

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE 1997-98 IMSA PARENTS ASSOCIATION

February 21, 1998

(Next meeting: March 14, 1998 10:00 AM at IMSA)

The February meeting of the 1997-98 IMSA Parents Association was called to order by President Stuart Cohen at 10:25 at the Illinois State Library in Springfield, Illinois. The start of the meeting was delayed to continue discussions with the Student Life committee.

A hearty thank you was given to Joan Feltovich for making all the arrangements for the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken, and a quorum was present.

MINUTES

Mike Doyle moved and Nancy Steinberg seconded that the minutes from the January meeting be accepted. The motion passed.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Introductions were made. The President read the IMSA Belief Statements from the Student/Parent Handbook.

The President cited Article IV Section F of the PAC By-Laws to call for a motion that the junior representative from Region 6 be removed for nonattendance at meetings. This would elevate the alternate to representative. Will Guilianelli moved and Kathy Myers seconded that the Representative be removed and Joan Winstein be seated as the Region 6 Representative. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Committee - David Dean gave a brief overview of the work and programs of the committee for the year. September - The students from the Ethics and Science Consortium reviewed their trip to Israel. October - the Inquiry team explained their program. Reasons were given as to why the Inquiry requirement was changed from mandatory to optional for the class of 1999 (see attached). November - the Mentorship program was explained. December - No meeting. January - A combined meeting with the Technology Committee toured 16 labs and 2 instrument preparation rooms. **Future meetings:** March – Grading; April - Longitudinal studies; May - No meeting.

The issue of **student travel** is coming up. There may be a request for funds to help financially challenged students participate in some of the trips. A discussion was held as to the changing of the Tuesday night meeting time. The committee will look into it for next year.

Architects will be interviewed on March 1 for the Granger Lab construction project. They will be on

a tight schedule to be able to have it ready at the start of the next school year.

Student Life - Linda Mellis reported that the **infirmary** issue is being investigated. Parents are urged to contact their insurance company to be sure that their student will be covered under their policy.

The proposal for the **restructuring** of the **residential life staff** was discussed. (See attached draft.)

A committee is forming to devise a method to have parents **evaluate RCs**. If interested, contact Linda Mellis.

Helen Ashraf submitted a draft report analyzing **Arbor's compliance with the food service contract** (attached). The President reported that there is a consensus that the food committee has been instrumental in making progress in improving the food at IMSA. After much discussion and several proposed changes to the draft, it was decided to send a copy of the draft to IMSA's Bill Fritz and Stephanie Marshall for their feedback. Helen Ashraf was commended for her efforts on this project. Linda Mellis moved and Nancy Steinberg seconded that the report be accepted as amended and be sent to Mr. Fritz and Dr. Marshall. The motion passed.

Carol Berger's attached report was discussed. The **toaster** and **emulsifier** have arrived.

Parent Partners - Joan Guilianelli reported that the committee is working on a booklet for next year. If you have any suggestions for activities, please contact her.

Treasurers Report - Stuart Cohen reported that as of January 31, 1998 we have a balance of \$41,781.82 with outstanding authorizations of \$16,868.98 for an "Available Funds" balance of \$24,912.84.

There was discussion concerning a fund request to move an unused **flagpole** from near the tennis courts to the soccer field. Stuart Cohen asked for a motion to consider the request for funds to move the flagpole. No such motion was made and the fund request died.

There was discussion concerning the **potholes** in the driveway behind the resident halls. The President will write a letter to IMSA requesting that they be filled.

Technology - Mike Doyle informed us that the **X terminals**, approved by the PAC, would be installed for students to use for quick things like checking e-mail.

The committee is looking into establishing a lending library for software. This will give students a chance to try some software before purchasing it. If you have any title suggestions, please give them to David Gossman.

Communications - Jerry Rickert announced that the newsletter would be out shortly.

Nominating Committee - Sandy Lentz and Will Guilianelli presented the **slate of officers** for next year: President - David Dean; Vice President - Lorelei Riddle; Treasurer - Stuart Cohen; Secretary - Carol Berger; Metro-Coordinator - Eric Margolis; Downstate Coordinator - Joan Feltovich. Nominations will be taken from the floor and rising Junior and Senior representatives will also be elected at the March meeting.

Volunteer Committee - Joan Winstein reported that our volunteers have done an excellent job as Parent Partners and in assisting with the recruitment meetings around the state. Presently there is a need for a volunteer to update the **Parent-to-Parent Handbook**. If you have any articles or would like to edit the Handbook, please contact Joan Winstein.

Volunteers are needed to **landscape** around 06 & 07. The planting will be on Saturday, April 25, the same day as College Day. Bring old clothes so that you can change and help. Please contact Joan Winstein if interested.

A special thank you was expressed to Lorna Flansburg for her excellent work on the Parents Association **website**.

CAC Committee - John Thompson has volunteered to head the CAC Committee. He is willing to serve for the rest of this year and also next year.

Parent Community Service Committee - Dianne Falgiani reported on the committee investigating the idea of parents doing community service. She explained the survey results and presented their proposal. (See attached) Liz Pasqualucci moved and Linda Mellis seconded that the report be accepted. The motion passed.

Old Business

All of the phone trees have been updated with local representatives being informed of students within their region and year that have left school. Next year we plan to complete the trees during Family Day at the regional meetings.

The University of Illinois School of **Engineering** will have a 2-day student run open house on March 13 & 14. There is a possibility that IMSA will send a bus for students to participate on Saturday. Faculty member Michael Sloan is coordinating IMSA's involvement. All students will receive information about the trip in their mailboxes. Dr. David Workman will chaperone one group of students.

The students on the **Multicultural** Committee were unable to raise enough money to secure the services of Ms. Jane Elliot. Instead they will present "Faces of America" on March 30. Loretta Kelly will update the PAC at the March meeting.

New Business

Student Proposal – On behalf of the Student Counsel, Katie Adams requested that the Parents Association support the students in their efforts to **modify the current in-room hours**. The complete text of the changes was provided to the PAC last month and a summary was included in the most recent Parent Newsletter. A lively discussion followed. Parents suggested that RCs should monitor student tardiness and absences from early classes to determine if the proposed later hours are a contributing factor. The motion to have it run as a pilot program with feedback from the attendance office was voted upon with 10 in favor and 7 against. This failed to be a quorum, as one representative had left. Therefore, the vote was not official and the issue will be revisited next month.

Parents were reminded that course offerings have been distributed and that a parental signature is required.

Student achievements were listed.

Parents were asked to talk with their students in regards to their behavior as described in the last IMSA mailing.

Deb Guffy is asking for volunteers to serve on a committee to review chemical usage on campus. Please contact her office if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

March 14th - Officer and representative elections

March 18th & 19th – Sound F/X & Jazz Ensemble Concert (A “Must See”)

April 18th - Community Picnic

April 25th – College Day & Landscaping

College Day is April 25.

Will Guilianelli moved and Dianne Falgiani seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Carol L. Quandt, Secretary

Attachments in Secretary's File:

Attendance sheet

Academic Committee Report

Student Life Committee Report

Proposed Student Life Organizational Chart Draft

Arbor Menus

Food Service Report

Treasurers Report

Parent Community Service Survey Results

Parent Community Service Proposal



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