

IMSA PAC minutes

Saturday, March 21, 2009

Call to order-Karen Schwerbrock-President

Roll call-Tracey Rossi-Secretary-21 voting members present, 4 teleconference attendees, 41 total present. Quorum met.

Motion to approve the February minutes made by Margie Getz, seconded by Bonnie Zaretsky.

President report- Karen Schwerbrock- Asked for more involvement and volunteering from parents. Read thank you note from Residential Life for the R.C. St. Patrick's Day dinner presented and served by PAC members.

Vice President report- Steve Maril- Bus coordinator needed for region 3.

Treasurer report- Wei Wei Jiang- Still collecting Senior banquet checks and writing miscellaneous checks for expenses for Friday Fest and banquet.

Secretary report-none

Downstate Coordinator- Mark Drummond- Replacement needed for position-my son is graduating. Also need Senior parents to organize picnics in the various regions.

Metro Coordinator- Ed Zaretsky- Also need picnics organized.

Administration-Dr. Eric McLaren-

- CAC-Quarter ended Thursday. Teachers getting grades ready to post.
- Please plan on attending IMSAloquium, the student research presentation day on April 29. Students need to get posters printed early and not wait until the week before to get prepared.
- All courses have been requested by the new Juniors and Seniors. Courses are being scheduled now and student schedules will be available on the internet the second week in June.
- AP testing- numbers taking the exams are up. Tests will be given the first two weeks in May.
- The CAC's are meeting with the Juniors now for one hour meetings.
- College Day is April 18th, and 106 colleges are scheduled to attend. Fourteen schools will have special sessions in classrooms. We need senior parents to volunteer to help check in the school representatives and escort them to assigned rooms. The PAC meeting will be held after the college fair.

Residential Life-Dr. Bob Hernandez-

- Year 2010-2011 IMSA registration forms will be available after Spring break and may be completed online.
- Friday, April 3 will be a short day with classes dismissed at 12:45 for Spring break. Halls close at 5p.m. Thank you parents for picking up the students on time. Halls will open at 3p.m. on Monday, April 13. The main building will be open all day.
- Sodexho questions----student fees DO NOT go toward food service. The state budget pays for the school food.

-U of C theater is presenting a play "Wait Until Dark" with both Hernandez daughters playing the character Gloria.

-The senior class is short money for the prom bus expenses and requesting \$2500 from PAC to help with rising prom costs this year. (Karen Schwerbrock explained that \$5,000 was set aside for Studco's TV monitors, but all of it wasn't needed, so the extra money can be applied toward the bus.) Prom will cost \$10,000 more this year due to increased fees for the rentals/venues.

-Motion made to give the \$2500 to use toward the prom expenses made by Mark Drummond. Seconded by Margie Getz. Motion approved.

IMSA Fund- Greta Salamando

-The Adler Event on March 5 was a success. This was the first large fundraiser and there was a good turnout of supporters. The speaker was IMSA alumn Dr. Scott Gaudi. He had an impressive presentation.

-Phone-a-thon packets are available today for the PAC volunteers. We have a 42% goal, and are at 22% now. BP Fabrics will donate---go to their website. Also, if you donate thru the United Way you can designate IMSA as the recipient.

----I have recently found out about an exciting opportunity that employees of BP can participate in. Any parents/relative or even a friend that is an employee of BP that would be willing to, can request a contribution. It is called the "BP Fabric of America Fund" which allows employees to recommend contributions to community organizations up to \$500. The incredible part of this program is that it does not require a gift from you to match. The link below for the website it has the application in electronic form and further information.

<https://www.easymatch.com/BPFabric>

Here is the information that you would need to complete the request

Organization Name: IMSA Fund for Advancement of Education

Org. Mailing Address: 1500 W. Sullivan, Aurora, IL 60506

Organization EIN (Employer Identification Number) E9981-3203-05

Contact Name: Greta Salamando

Contact Phone Number: 630-907-5679

Contact Email: gsalamando@imsa.edu

Student Life- Lawrence Ly

-18 parents present.

-Sex education topic discussed.

-Need volunteer for Student Life coordinator for next year.

-Improvement noted in the food quality and choices in Sodexho—applause of approval given.

Senior Banquet- Grace Walquist

-Banquet to be held at the Lisle Wyndham Hotel. All invitations are out. Deadline April 15 to respond..all but 30 families of 204 have responded. More seats are now available for families to invite more guests. Please email Grace at imsa@walquist.net with requests.

-Photos- only 46 out of 204 have responded.

-Gifts are ready.

-Need---VOLUNTEERS to help with the banquet to help set up, work the reception table, etc. for this year and next year.—email Grace please.

