

**Illinois Math and Science Academy
Parent Association Council
General Meeting Minutes
September 22nd, 2012**

Members Present: Ron Kimberling, Roger Moore, Jayashree Kumar, Regina Etherton, Ralph Flickinger, Karen Sample, Shannon Price, Soma Narayanan, Crystal Radee, Carrie Moranz, James Deng, Nancy Tenenhouse, Lottie Scott, Jill Chertow, Lauren Gordon, Tony Pechi, Laura Chandler, Ellen Huxtable, Gina Lam, Ipsita Mahapatra, Julie Dowling, Ravi Ramakrishnan, Tara Hornbeck.

Agenda	Speaker/Topic	Action Item
Call to order	PAC President Ron Kimberling – Welcomed everyone to the first PAC business meeting for the School Year 2012-13.	N/A
Roll Call	PAC Secretary Jayashree Kumar – Took the roll call. 23 members out of a total 34 were present in person/online.	Quorum was met.
Approval of minutes	Motion made and seconded for approval of May 2012 meeting minutes.	Approved
Treasurer's Report	Roger Moore presented the 2012-2013 budget numbers with the current standing balance. He explained that the PAC has three accounts: a general account funded by an IMSA Fund contribution of \$15k annually, a Bus Route fund that is self-sustaining, and a Senior Banquet fund that is also self-sustaining.	N/A
President's Report	Ron Kimberling gave an oral report with news items, including summer activities and future meeting speakers.	N/A
Vice-President's Report	No report.	N/A
Downstate Co-ordinator	No report.	N/A
Metro Co-ordinator	Regina Etherton – Regina spoke about successful hosting of summer picnics for various Regions which was well received by Students/Families.	She is seeking more Junior reps for metro regions 6-8 and 10.
Technology Update	Ralph Flickinger – Spoke about working out issues with some sophomore computers – webcams, firewire ports, wrong wireless card. 30% of IMSA students went with outside vendors with their purchase of new	N/A

	computers, the highest percentage ever..	
Administration/Student Life	Dr. Hernandez – Gave an update about Dr. Sharp. Dr. Sharp is recovering very well after surgery and is expected to be back in October. Furniture was purchased for residence halls with PAC special project funding. In the past, fitness equipment, music equipment, and other items were purchased. Oct 4 th is the first extended weekend. The IMSA home page has all the info. The student handbook is posted online in pdf format, and parents are encouraged to read it and know the rules.	N/A
CAC	Julia Husen – College visits (94 colleges) scheduled between September and November. CAC office met with seniors regarding College app. Will address seniors on Oct 1 st , Nov 1 st and Dec 3 rd . Juniors – PSAT tutorials are scheduled. Seniors are offering one-on-one tutorials to Juniors for PSAT prep. Diagnostic test is being offered through Kaplan. Sophomores – CACs will speak to sophomores on Oct 3 rd .	N/A
IMSA Alumni	Julie Dowling (class of 99) – IAA will hold its first retreat next Saturday. Information about alumni activities are posted at imsaalumni.org . Working with Lindsey Crowninshield for community service for participating in ‘Sky Rise Chicago’ – benefitting RIC Chicago. Alumni are working with students and get feedback as to how best to assist them with their current needs.	N/A
Student Council	Kevin Zhang – Student Council President for class of 2013 – Spoke about the preparations that went towards today’s homecoming event. Student Council is helping students with various clubs/activities.	N/A
IMSA Fund	Greta Salamando – Stated that the monetary target for IMSA Fund donations is \$110,000, with 17% of this amount raised to date. The parent participation is at 23%. Target is 50%. IMSA parent household	Spread the word – Mailing will be sent out periodically by the IMSA Fund to reach IMSA parents who have

	participation is an important factor to show support while seeking funds from state.	not donated yet.
Multi-Cultural Co-ordinator	Ipsita Mahapatra introduced herself to PAC. She met with Dr. Hennandez and came up with the objective of more student participation in multi-cultural events.	N/A
Student Life	Ellen Huxtable – Urged parents to show support for kids by ‘pampering’ them with needed items such as board games, etc. Looking for volunteering Parents/Adults for supervision of Gym/Swimming Pool over the week-ends so that they can be kept open.	N/A
Technology	No report	N/A
Academic	Ravi Ramakrishnan – Spoke about the committee’s agenda for the current year. There was a good turnout at today’s meeting. Various academic issues/concerns were discussed.	N/A
Senior Banquet	Tara Hornbeck – Set for May 31 st , 2013. Looking for Sophomore, Junior Parents to come on board so that they will know the logistics involved in planning for future years.	Seeking sophomore/ junior parents for the committee.
Friday Fest	Ellen Huxtable – The September 7th Friday Fest was a big success. Lots of kids were served food. There is absolutely no wastage of any food items. Leftovers are donated to residence halls and much appreciated by students.	Parents can contribute money, food, drinks towards this event.
Hospitality	Tony Pechi – Procure items for any food events – Friday Fest/ PAC meetings, etc.	
Old Business	Approval of 2012-2013 budget	Approved
New Business	Election of Regional reps.	Approved
Program	Barbara Miller and Paula Altekrause – Gave a presentation on Academic help with intersessions. Spoke about summer online help with SI-Bio, and plan to introduce the same with math and chem next summer. Tracking of students who are struggling and provide them with academic resource support. This has helped boost the performance of students. Juniors/Seniors can seek assistance in their studies.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.	Next meeting Oct 20 th