IMSA PAC minutes

Call to order-President Karen Schwerbrock

Roll call-Secretary Tracey Rossi
17 voting members present-quorum met
29 total members present including 3 by telephone call-in

Motion made to accept April minutes made by Jeanne Balzuweit, seconded by Tama Fisher. Minutes approved.

President report-Karen Schwerbrock- Announced new chairs, executive committee, and thanked all for dedication to PAC. New positions for 2009-2010 are President-Karen Schwerbrock, V.P. Steve Maril, Secretary-Tracey Rossi, Treasurer-Tom Hizel, Downstate Coordinator-Dan Getz, Metro Coordinator-Ed Zaretsky.

Vice President report-Steve Maril-Good year for the bus routes-budget broke even and all buses were on time with no losses.

No secretary report

Treasurer report-Tom Hizel will be new treasurer-report given by Karen Schwerbrock-Chart of payments put up on screen. Current balance is \$27,420.72. The senior banquet has paid for itself, and one last check will be sent for reimbursement.

Downstate report-Mark Drummond-Tele option works well. Dan Getz to take over position. Need Region 8 volunteer to host summer picnic.

Administration-Eric McLaren- Prom was very successful. We will be having early dismissal on Friday afternoon so students can see their teachers before finals. Students with multiple exams can re-arrange schedules. Please have students move out as soon as exams are finished. Band and choir students will be staying for the graduation ceremony. The senior banquet is a wonderful event to keep the students on track the night before graduation. Two hundred fifty two new letters mailed for class of 2012 invitation with 50 students waitlisted. GPA/SAT-math scores up, otherwise scores were consistent. Thirty five eighth graders were invited. Invitation targets based on applicant pool, and there were more downstate schools this year, with more local/surburban students being waitlisted. US Gov't. changed the racial reporting and the Dept. of Education just adopted the change. More bi-racial kids are counted with a total of 106%, with 10% Afro-American, and 10% Latino. Prom location question was asked: Last year the prom was held at the Shedd Aquarium, and this year it was at the Museum of Science and Industry because of the dates chosen. It used to be held at a hotel downtown. Museums are more expensive, but nicer venues at \$110/ticket. We have required busing to and from the event, and the students must fund raise to keep the costs down.

Communications committee-Lynette Hallauer-We must rethink the newsletter idea as we already get notes regularly from the school.

Residential life committee-Lawrence Ly- This was the final meeting of the year. Next year the officers will be Jeanne Balzuweit and Barb Kulbida. We talked about the summer picnic organization and how we can have parents supply food and then distribute information out to new families. We need a better structure to get the information out. We discussed the changes to intervisitation rules. The sophomores will not be allowed privileges until second semester. Region 9 is large and could possibly split up into two separate picnics. Expenses reimbursed at about \$120/picnic, but more could be covered by PAC. An email will go out to all families with all of the picnic information so families can attend any picnic convenient for them. The possibility of a checklist of intervisitation preferences from families was discussed also.

Senior banquet-Grace Walquist- Thank you to those who have worked on the banquet. Nameet Vedak will be the chairperson next year and needs a sophomore or junior parent to assist her. The Wyndham Hotel Lisle will be the host site for the banquet with chamber music, Mod 21 singers, string duet, slide show and guest speakers for the entertainment and program. Income was better than expected at \$26,000. Dress code question—Suit and tie would be appropriate as the evening/dinner is dressy and very nice.

Friday Fest-Patti Hizel-We still need help and donated dishes for the May 25-Monday Memorial Day cookout. Desserts, sodas, side salads will be needed.

Parent Partners-Jeanne Balzuweit-We need input of ideas or changes for parent handbook. Food establishment information with phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc. to be posted on the website for parents to use to host wing dinners.

CAC- Julian Husen-Admission cycle for the seniors is over but we do not have all of the final decisions submitted yet. We had 1,742 requests for transcripts to colleges for applications this year. We havde 203 seniors so they applied to 8.5 colleges each. Most popular were UIUC, Northwestern, Washington University, U of Chicago, Stanford, UIC, MIT, Duke Case Western, and Cornell. Next year the keynote speaker for the College Days will be retiring Dean of Admissions at University of Chicago Ted O Neil. Thank you to PAC for helping with the college day event. The statistics on the matriculations will be available in August. On Friday, the list will be displayed for the seniors to see. Student Council is having seniors fill out forms with school names and reasons for applying to them to share with future seniors. Scholarship information is private.

Technology-Ralph Flickinger—See the 1:1 computing program page on the IMSA website for all of the information please. MPC Gateway contracts available until May 21. Twenty five families have purchased contracts. The Toshiba M750 is available for \$300 less than last year, and the price is good until August 1, 2009. We are working on end of the year repairs and trying to return computers before the summer begins. We are also recalling loaner equipment. Durability issues with computer purchases are available on the web page at the lower edge. Kids are rough on the machines and they overheat from

mistreatment. New computers will be engraved with the IMSA logo, old computers will not be offered engraving option.

IMSA Fund-Greta Salamando-Alumni giving efforts are now being made for the fiscal year ending June 30. Parents and students are helping to contact alumni. As of May 6, parent giving was at 25%, our goal is 40%.

No Student Council rep. present (Prom last night).....Dr. McLaren reported on the nice StudCo Teacher's Thank You event with the cheesecakes, decorations, and thank yous in appreciation of the teachers.

No IMSA Alumni Association rep. present

Old Business-

-Placement testing volunteers needed at IMSA on Friday 29. Need Saturday, May 30 volunteers in Godfrey, Marion, and Moline to greet parents and answer questions about IMSA.

New Business-

- -IMSA picnic list being put together to be sent out to all families. Corrected email for DD McInerney who is in charge of the picnics.. mc61821@yahoo.com, mmcinern@soltec.net
- -Sophomore orientation on June 27-28 (Saturday and Sunday), and July 5-6 (Sunday and Monday). Need volunteers to help.
- -Guide parents being organized to help new families adjust and answer questions about IMSA.

Announcements-

- -Next PAC meeting September 2010....two meetings
- -Finals Fest on Monday, May 25—IMSA cookout—please participate and bring dishes to share.

Motion to adjourn made by Grace Walquist, seconded by Lawrence Ly...Motion approved and meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Tracey Rossi