

**Illinois Math and Science Academy
Parent Association Council
General Meeting Minutes
Feb 9th, 2013**

Members Present: Ron Kimberling, Roger Moore, Jenifer Giger, Jayashree Kumar, Ipsita Mahapatra, Ralph Flickinger, Soma Narayanan, Shannon Price, Dan Wenny, Jill Chertow Franks, Crystal Radee, Lauren Gordon, Tony Pechi, Jason Ball, Ellen Huxtable, Swetal Vimalala, Ravi Ramakrishnan, Lauren Gordon, Deb Warning., Ramona Sullivan.

| Agenda | Speaker/Topic | Action Item |
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| Call to order | PAC President Ron Kimberling – Welcomed everyone to the PAC business meeting. | N/A |
| Roll Call | Jayashree Kumar – 19 members out of a total 34 were present in person/online. | Quorum was met. |
| Approval of minutes | Motion made and seconded for approval of January 19 th 2013 meeting minutes. | Approved. |
| Treasurer's Report | Posted online – Received check from IMSA Fund with \$15k normal contribution and more than \$2.7k in designated PAC contributions– PAC account is solvent now. | |
| President's Report | Ron Kimberling – PAC committee is in the process of updating procedures for officer, committee chairs & voting members roles. | |
| Vice-President's Report | None. | |
| Downstate Co-ordinator | Buses are scheduled for next extended in Feb. | N/A |
| Metro Co-ordinator | None. | |
| Technology Update | Ralph Flickinger –People online will have a new Q&A window for their questions. | N/A |
| Administration/Student Life | Dr. Sharp – no updates. Dr. Hernandez – Lots of announcements. RC Kurt was introduced. Seniors – service hours – 11 seniors in danger of not graduating. Leadership symposium is March 6 th for all sophomores and interested Juniors and Seniors. Class of 1990 – alum is speaker. Interviewing candidates for open RC position for 1501. Two water stations | |

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| | are available now for students to fill up. Mr. Keith Mackintosh sent out summary of discipline. Lowest number of Tier 2 violations ever. | |
| CAC | Julia Husen – Kara was introduced. Financial aid parent night – Feb 22 nd . Course selection process for sophomores and Juniors. Teacher advising sessions will be held. Course selection will start on Feb 19 th . College selection process has started for Juniors. March 9 th – individual meetings with Juniors till College day on April 27 th . Need Parent volunteers. AP registration is open – due date is Feb 19 th . All documents are in Naviance. | N/A |
| IMSA Alumni | Melvin Bacani – University host program is coming up – 105 alumni signed up to talk with students. Great minds program Feb 25 th . Jenny has a film – Gene Siskel theater. Email will be forwarded to Parents also. All the info can be obtained at Alumni website. | N/A |
| Student Council | Kevin Emancipator – co-chair of residential life committee. Two events – social program and informational program – Tech talk from students. University hosts program – compiled list of IMSA alumni for contact regarding universities that students are interested in. SIR shadowing program. Sophomores can look into SIR or independent study with Seniors on one of the I-days. Speed dating on Valentines day. Clash of the Halls – week long competition with residential halls. Hall with most points wins. | N/A |
| IMSA Fund | Caroline Johnson – Greta Salamando is no longer with IMSA. Not much increase since last month. Participation is at 58%. Dollar goal still needs to be met. | |
| Multi-Cultural Co-ordinator | Ipsita Mahapatra – no report. | N/A |
| Student Life | Ellen – Need logo for Senior yard sign – Dr. Hernandez will provide that. | |

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| Academic | Ravi – Dr. Scheppler attended. Make it as an annual event for the benefit of sophomore parents. Volunteers for College day needed. Parents can attend committee meetings online also. | N/A |
| Senior Banquet | Swetal – Co-chair for Senior Banquet – Invitation will be mailed out at end of Feb. RSVP in a month by mail or online. Tickets can be bought on-line. 100% of baby picture participation has been reached. No limits on tickets for this year. | |
| Friday Fest | Ellen Huxtable – Feb 22 nd next Friday Fest. Email has link – please donate food. | |
| Hospitality | Tony Pechi – Provided snacks for today’s meeting. | |
| Old Business | None | |
| New Business | <p>Nominating committee report – The slate of recommended candidates – Election is on April 27th. Juliann Geldner for Pres. Roger Moore for Treasurer. Ipsita Mahapatra as Secretary. Need VP candidate. Regional Reps – elected and appointed reps. Sophomore parents are appointed in the summer. Any vacancies for juniors or seniors will also be appointed. Nominating committee is recommending all interested current regional reps to continue for next year.</p> <p>Downstate – Regions 1-5– All current soph and junior reps interested in continuing next year.</p> <p>Metro regions – 6 – 10. All regions have Junior reps. Need seniors for regions 6-8 – have for regions 9 & 10.</p> <p>Final slate of candidates will be reported next month. Floor nominations are okay at the April election.</p> | N/A |
| Program | <p>Scheduled Speaker Micheal Dunn-Reier could not attend. Instead, it was an open forum : Parent Q&A with PAC Executive Committee.</p> <p>Question regarding “Parents day” for 2nd semester? – None scheduled for 2nd Semester.</p> <p>Dr. Hernandez introduced – Kelly – new assistant director for enrollment.</p> | |

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| | <p>AP exam policy – New limitations – parents expressed some concerns. Dr. Sharp addressed the questions – Some tests just have 2 or 3 takers and may not do as well without having sufficient background. This affects IMSA resources for other student needs. For core curriculum, more students do sign up and hence this shouldn't be a concern for such subjects. Students can also take AP tests at their local high schools.</p> <p>Parent question – if class is offered at IMSA, maybe base it on that rather than 'number' requirement? Dr. Sharp - That has been IMSA's deciding factor. Maybe have an email regarding which subject is not offered? IMSA cannot know until forms are submitted. Parents should email Dr. Sharp with any questions.</p> <p>Scholastic bowl results need to be included – That needs to be provided by coach to student life.</p> <p>German 4/5 will be offered as independent study next year due to low enrollment.</p> | |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. | Next meeting Mar 16 th |