PAC Meeting Notes Saturday, September 27, 2008

Introduction
1. Welcome by President Karen Schwerbrock. Stressed the need for more volunteers for Region Reps. For PAC to have quorum for voting.
2. Roll call made—37 parents present.
3. Motion made by Ed Zaretsky to approve May minutes, Grace Walquist seconded.

Reports
1. President-Karen Schwerbrock reported the executive committee approved the $1500 allowance for purchase of laptop, external backup system, bag, accessories for President to use and pass on from year to year. Must be purchased through IMSA for repair support thru school.
2. Vice-President Steve Maril- Bus routes need more riders to sign up to keep bus route prices within reach since gas prices are elevated.
3. Treasurer Wei Wei Jiang- present, checking account-. Karen Schwerbrock suggested reimbursement receipts be brought to the PAC meeting since two signatures from officers are required for writing checks.
4. Secretary Tracey Rossi-no report.
5. Downstate Coordinator Mark Drummond-Need regional representatives for bus coordinators South of I-80. Suggested to possibly change by-laws to allow internet PAC meeting attendance for reps.
6. Metro Coordinator Ed Zaretsky- North of I-80 Chicagoland. Needs updated emails for parents. All email changes should be directed to the Principal’s Office-Ellyn Heinz eheinz@imsa.edu
7. Dr. Max McGee-not present.
8. Student Council-Mamatha Challa—Homecoming 08 theme is “When you wish upon a star………” This has been a stressful and active week. Student council would like to increase the relationship between PAC and StudCo. Would like to correlate committees, have chairs of StudCo at the PAC meetings. Now working with admissions office to arrange college shadowing with past IMSA students/”Student Ambassadors” for prospective students who do not know current college students already. Students will be hosted for one night and one day. There are seventy students signed up this year.
   -Alumn. Day
   1. Laura Lee Hafner—Alumn. Association Big Bro/Big Sis with IMSA students/Alumn for college life help.
   2. Career forums to have AA bring a career person in to talk to IMSA students.
   3. Alumni Host Program at colleges/universities.
   5. Student Council has new Scripps card for local stores—for purchases, then portion of profit goes back to StudCo.
9. Academic Committee-no meeting.
10. Communications Committee-no meeting, Lynette Hallauer to chair committee.
11. **CAC** –Julia Husen-A senior bulletin board is outside of the CAC office to post all activities for seniors. Two new links on CAC website with all activities for sophomores and juniors. Click on learning at IMSA, then CAC, then appropriate class. There are links for the parents as well. Seniors use the Prep HQ Communications. The CAC office welcomes two new counselors… Bart Gregersen and Roberto Suarez who is helping with technology/website. There are 205 seniors now. The counselors are meeting with each one to finalize college lists. Letters of recommendations will begin to be mailed soon. October 1 is due date for U of I applications. October 5 transcripts sent to UIUC, Dec. 10 decisions made. UIUC becoming more selective as more students apply. Juniors—October 15 PSAT for 189 juniors. Two tutorial sessions on writing/reading October 2nd and 7th on the ac. Pit., sign-up sheet in CAC office. Sophomores- 233 students meeting in October with Keith McIntosh and counselors, second meeting November 2.

12. **Student Life Committee**-Barb Kubida, Lawrence Ly

   Senior Banquet-Grace Walquist-Banquet to be held on Friday May 29 at a hotel in Lisle—Information on website-Senior Parent link. Volunteers needed for all committees.

   Friday Fest-Tom and Pattie Hizel reported there was a great turnout last night. The theme was Pizza/Potluck and about 450 students were served. There were 20 parent volunteers present. There was plenty of food, drinks, and monetary donations. The next Friday Fest is on October 24—Asian theme. Information on PAC website-Fri. Fest link. Please contact us at fridayfest@sbcglobal.net Donations may be dropped off in the Student Life Office in the main building. Monetary donations accepted.

   A volunteer PAC chairperson is needed to sit in on the food service meeting—contact Karen Schwerbrock if interested.

   Extended Weekend—Halls close at 5p.m. Students need to have arrangements to be picked up by this time. Late students can be picked up at 1501. Late pick-up fee being considered. Sick students also need to have arrangements to be taken off campus to prevent spread of disease.

13. **Technology Committee**-Bob Huston-new position, Dan Getz

   -Tablets discussed-Soph. and Jr. students now have tablets as well as some Srs. Evaluated, and tablets will be used again next year with more vendors. Some tablets not delivered yet, so supply of school loaners thin now. Discussed possible use of tablets by seniors after graduation.

   - Discussed room internet policy times changing from 1a.m. cutoff to earlier or later and possible software to monitor student usage.

   -Some parents are not accessing Powerschool—Possible default to make all parents receive emails, then parents can remove name from list.

   - Gateway rep. coming to IMSA to meet about sophomore computers next week.

   - Question-? IMSA purchase tax exempt computers as parents pay sales tax—Scott Swanson reported unable to do so because of ownership rights of IMSA vs. student.

14. **Administrative**-Dr. Eric McLaren—

   -Working on 2009-2010 school calendar, will go to StudCo, then board for approval in Nov. ---Spring break last full week of March, graduation on June 5 would give a
3 week winter break with 185 school days.

- Board approved a new revision of the sexual harassment policy and general discrimination policy.
- Forming a brief education policy
- SIR-265 students participate
- Acronym (school newspaper) now online-Please read.

15. Dr. Bob Hernandez—Parents website with So./Jr./Sr. sites.
- Health tips on Parent site
- First big Homecoming today, lunch tent, dedication of Alumni Hall (1504), semi-formal dinner, and school dance.
- Students got emails-new phones installed this week for campus calls, 911, 1-800 #s, and incoming calls.

Old Business
- Disbursement of funds-water bottles given to students by IMSA so funds remain.
Buying seven carts for the residence halls for move in ease, and one folding cart for Fri. Fest use., three portable Frisbee golf holes, computer for StudCo monitor in old cafeteria area—school has computer that can be used, so just need flat screen and case to lock up.
- The executive committee voted down the possibility of buying bicycles and helmets as request from Student Council due to traffic safety issues and liability issues.
- Parent’s Day—Dr. McLaren reported 394 families registered/came. Torrential rain from Ike. Looking at possibly adding second parent day in second semester for next year—adds another day for staffing purposes.

New Business
Resident Hall Network Access (RHNA) review- Dr. Hernandez will lead with 3 students from StudCo/tech, 3 parents from Tech Committee, ITS-1 member, and 1 teacher… direct questions to parents from tech. committee.
  1. Residence Hall Inter-visitation Policy review- Dr. McLaren will lead with 3 reps. From Studco, 3 parents from Student Life, 1 RC, and 1 teacher.
  2. Residence Hall upgrades-possible funding for furniture and paint.
  3. Security and how to make it better suggestions
    - move phones to the outer entrances for parents to use
    - signs asking parents to not ask students for admittance to dorms—call your own student for entry into building.

Announcements
- Next Friday Fest is October 24—Asian American theme
- Next PAC meeting Saturday October 25-committees meet at 9a.m., PAC at 10a.m.
- Homecoming events today
- Storage shed for summer storage close to IMSA for $55/mo.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Drummond, seconded by Dan Getz
Recorded by Tracey Rossi