

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1999 MEETING
OF THE 1998-99 IMSA PARENTS ASSOCIATION
MARCH 13, 1999**

I. President David Dean called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present -17 voting members present, and 18 are needed for a quorum.

II. Motion was made by Joan Winstein and seconded by Mike Doyle to approve the January and February minutes. Motion carried.

III. President's Report:

1. A State law is being proposed that would protect Student Right of Expression. IMSA is reviewing the policy to maximize student expression. Students will be involved with the committee.
2. David participated in 2 VIP Day Parent Panels.

IV. Report from Administration:

Not present

V. Committee Reports:

A. Academic Committee:

The math program at IMSA is based on state & national standards. The program is being investigation student attitude toward math. An exit survey indicates that most students have a negative response to IMSA mathematics. IMSA continues to evaluate the science curriculum and it will be changed. They are working to connect the science curriculum together. The new curriculum is expected by 2000-2001.

B. Student Life: Linda Mellis

An ad hoc committee is being formed to study better lights and ventilation in the main building and residential halls. Motion was made by Linda Mellis and seconded by Liz Pasqualucci. Motion carried.

C. CAC: John Thompson

CAC flier regarding College Day will be ready next week for mailing. The committee needs volunteers for hospitality suites - 8:00-12:00 AM. The food will be purchased from Eagle.

D. Communications: Lorelei Riddle

1. The next newsletter will go out with the March 24 report card mailing.
2. Linda Mellis announced that RC changes occurred without parent notification. She recommended that as parents, it is requested that we are notified immediately and that IMSA not allow this type of lack of communication.
3. It was also noted that Bob Hernandez is collecting data for summer navigation, math and science faculty, the Student/Parent Handbook, the clarification of Language Placement, and the problem based learning seminars. If anyone is interested in participating with the Office of Student Activities and Leadership, please contact Bob Hernandez. He is looking for parent volunteers.

4. Senior Dinner Committee - Sharon Gerlick

There will be a dinner for parents and seniors the night before graduation. The Invitations are expected to be posted after Spring Break. It was suggested that a Junior parent rep. get involved with this year's committee, so they will know what to do next year.

5. Food Committee - Joan Winstein

A meeting has been scheduled with Dr. Stephanie Marshall, David Dean, Bill Fritz, Joan Winstein, and Carol Berger regarding the food at IMSA, perhaps additional funding for next year, the relationship with Arbor, and a preliminary offer from the PA to hire a consultant for next year to help with the writing of the new contract.

6. Technology Committee - Mike Doyle

Copies of the List Serve are available. The computer loan issue is being addressed. The committee is also attempting to involve students, parents, and alums with the Technology Committee.

7. Treasurer's Report: Stuart Cohen

David Dean clarified the misallocation of funds by the Development Office following the phone-a-thon fund raiser, and Ted Pargee expressed his regrets for the error.

VI. President David Dean made a request to rearrange the agenda and to hold the election of officers. David asked that Joan Winstein present the 1999-2000 Slate of Officers: They are as follows:

President Lorelei Riddle
 Vice-President Dennis Delfert
 Secretary Carol Berger
 Treasurer David Kinney
 Metro-Coordinator Helen Newell
 Downstate Coordinator Cathy Barnes

President David Dean asked for any nominations from the Floor. No nominations were offered. Motion was made that nominations be closed, motion seconded and motion carried. David declared nominations from the floor were closed.

John Thompson made the motion that the Slate of Officers be accepted. Gail Peck seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was offered, no discussion. Election on the Slate of Officers was held and the Slate passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion was held regarding the contribution made to Rosemary Forni's Fund from the PA. The contribution may be limited to \$200.00 due to legal restraints. It was also noted that this is a one time contribution, and not a precedent for future IMSA faculty/staff who become ill.
2. Stuart Cohen made the motion for payment of the following items:
 1. Letterhead and envelopes \$892.00
 2. Resident Hall Wing Funding \$4200.00
 3. Vacuum Cleaners \$2696.00
 4. Authorization for Stuart Cohen to look into the Rosemary Forni Fund and send an

appropriate contribution.

Helen Newell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

3. Mike Doyle requested that the PA allocate \$1000.00 to Matt Wicks for recycling of computers program. Motion was made by Mike Doyle, seconded by Gail Peck, and the motion carried.
4. Stuart Cohen made the motion that funds are expensed from the PA budget for the following: Natural Helpers, Acronym, IMSA Diversity Week, and Prom. Dennis Delfert seconded the motion and the motion carried.
5. Linda Mellis announced that the Student Life Committee needs a Co-Chair for next year. Contact Sandy Ohler if anyone is interested.
6. Downstate bus report - Joan Feltovich - announced that Coordinators are needed for Bus Routes for next year; Cathy Barnes will Coordinate Bus #1. Some buses did not have enough student riders to support fees.
7. The IMSA Pep Band and Mark Running were recognized for their outstanding performance at the recent concert.
8. Wayne Schneidman has offered to put announcements on the Delphi Web Page next year.
9. Ev Prested has volunteered to address the issue of faculty attendance with Eric McLaren and Dr. Connie Hatcher.
10. It was recommended that the regional caucuses be held at the April meeting due to the low attendance at today's meeting. It was also suggested that the phone tree be initiated to remind parents that the regional reps would be selected at the April meeting. President David Dean offered to write a script for the calls made on the phone tree.
11. Maelyn Morley inquired about access to the "Notes" file. Mike Doyle reminded parents that a Titan account was needed and could be obtained through the CNS.
12. Dennis Delfert announced that the IRC have extended hours, and perhaps the PA could provide funding for additional hours.

A motion was made for Adjournment at 12:20 pm by Linda Mellis and seconded by Joan Winstein. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Y. Berger



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