

**Illinois Math and Science Academy
Parent Association Council
General Forum
May 19th, 2012**

Members Present: Ron Kimberling, Roger Moore, Jayashree Kumar, Jenifer Giger, Regina Etherton, Renita Miller, Nancy Crawford, Ellen Huxtable, Diane Cory, Tara Hornbeck, Wendy Gibbons, Pam Lisk, Soma Narayanan, Cathy Boren, Sharon Zelman, Lauren Gordon, Karen Fann, Deb Warning, Jennifer Richardson.

Agenda	Speaker/Topic	Action Item
Call to order	PAC President Ron Kimberling – Welcomed everyone to the first PAC meeting under the new Executive Committee and last PAC meeting for 2011-12.	
Roll Call	PAC Secretary Jayashree Kumar – Took the roll call. 19 members out of a total 34 were present in person/online.	Quorum was met.
Approval of minutes	N/A	N/A
Introduction of new Principal	Dr. Diana Sharp, the newly appointed Principal and Chief Academic Officer for IMSA spoke to PAC. She is greatly looking forward to her new role and indicated that all her previous endeavors have guided her to this leadership role at IMSA. She will begin her duties formally around July 1 st .	
Treasurer's report	Roger Moore – Gave an overview of PAC account as well as the IMSA Bus account. Both are in good standing. Roger communicated that he would reimburse any expenses that have been incurred on behalf of PAC for this school year.	
Vice-President's Report	N/A	
Downstate Co-ordinator	Jenifer Giger – Attended PAC meeting online. She indicated that there is a new online form included with the 2012-13 registration materials that has information for Parents to fill out for students who intend to use the Bus service. Jenifer will use this information to give usage estimates to the bus contractors. Jenifer is also working on arranging summer picnics and confirming returning Regional Reps for rising juniors and seniors.	She is seeking more reps for downstate regions.

Metro Co-ordinator	Regina Etherton – She is co-ordinating and working with Regional Reps on hosting summer picnics for Region 6-10 Students/Families. Regina is also working on confirming returning Regional Reps for rising juniors and seniors.	She is seeking more reps for metro regions.
Administration/Student Life	Dr. Hernandez – Gave an update about Dr. McLaren. Dr. McLaren was involved via teleconferencing in the final selection of this year’s sophomore class. He will give the commencement speech at IMSA Graduation. Dr. Hernandez reminded Seniors about key dates/times for turn-in of items/room checkout. Online Registration for next academic year is available for all students. Contact Minerva Juarez with any questions/issues. Reminder about attendance and behavior for students, especially Seniors – to keep out of trouble or risk being unable to participate in Graduation ceremony.	Dr. McLaren’s commencement speech video will be available online at a later date.
CAC	Julia Husen – Gave statistics about class of 2012 college applications/acceptance. She contrasted them with Class of 2011 stats. CAC office assisted students with applications to over 1700 colleges. In general, the Class of 2012 had the highest academic performance since the Class of 2006, and it was successful in gaining acceptances from numerous highly selective colleges. Julia spoke about Northwestern and U. Chicago policy changes for admission criteria.	
IMSA Alumni	Melvin Bacani – Not Present	
Student Council	Out-going Student Council President Aadi Tolappa spoke about class of 2012 – various accomplishments of peers. Introduced Kevin Zhang – Student Council President for class of 2013.	
IMSA Fund	Greta Salamando – Stated that the monetary target for IMAS Fund donations has been met – over \$136,000. However, the IMSA parent household participation goal for donations hasn’t been met yet. The target is 55% participation. Currently, only 42% of IMSA households	Spread the word – regional coordinators offered to make phone calls. Mailing will be sent out by the IMSA Fund to reach IMSA parents who have not

	have donated. Greta mentioned that any dollar amount \$1 – and up will help reach this target. Last year, parent donations came from 48% of households and reached \$102k.	donated yet.
Student Life	Renita Johnson – Not present	
Technology	Rajni Patel – Not present	
Academic	Nancy Crawford – Spoke about the committee’s agenda and progress for the current year. Increased participation of members from 2 to 16 this year. Various issues concerning students’ academics – SI Physics, SIR, Academic dishonesty policy and other topics were discussed in their committee meetings.	New chair will be recommended to Ron for appointment.
Senior Banquet	Tara Hornbeck – Spoke about the 900+ RSVP’s received for the Banquet. It is a celebration for all the hard work put in by the graduating class for the past three years.	Tickets for the banquet can still be purchased online
Friday Fest	Renita Miller – Reminded about the last Friday Fest – May 28 th . This is actually a special Finals Fest starting at 4:00 p.m. Sodexo will close for dinner that day.	Parents can still contribute food - side dishes/ cut fruits / desserts.
Hospitality	Ellen Huxtable	Provide coffee/snacks for PAC meetings.
New Business	Ron mentioned about Summer Picnics – coordinated by regional reps.	
Programs	Barbara Miller – Gave a presentation on improvements in student retention. This year, the sophomore retention rate is 97.3 %, compared to 93% for the Classes of 2012 and 2013. Many initiatives have been undertaken to increase student retention. Academic help with intersessions, LASSI, Excel with math and science , screening of applicants for interest in math and science curriculum etc. have been explored to prepare students for adapting to, and thriving well at IMSA.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.	