

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING OF THE 1997-98 IMSA PARENTS
ASSOCIATION
MARCH 14, 1998**

(Next meeting April 18, 1998 10:00AM at IMSA)

The March meeting of the 1997-98 IMSA Parents Association was called to order by President Stuart Cohen at 10:08AM at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

MINUTES

Sandy Lenz moved and Sharen Gerlick seconded that the minutes from the January meeting be accepted. The motion passed.

GENERAL

President Cohen reported on the Board of Trustees meeting. The two new board members (Mr. Steven Isoye and Dr. Al Thurman) were introduced. President Cohen gave Dr. Thurman a copy of the Parent-to-Parent Handbook. The possibility of sending a copy of our minutes was discussed with no decision made. The Board approved an academic schedule similar to the current calendar with graduation being on Memorial Day weekend. IMSA's participation in Third International Mathematics and Science Study and the First In The World consortium was discussed. Sandy Lenz reported that many communities have summer bus fares for students. Loretta Kelly gave a short presentation on the "Faces of America" presentation for Multi- Cultural Awareness Week.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Next years' Family Day will include a time period for regional meetings. Teacher Appreciation Day was a success with 84 teachers in attendance.

The telephone hate calls have been turned over to the Aurora police department's juvenile investigator. The investigation continues.

Mr. James Bondi has been providing some programs on safety issues and date rape drugs.

IMSA as an Illinois high school is subject to review and the North Central Accreditation process has begun. IMSA has not been reviewed since 1992 and Arlene Quinn will represent the Parents Association on the committee.

There is a survey being conducted on how students spend their time at IMSA. If you are interested in participating, contact Jay Thomas.

Currently proof of accident and sickness insurance is required only of student athletes. Next year IMSA will have a low cost policy available for those students who do not have health insurance coverage and will require proof of coverage.

FOOD SERVICE

Carol Berger reported that a copy of the draft of the report was sent to Bill Fritz, Dr. Stephanie Marshall, and the Wellness Team. (See attached)

Arbor has been receptive to our suggestions. They would like more ethnic receipes. Arbor can prepare special diets for students with medical problems. The committee is developing a survey of student preferences. If you would like to assist, contact Carol Berger. All of the nutritional booklets have been distributed to the residence halls.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

The committee met on Saturday before the general meeting with more people in attendance then on most Tuesday evenings. The participants were given an update on the Inquiry process. The Granger Lab is progressing well. It should be open some time after the start of school in the fall. Dr. Martin Ramirez explained IMSA's grading philosophy and was available at the general meeting for further elaboration.

Dr. Ramirez reported that IMSA is in the main stream for developing educational standards for Illinois and the rest of the United States. A lot of research has gone into the development of measurable standards. Dr. Ramirez needs to know how we would like to be informed and what kind of information we would like to receive. A discussion followed. Since there was a lot of interest in the topic, David Dean will bring additional copies of the December Academic committee minutes meeting where the topic was explored in depth.

STUDENT LIFE

Joan Winstein reported that an interest has been expressed in presenting a parental component in the evaluation of RCs. She will contact IMSA to see how this can be implemented. There will be a restructuring of the RC organization. There is a Drug and Alcohol Prevention Committee being formed. Please contact Deb Guffy if interested.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

David Gossman announced that Mike Doyle will be the chair next year. The Granger Lab committee met with the architects over Spring Break. David is looking for ideas for software to be made available to students. Please contact him with any suggestions.

COMMUNICATIONS

There will be two more editions of the newsletter before graduation.

ELECTIONS

Will Guilianelli presented the slate of proposed officers and solicited nominations from the floor. The following slate was unanimously approved: President - David Dean; Vice President - Lorelei Riddle; Treasurer - Stuart Cohen; and Secretary - Carol Berger.

A temporary adjournment was held for the Regions to select their representatives for next year. (See attached)

POSSIBLE BY-LAW CHANGE

A letter was received from Marilyn Thompson about a change in the by-laws that would allow all Association members, after attending a set number of meetings, to vote. The President read the letter he sent in opposition to the proposal. (See attachments) A discussion followed with editorials to be included in the next Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to the loss of our quorum at the last meeting, Katie Adams revisited the request from the Student Council to have the Parents Association support a changing the in-room policy. A discussion followed. Jerry Rickert moved and Sandy Lenz seconded that the Parents Association supports the Student Council in their request to have the in-room and in-wing policy curfew extended by one hour. The vote was 17-6 in favor of the changes. The motion passed.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping of resident halls 1506 and 1507 will take place, rain or shine, on April 25th, the same day as College Day.

HEALTH ISSUES

Special diets are available when the school nurse and Arbor are informed. Ill students with communicable diseases must be removed from the residence halls. They may spend a few hours in the infirmary but must leave campus. It appears that the hospital charges may be adjusted to a \$75.00 base rate after payment of one's insurance coverage. Some HMOs do not cover hospital or infirmary stays without prior approval. Parents need to check with their carrier for their coverage. It is recommended that this topic be included in the sophomore orientation weekend so that all parents are aware of the possible charges.

U OF I ENGINEERING

There are 42 students who on the trip to visit the U of I Engineering Open House. Faculty members Michael Sloan organized the trip and David Workmen chaperoned the group.

SENIOR DINNER

The Senior Dinner will be held the night before graduation. It is for graduating students and their families. Frances Manson is organizing the event and invitations will be mailed in late April or early May.

PARENT-TO-PARENT HANDBOOK

Joan Winstein is looking for additional articles and updates. Get them to her as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

APPLICATIONS

The number of students applying to IMSA increased this year. The Parents Association can be credited for their help at the information meetings and for creative ideas.

MUSIC PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

A parents group to support the music students is being formed. Contact Joan Winstein for more information.

FUNDING

David Dean moved and Sharen Gerlick seconded that \$5,000.00 be allocated to fund the Association's landscaping project. The motion passed.

College Day funding was discussed. Since it is a recurring item, there was no action taken.

The Wellness Team requested \$3,695.00 for a Precor Elliptical Crosstrainer and \$1,200 for two Schwinn Air-Dyne bicycles and a nominal amount for walking logbooks. The Wellness Department does not have an equipment budget this year. Carol Berger graciously will donate a Schwinn Air-Dyne. No action was taken on the other requests.

Mark Running had a request for \$1,593 for music awards in contrast to the \$1,285.00 already approved. A discussion followed. Linda Mellis moved and Jerry Rickert seconded that \$1,593.00 be approved if the reason for the increase is justifiable. President Cohen is to make the determination after contacting Mr. Running. The motion passed.

Cathy Veal requested that a rising sophomore and rising junior parent represent the Parents Association on the political strategy committee. Please contact President Cohen if interested.

Student Achievements were discussed.

Will Guilianelli moved and Joan Winstein seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Quandt, Secretary

Attachments in Secretary's file

Attendance list

Food Service letter

Marilyn Thompson's letter

Response to Marilyn Thompson letter

Student Life Committee minutes

PAC Academic Committee minutes

"Faces of America" description

New Representatives list

Representatives list



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