

IMSA PAC MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2003

President Cathy Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. Roll call was taken. There was a quorum. Cathy requested that the December minutes be approved. Jan Siemens moved for approval of the minutes and Yaw Ofosu seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IMSA Administration Comments

Principal Eric McLaren reported on several issues:

- 1) The 2004-05 calendar, which was included in the first semester grade mailing, has been approved by the Board and parents can therefore start making plans based on that calendar. The only potential change is the AP testing dates, which are traditionally in the first two weeks of May.
- 2) Intersession went well and the Habitat for Humanity session received good press in local newspapers. Intersession grades will be mailed out shortly.
- 3) Construction is underway in the B Wing Science Labs and the progress can be viewed through the window in the old cafeteria. It will be ready for use next fall.
- 4) The contract to supply new vending machines in the residence halls and main building will be posted for bids on Monday, January 26th. It must be bid for two weeks and hopefully, the new machines will be in place upon return from spring break. Since the governor proposed a bill to ban soda and candy in vending machines in schools (scheduled to take effect on 1/1/05), IMSA will take early steps to comply and the vending machines in the school will only have juice, water and non-candy foods.

Amy Burnett reported that the Winter Formal, which had a "Night in Paris" theme, went well this past weekend.

This Wednesday, January 28th, is the Leadership Symposium. This is a mandatory program for our sophomore students, but is open to the entire community. This year's speaker at the Hollister lecture (1 p.m. in the Auditorium) is Stephanie Jayne, IMSA graduate of 1990. She has done much work in the Peace Corps and will be speaking on global youth leadership.

The deadline for sophomores to nominate past educators for Teacher Recognition has been extended through January 30th.

On March 29, 2004, Laurie Andrews will present the Horowitz Lecture. Ms. Andrews is the Assistant Vice Principal of Kent Law School.

The student Life Website should be up to date up to two weeks.

IMSA Titan Sportswear is on sale! The senior class is running a sale on blankets and sweatshirts - any two items for \$50.00. They are also participating in Carson Pierre Scott's Community Day Sale. Buy a \$5.00 coupon book and get coupons for discounts strewed on February 28.

If teachers or parents have questions about their phone bills, they should contact Kathy Bonie at x5058.

David Abler reported that Presentation Day will occur on April 29 for students to present their Student Inquiry and Student Mentorship projects to the IMSA community. It will be a full day event, which each presentation taking approximately 15 minutes

Jim Gerry reported on the following issues:

- (1) Implementation of the new software is progressing. The student information and financial activities components are fully integrated and functional. The student online registration will not occur until next year.
- (2) IRN – CNS is turning its attention to sophomores to connect them to IRN. Difficulty is that IMSA has increased security so that the IRN will turn off if a student's computer has a virus. Students need to reboot their computer if they get a notice that they have a virus which requires rebooting. If they fail to do so, the IRN will automatically disconnect. The students should contact the Student Work Service Group who will clean out the virus and turn on IRN again. Jim will meet with Student Council on Thursday night (1/26) to discuss IRN and then have a larger discussion with the IMSA students about IRN. There is a level of frustration among the students that needs to be dealt with.
- (3) Wireless access in the residence halls is unlikely to occur this spring but will be in place by next fall on a pilot basis. The main difficulty is the security issue.
- (4) The new IMSA website was activated on 1/1/04. It is 95% complete but still needs to update certain features and documents. Ultimately, parents will be able to access grade and attendance information online, hopefully as soon as next fall.

Michelle Whetstone is the newly-hired Coordinator of Annual Giving and gave a presentation regarding an Annual Giving plan which she distributed. The Annual Giving plan is still in draft form but will be put online when it is finished this spring. She will focus on raising the percentage of participation as well as seeking increased volunteer efforts. She gave several examples of recent donations by people who wanted to “give back” to IMSA for its rewarding experience. She will conduct a Phoneathon (to contact those parents who haven't yet donated) and Thankathon (for those who have) in the spring.

President's Report

Cathy reported that there are openings in the Executive Council and several committee chairs for next year so interested individuals should start thinking about that. Elections for Executive Council will be held at the March 20, 2004 meeting.

Vice President's Report

Lorna Ruddy thanked parents for their assistance at the Information Meetings throughout the states.

She also reminded everyone that the next VIP day is January 31st, from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the Old Cafeteria. Current parents should invite any prospective students in their community.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Larsen Flannery reported that she changed the format of the financials to be a standard PNL and balance sheet. PAC started off the year with \$15,000 as a contribution from the IMSA Fund and is now down to \$9,500. The \$5,500 spent to date have been incurred on the Senior Banquet and a variety of Student Life activities. She noted that the Senior Banquet has and will continue to be our largest expense.

Student Council Report

President Brittany Andres reported the Student Council will administer a Quality of Life survey on February 10th. The Clash of Halls competition will be held from February 2nd through the 8th. The Student Council will also compile course evaluation guides and provide to students before class selections next year. The Pack the House night for basketball games is on 2/10. The Council is still working on organizing Chicago weekend trips. She also reminded everyone that Student Council meetings are held at 8:30 on Thursday nights. This week's meeting will focus on IRN issues with Jim Geary.

Academic Committee

Weiren Chou reported that the committee has had five meetings to date, with three more to follow. Today's meeting (prior to the PAC meeting) was about course selection. Weiren also announced that there would be a session on Inquiry projects and a tour of the Grainger Lab following the PAC meeting today.

Some sophomore parents expressed concern about the new SAT in 2005 (changes in the verbal component). Therefore the next meeting (at 11:30 a.m. on February 21st after the PAC meeting) will consist of a discussion with the English teachers about how they intend to assist students to prepare for the new SAT.

Student Life

Kay Landers reported that the students had a great turnout at Finals Fest. The Friday Fest scheduled for 2/6 is cancelled but there will be a Friday Fest on February 20th.

The Superbowl fest will be held from 5 to 9:30 p.m. next Sunday. Student Life is looking for volunteers and donations for that event. The students will watch the Superbowl on the big screen TV.

Finally, Kay stated that Resident Counselor Dan Edison had had surgery recently but is recovering well. Get well cards can be sent to Dan via IMSA head office.

CAC

Nancy Delich reported that there will be a college fair on April 24th for interested students and parents. She also noted that course selection starts on February 4th and must be turned in by February 26th to the CAC office.

Announcements

The next PAC Meeting will be held on February 21st at 10 a.m. at IMSA.

Prior to the general meeting, there will be meetings for the Executive Council, Student Life (room A148), Technology Committee (room A147) and Communication Committee (room A149) at 9 a.m.

The Academic Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. in room A150.

Janet Lumsden moved the meeting be adjourned. Yaw Ofosu seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Don Driscoll
PAC Co-Secretary