-Soph. and Jr. students will already be moved out before the banquet, so makes volunteering easier for students and parents.

-Nameeta Vedak is the chairman for next year—need co-chair volunteer.

Friday Fest- Patti Hizel

-We had an amazing Friday Fest with a lot of new parents showing up to participate.

-Served 460 beverages---so there was a good turnout in students as well.

-Great time by all, and a great way to get to know the students and parents.

-Next Fest is Friday, April 17, theme is Latin American and Eastern European cuisine.

-Monday, Memorial Day, May 25 is the big cookout. We need grill masters and activity suggestions or organizers. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate.

Technology- Dan Getz

-Video streaming did not work out for today, but will plan for next meeting.

-Ralph Flickinger-reporting on Gateway contracts- www.govconnection.com/ipa/home has been chosen for the repair company for the Gateway computers.

-24-30 month contracts at \$8-\$12 per month charge. The company will replace computer if unable to repair. There will be no accidental damage protection. The IT helpdesk/SCS will perform labor. They need the original serial number, and a new one will be designated and marked on computer if needed. This has taken three months of negotiating to get this contract. We will send out information within 10 days.

-Computer purchases for the 2012 class-we are working with Govconnections for the Toshiba and Lenovo models, Paragon Data Systems (PDS) for the HP 2730P model. Overall, pricing will beat last year's price. Alumni, staff, students, and parents may purchase through IMSA.

-Updates on 1:1 Computing website to clarify messages. We will give previous comparisons, repair records, etc. from previous years. There are four choices of computers only because of parent demands. Comment from Mr. Quist is that these computers are definitely professional grade and not consumer grade in quality.

-A BIG thank you was applauded for Ralph Flickinger for all of his efforts on this matter.

Student Council- Mamatha Challa

-Clash of the halls was successful with a large number of students participating. Talent night videos are on the web.

-Uni High had StudCo down to Champaign for a Chinese acrobat show. Uni-High students will visit IMSA soon.

-ACSG (Association Consortium of Student Governments) conference is April 16-19, and IMSA reps. will attend.

-Alumni Forum will present career choices-Medical field presentation is scheduled for Wed at 7:30 in the old cafeteria.

-Last Lecture series has faculty and staff talking as if it were their last lecture.

-Shadow Program for prospective students started in January and has received good feedback.

-Academic committee-working on academic integrity, and requesting possibility of the second semester seniors being exempt from sit down finals if attendance/grades are good.

-Revamping vending machine distribution and choice of items.

-StudCo elections to be held after Spring break—Pres, V.P., Treas., Sec., Sr. at large, Jr. at large. Candidates will need 200 names on petition to run for office.

Discipline- Dr. McLaren

-Detailed discipline report was mailed out in January with infractions from the Fall semester.
-In response to the number of infractions of academic honesty, we have formed an academic integrity review group. One possibility is to form an honor code with a clearer statement of expectations. Right now three infractions of academic honesty are allowed by the discipline rules. The website <http://www.turnitin.com/> can be used to check against IMSA and general forms of plagiarism.

Old Business-

-Need College Day volunteers on April 18

New Business-

-Summer picnics-D. D. McInerney

Region reps. need to plan and schedule picnics for this summer...let me know when and where so we can compile a list for all of the new students and parents. Families can attend any picnic convenient to their schedules. Send the info to mc61521@yahoo.com

-New officers for the new school year—

-PAC nominations for officers for 2009-2010 continue to be solicited. Since nobody volunteered by March 9, the Executive committee has agreed to stay in the positions, but will be open to having Soph. or Jr. parents to shadow to take over the following year.

-Mark Pasterski (Sabrina daughter Jr. now) would like to run for President-nominated self from the floor.

-Elections to be held at the Annual meeting on April 18, at 1p.m. after the college fair.

-Jeanne Balzuweit will become Co-chairman of Student Life along with Barb Kulbida.

-Would like to develop new bylaw for voting members to vote by remote technology.

Now, voting members missing three meetings can be removed from roster so quorum can be met. New bylaw possibly: Must attend first two of three meetings in person, then may vote via remote technology. Will work on wording and present at next meeting for a vote.....also will email new wording/bylaw before next meeting for members to review.

Motion made by Jeanne Balzuweit, seconded by Margie Getz. Approved.

-Guideparents list to be formed for contacting new parents to answer questions and be a help in the transition to IMSA.

Announcements-

-Sophomore Orientation this Summer-will need help.

-College Days on April 18 from 8:30 -12:45 with PAC meeting to follow-lunch provided.

-Friday Fest April 17th, Latin American and Eastern European cuisine.

Motion to adjourn made by Margie Getz, seconded by D.D. McInerney
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary Tracey Rossi