

**Illinois Math and Science Academy  
Parent Association Council  
General Forum  
September 25, 2010**

**Members Present:** Executive Board: Stu Bloom, Toni Skoog, Renita Johnson, Peter Edgers, Deann Edgers

**Voting Members:** See attendance sheet

**Absent:** See attendance sheet

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/DECISION
Roll Call – Deann Edgers		Quorum Established
Meeting called to order 10:00 am		
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of 9/11/10 presented for approval	Motion made to accept minutes with the addition of Peter Edgers present on-line. Motion made by Tracy Rogers, second by DeeDee McInerny. Motion carried
Treasurer’s Report – Toni Skoog	The PAC account has a balance of \$13,495.58 dollars. The Bus fund has a balance of \$13,933.26. There are still several outstanding items. The report is posted on line	No questions raised the budget was submitted
Presidents Report – Stu Bloom	Board of Trustee Meeting – An update on State funding was present. The Board was pleased with a flat budget for IMSA this academic year. An increase in fees for the class of 2014 has been proposed. Translators – There is a need for parents to serve as translators ad hoc and/or emergency situations. Any interested parent please contact Stu or Dr. McLaren. Request from Student Life – The ice cream social scheduled for 10/16 is in need of parent volunteers. Resident Life Issues – A reminder that issues related to dorms and dorm life should first go to the RC. Following the chain of command the next in line would be Janet Cordovis at <a href="mailto:jcordovis@imsa.edu">jcordovis@imsa.edu</a> .	
Vice President – Peter Edgers	No Report	
Committee and liaison Reports Downstate Coordinator – Sandi Duval	Sandi and Susan are working to schedule buses. Busses are set for Pontiac, Bloomington, Springfield plus areas around Peoria. Please contact Sue or Sandi if you have not received a contract or wish to be included.	

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Metro Coordinator – Juli Gelner Multi-Cultural Coordinator- Renita Johnson	No Report  No Report	
Administrative Report – Dr. McLaren   Dr. Hernandez	Interim Reports – These are a time for teachers to communicate with parents about students who are risk. They will be forthcoming this week Intercession – Call for proposals will be released mid-October. Students will know by Thanksgiving of their choices. It is only one week long. Please be aware it is a part of the curriculum and there are consequences for missing. Introduced Janet Cordovis and Laren (?) Hampton/Comfort Inn – There are discounts of \$20 when staying at these facilities. Cards are available. Contact his office. Handbooks - These have been distributed. If you have not received one please contact the Student Life office. One correction in the Handbook. December break starts 12/22 not 12/23 as stated. Finals will be done by noon on that Wednesday. Halls will close Wednesday at 5pm. Buses will start to leave at 2:30pm. Extended – Will occur on 10/7/10. Class will go until 11:45sm. Buses will leave at 2:30pm. Halls will close at 5pm. Charges will occur at \$25 for every 5 minutes a student is not picked up after 5pm. If there is an emergency please call the resident life staff. Traffic is not considered an emergency. W curve – This is a typical time for the “nose dive” for most sophomores. Juniors are also having difficult times. Remember to talk with your students. Attendance – Reminder that a student needs to be called in absent before 9am if they will not be in attendance that day. Parent Website - This is the way all things are communicated. Please check if frequently. There are already posts about senior banquet.	

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CAC Coordinator – Julia Hussen	<p>CAC will provide updates at every PAC meeting.</p> <p>Sophomores – Will meet with counselors three times in the first semester. Talk about IMSA, academic pace, college/career inventory.</p> <p>Juniors – PSAT 10/13. There will be tutorial sessions on 10/4 and 10/5 on critical reading and writing only. ACT/SAT practice/review 10/30. Please register on line.</p> <p>Seniors – Individual counseling is finishing up now. Fall college visits are in full swing. Working on organizing students and getting them ready for the process.</p> <p>Refer to website for U of I application process.</p> <p>Discussion regarding Connect Education versus Naviance. Further information coming. A decision will be made by the first of October.</p>	
IMSA Alumni – Melvin Bacani	<p>New cabinet members were elected. Had a treat to discuss and plan the year. They will be working on the College and Career forums. Focus will be on medical, technical and engineering. Dates will be forthcoming and will be posted.</p>	
Student Council – Shawon Jackson	<p>Reminder that today is homecoming; theme is Mardi Gras.</p> <p>Currently working on revamping the Student Union/Life and Resident Life club rooms</p> <p>Host a “Lunch with the teachers” opportunity.</p> <p>Will host the first “Last Lecture Series”. The first speaker will be Dr. Skinner.</p>	
IMSA fund – Greta Salamando	<p>Thank you for the great parent giving so far. Our goal is 50% and/or \$100,000. So far we have a 21% participation with 144 parents giving. Total dollar amount is 18,802.00.</p> <p>Phone-a-thon was conducted in October. Thank you for those volunteer who gave up their time.</p>	

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Student Life – Renita Johnson	No report	
Technology Report – Andy Skoog	Twelve participants joined today's PAC meeting via video streaming. Experimenting with Yahoo groups as a trial, stay tuned. Any input or participation interest contact Andy	
Academic – Inez Verwey	Held first meeting – no report	
Senior Banquet – Marci Crawford/Tracy Rogers	Invitation to parents of junior and sophomore students to participate in the process so you are ready for next year. Planning is moving along. Information is posted on the website. Looking for baby and childhood photographs of seniors. Details of the event will be sent directly to the parents via Email.	
Friday Fest: Renita Miller	Huge success for the first Friday fest of the school year. Next event theme is Asian. Will accept any and all donations. Please let the Friday fest committee know of any food allergies and if you are doing the cooking, please indicate ingredients.	
Old Business Authorization of cots  Appointments to regional representative vacancies	Fourteen cots were purchased last spring; inadvertently, the amount spent exceeded the authorized amount by about \$116. Stu is requesting a motion to retroactively authorize the purchase. The cots have proven to be such a hit that the IMSA administration has requested 14 more cots to be purchased. This will be considered in the budget discussion  Volunteers elicited  On the PAC leadership website is a list of vacancies. Anyone willing to serve please contact Stu. Responsibilities are minimal; attend meetings and help coordinate any events, coordinate/set up the summer picnic and be the point of contact for the region.	Motion made by Sandy Duval to authorize retroactively the expenditure, second by Marci Crawford. Motion carried.  Nancy Crawford was appointed to Region 7 as a junior alternative. John and Kelly Tadi appointed to Region 1 as junior alternate. Renita Miller will remain the senior representative for Region 9.

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New Business	No new business to report	
Program	CoolHub.IMSA – presented by Jim Gerry	
Adjourn	No other business to discuss a motion was requested for adjournment	Adjourned at 11:15am

Next Meeting, October 23, 2010; 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted: *Deann Edgers, PAC Secretary.*