers, ideas and suggestions for volunteer dinners and activities to offer the students. Steve Maril suggested putting document and ideas/needs on the website, and taking a vote on needed requests. Sarah Blosser, HC/RC stated the Engagement Committee will have a representative at each PAC meeting.
12. **Student Life**-Lawrence Ly-17 members present-
--Late pick-up of students by parents on extended weekends-up to 2 hours late. New fee imposed at \$25/each 5 minutes late. Fee can be waived by parent addressing the Student Life Committee. Renita Miller rmiller@kirkland.com 630-554-2979 agreed to take students to her home if parents contact her in advance.
--IRN In Room Networking Committee headed by Dr. Bob Hernandez and Intervisitation Committee headed by Dr. McLaren will be meeting soon.
--Risky Behavior Survey results will be ready for the Nov. meeting. Rocky Mountain Institute drug/alcohol survey will be given soon-results due in May. Dr. Dave gave presentation during Red Ribbon Week.
--Parent to Parent Guide waiting for PAC Exec. Committee review.
--IMSA RC's are allowed to transport students via IMSA vans to Aurora area religious services per student request—no proselytizing.
--Cindy McCabe- Secretary for committee to relay notes/info. to parents.
--Cindy McCabe and Lawrence Ly to attend intervisitation meetings.
--Ed Zaretsky made motion to accept late fee proposal, 2nd by William Lindeman, motion accepted.
13. **Senior Banquet**-Grace Walquist-meeting after PAC.
14. **Friday Fest**-Patti Hizek-Great turnout, play participants ate first. Want to include a physical activity involving students and parents. Next Friday Fest is November 14- Italian American theme.
15. **Technology Committee**-Dan Getz-New Gateway computers slow at being delivered, 78 waiting, Monday delivery date promised. Students using loaners now, parents not charged until computers are shipped. ITS exploring new vendors for next year. Noted that MPC is close to bankruptcy—

IMSA has employee watch status closely.

--Volunteers requested to discuss IRN usage. Student Life and Tech. committees with Dr. Bob Hernandez—looking at total policy. Students want more ports for gaming.

--Website—Orange color has been questioned and is marketing and communications issue. Making revisions to website over multiple concerns.

16. **IMSA Alumni Association (IAA)**-Scott Swanson—Career, College, and Choices forum Thursday, October 30, 7:00p.m. Old. Cafeteria—Alumni offering forum presentation to student body. First meeting-Technology—panel discussion.

--Alumni Sibling-pilot started, matches made, getting documents together.

--Thank you for allowing IAA to be a part of PAC.

17. **Administration Report**-Dr. Eric McLaren- Sieman's Competition-larger number of semi-finalists than in the past.

--Report card grades will be locked in on Wednesday.

--Intercession assignments will be made before the Thanksgiving break.

--Veteran's Day program IMSA alum/Navy pilot Alex Dietrich off of the PBS show "Carrier" will share her life story.

--Tennis-has state tournament coming up, Cross Country has regionals today, Volleyball hosts regionals here-- Thurs. 6:30 IMSA plays.

18. **Dr. Bob Hernandez**- Absences—18 students (Seniors) at risk of being dropped from class with failing grade for missing class. Please talk to your students. Ten excused classes are allowed, but the 11th one student can be released as well, so plan college visits carefully.

--New website parent link on bottom of page—Please use this site.

--Monitor in old Commons area, also, one 42" flate screen ordered for each resident hall.

Old Business

--Homecoming had a good turnout.

New Business

--Preview Day is on the next PAC meeting day—Saturday, November 15, and we need parents to volunteer to stay late to talk to perspective parents.

--Looking at the possibility of getting dishes/plates/utensils to re-use instead of disposables, possible portable dishwashers/RC apartments for cleaning dishes?

--Looking at the possibility of telephone conferencing PAC meeting to get more people involved. Maintenance on Sat. prevents streaming on some meeting days.

--Motion to telephone conference made by Inez Verwey, 2nd by Ed Zaretsky, motion passed.

Announcements

--Kids Institute on Dec. 6 for grades 3-6 with special activities.

--Request was made for speakers to use the microphones to address the PAC.

--Committee members need to turn in notes to Tracey Rossi, Secretary for recording accuracy.

--Next PAC meeting Saturday, November 15 with Preview Day activities afterward.

--Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Patti Hizek, 2nd by Mark Drummond.

Recorded by Tracey Rossi