

IMSA PAC MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2004 (approved)

President Lorna Ruddy called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Roll call was taken. There was a quorum. Lorna requested that the October and November minutes be approved. Sherry Kwei moved for approval of the minutes and Jan Sharpless seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IMSA Administration Comments

Eric McLaren reported that Intersession assignments were sent out over Thanksgiving break.

He reminded parents that finals days are school days and all students are required to be in attendance.

Course proposals for SI are currently being reviewed for approval.

Bob Hernandez that there have been a number of thefts reported in the residence halls.

He reminded parents to encourage their students to lock their rooms in the residence halls and to secure all their valuables in their wardrobes.

Kathy Moisa is on leave for a knee replacement.

Jim Gerry reported that most of the juniors and seniors have been connected to IRN. Sophomores may receive IRN access now with parent approval.

Jim is currently putting together a program called Technology in Learning that is scheduled for one Saturday in May (date to be announced). He will be assembling a group to help define the future of technology at IMSA.

The new poster printer has arrived and is being set up. PAC is supporting the printer with supplies.

Gretchen Stauder reported that Danielle Calhoun is pregnant and will be off for 12 weeks. Mrs. Cleary (?), a former IMSA counselor, will be filling in for her.

Gretchen noted 1,306 college applications have been filed to date. CAC will be mailing financial application procedures to senior parents.

PSAT results will be mailed in December to all juniors.

Lloyd Thacker, author of College Unranked (?), will be the keynote speaker on College Day. Twenty colleges have agreed to present mini-sessions on this day also.

The Princeton Review session on the new SAT was well attended. They are interested in offering paid sessions to prepare students for the test.

David Abler reported on proposed changes to the science core program. He noted key issues raised by the review committee. They are:

- instructors teaching out of their area of expertise
- the need to examine the records of incoming sophomores in regard to science achievement for placement purposes
- the need to actively promote an understanding of inquiry and the nature of scientific

endeavor.

The science team has made a proposal for revisions to the program to address these issues. A decision will be made next week if the proposal will move forward. If the proposal is developed further, it will be implemented for second semester scheduling next year.

Student Council Report

Student Council is currently working on the course evaluation guide and scheduling activities like the Battle of the Bands.

President's Report

Lorna Ruddy asked for parent volunteers for the last VIP Day , which is Saturday.

Vice President's Report

Mitch Roth reported that the Discipline Task Force will be making recommendations for changes to the policy at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees. Some of the recommendations will relate to wording of the policy. Other recommendations will be in regard to training, communication and implementation procedures.

Dr. Connolly still needs parent volunteers to read student materials for the mentorship program.

Treasurer's Report

Janet Lumsden reported a balance of \$9,009.41 in the treasury.

Downstate Coordinator

Jan Siemens reported that she is still researching the downstate busing issues.

Committee Updates

Academic

Drs. Krouse and Sloan did a presentation on the math program before the general meeting.

Student Life

- n Parent Partners – This effort is going well with many parents involved and a lot of activities in the wings.
- n Nutrition Committee – This committee is currently reviewing contracts and expects to accept a bid early next year. Students suggested that food content/nutritional value be posted in the cafeteria and Arbor has complied.
- n Senior Banquet – Jan Sharpless reminded parents to send in senior photos.
- n Finals Fest – December 17. Parent volunteers for set-up and clean-up are needed, as well as food donations. Food can be dropped off at the front desk.
- n Superbowl Fest-February 6. Parent volunteers needed.

Old Business

Bylaws Update

Lorna asked that everyone review their individual sections and make recommendations for changes. This includes identifying items in the procedural guidelines that should be moved to the bylaws. Everyone's input is due by the February PAC meeting. Region reps are to give updates to the metro or downstate coordinator, committee chairs and exec. board updates go to the co-secretaries. Amendments will be proposed for a vote

in the spring. Both the procedural guidelines and the bylaws are on the PAC website.

Announcements

The next PAC Meeting will be held on January 15, 2005. Executive Meeting 8:30 AM. General Meeting 10:00 AM.

Pat Gebler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Patrice Onyiego seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Naomi Knappenberger
PAC Co-Secretary