

(Meeting set up to include teleconference.)

Meeting called to order by President Karen Schwerbrock.

Roll call made by Tracey Rossi -- 5 attendees via teleconference, 14 voting members present of 29 total, quorum not met.

Vice President Seve Maril-Bus route account has enough to fund the bus contracts and a surplus of funds will be left after bills are paid. Fuel surcharge was included and we are unable to re-negotiate for this semester. Possibly next semester.

Secretary-no report.

Treasurer-not present.

Downstate coordinator-Mark Drummond-The number of attendees at the downstate informational meetings for IMSA have increased possibly due to story that ran in the Quincy Herald about IMSA students and a water purification project.

Administration-Dr. Eric McLaren-Thank you to Bob Houston and team for setting up the teleconferencing equipment. Finals schedule is out for the students. Friday will be for make-up exams. Students may leave after their last final exam. Intervisitation survey has been emailed out to a random, stratified sample of 20% of parents. Any further comments related to the survey can be emailed to Dr. McLaren. IMSA is opening field offices in Chicago (to open in Jan.) and Metro East area (to open in a couple of months) to provide services to local schools, teachers, and younger students.

CAC report-Dr. Eric McLaren- PSAT given and results are in the mail. This week is add/drop for next semester. It is a good time for sophomores to add on a fine arts class for those who need it. Financial Aid night attracted about 100 families (usually about 30 attend). Prep HQ has the information that was handed out.

Dr. Bob Hernandez-Attendance is very important at this time. Usually 1 or 2 students get dropped by the end of a semester, this time 5 have already been dropped with a failing grade for attendance problems. Athletics—2 students made all area team volleyball—Congratulations to them. Thanksgiving break—no late parents since the fine was put into place. Halls will close on Friday December 19 at 5 p.m.—information posted on parents website. The academy will be open on Dec. 22 and 23, then closes and reopens Jan. 2. Res. Halls open Jan. 4 at 3 p.m.

IMSA Fund – Greta Salamando-Parent giving goal is 40%, now at 13.6. The upcoming Adler Planetarium event in March needs sponsorships. We need a florist to give discount or underwrite with free advertising. Paul Flynn giving update-working with wife Cindy Flynn and Marci Crawford. Will have 30 baskets/packages for silent auction, now have 10 commitments. Please donate...(can get together with other families to organize a gift)..Have letter and donation form available...for suggestions, etc. contact notnowcato@gmail.com Cindy Flynn. Will post forms on PAC website as well as on IMSA Giving site.

Committee Reports

Communications-Lynette Hallauer-Did not meet today, but first newsletter is ready to be posted. Now deciding how frequently to send out. Please contribute information to the newsletter.

Student Life-Lawrence Ly- Our three goals are: 1. Involve more parents to volunteer and participate. 2. Open forum board-campus activity board. 3. Support sub-committees to help reach goals. The committee decided to hold off on the holiday party for the RCs and have a celebration on the first extended of next semester in February. Renita Miller to coordinate with the RCs. Next meeting we will meet at 9a.m. instead of at 8:30a.m.

Senior Banquet-Grace Walquist-Banquet to be held on Friday, May 29 at the Lisle Wyndham Hotel. Final copy of invitation ready to print and send out, waiting on hotel to confirm block of 40 rooms at \$89/room. Senior class needs to choose motto. Theme is “Classic Hollywood.” Made site visit to hotel yesterday. Still need decorations committee and chair.

Friday Fest- Patti Hizel-Friday December 12 is next fest. We will be serving sub sandwiches and side dishes. Please donate sides, desserts and drinks. The following week is final week, so this will start off the week of studying, and more students are expected to be on campus to attend. We will serve early for the band members and basketball team—game/performing that evening. We plan to begin offering information during the fests to parents on other volunteering opportunities in other committees at IMSA to promote more parental involvement.

Parent Partners-Jeanne Balzuweit- Goals established: **1.** Restaurant document for the PAC website. For delivery, phone, FAX, website, charge card info. This could be helpful for downstate parents as well as parents wanting to coordinate a dinner with multiple families within their wing. To be completed this year. **2.** Ideas document for the PAC website—suggestions for parents of what they can do to entertain the wings-based on previous activities. **3.** Gathering and sharing of local activities. RCs have requested help from parents to identify local festivals, events and activities that may be of interest to students on the weekends. **4.** Gathering and sharing of wing want lists—items needed or wanted by each individual wing to be shared with parents and students.—to be sent to parents after being approved by Dr. Hernandez.

Technology –Dan Getz-Crisis at MPC was the main topic discussed. Information on the parents page website, click link. There remains 59 computers not delivered. Six of these have been sent to the image company, families need to stop payment on these. Email has been sent out, Jan 12 deadline to get alternative computer. The rental rate is \$25/week. Negotiations are ongoing for three providers to be chosen by March for next year. Review of tablet technology use includes 1. logistics and tech. support and 2. the academics side of using the tablets. Jan. will begin discussing two areas and present findings to PAC, then recommend to use or not to use tablets.

Bob Houston-Jr. and Sr. parents should look at website link about warranty. All purchases have warranties—only one vendor left (Toshiba) now to purchase from this year. Scott Swanson is working on getting contracts for next year, can’t promise date. Toshiba’s being loaned now are the older models, so some students have misconceptions about the machine due to the older loaners. These are not the top level, so Toshiba does have better name than from the loaners’ status. Parents can email the tech team at 1to1questions@imsa.edu for computer questions. Many technicians will see the emails to respond.

Student Council-Kevin and Abby Flynn-Quarterly President’s report has been sent out. The shadowing program for prospective students is coming to IMSA, Intercession

surveys are out, club funding, and the college guide due out in February as a resource for college admissions process. StudCo helped revise the add/drop policy with CAC. Student Life/Residential Life committee looking at IRN (in-room networking) hours and intervisitation policy. Working with Jim Gerry/STEM innovation/student clubs, and placing new TV's in the halls. We are now looking to use them for information channels. Comments- studco@imsa.edu

IMSA Alumni Association- (IAA)-Scott Swanson-IAA held the Northwestern /Uof I ballgame tailgate party. Only one student tried to participate and bought a ticket, but ended up without a ride. Forty-nine alumni attended.

Old Business-Goals are in place for each committee.

Executive committee-**1.** We would like to get 10% more parents in attendance at meetings—implementing teleconferencing and possibly video streaming again next year.

2. Looking at process to hand over job descriptions/concerns to new officers by holding a special meeting between old and new officers for easier transition. **3.** Fill all voting positions. **4.** Look at by-laws for video streaming.

Informational meetings are being held around the state now with parents volunteering to be present to answer questions for guests.

New Business-

-First teleconference set up meeting, had 5 parents call in.

-Need to fill voting positions somehow.

-Budget approval at next meeting if quorum met.

-Citibank here to help set up bank accounts for students.

-Sat. Jan. 24, 2009 will be next PAC meeting. Committees meet at 9 a.m., general meeting at 10 a.m. This will be a preview day also so please plan to stay to talk with interested parents.

-February 1-Superbowl Friday Fest-Chili Fest

-Dr. McLaren-PSAT semifinalists- had 50 National Merit finalists in 2008

-Motion to adjourn meeting by Renita Miller, seconded by Grace Walquist

Recorded by Tracey Rossi