

**Illinois Math and Science Academy  
Parent Association Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Members Present:** Ron Kimberling, JuliAnn Geldner, Roger Moore, Jayashree Kumar, Regina Etherton, Ipsita Mahapatra, Jenifer Giger, Ralph Flickinger, Karen Sample, Shannon Price, Soma Narayanan, Carrie Moranz, Michelle Sparks, Jill Chertow, Lauren Gordon, Tony Pechi, Laura Chandler, Ellen Huxtable, Ravi Ramakrishnan, Tara Hornbeck, Tara Mohideen.

| Agenda                  | Speaker/Topic  | Action Item   |
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| Call to order           | PAC President Ron Kimberling   | N/A   |
| Roll Call               | PAC Secretary Jayashree Kumar – Took the roll call. 20 members out of a total 34 were present in person/online.  | Quorum was met.   |
| Approval of minutes     | Motion made and seconded for approval of September 2012 meeting minutes.   | Approved  |
| Treasurer's Report      | Bus routes fully funded. Handled filing of taxes for last year's PAC finances. Approved Ron Kimberling as Registered Agent with State.   |   |
|                         | Sought approval of change of PAC Banking from 'Old Second' to 'Chase'.   | The motion for change of Bank was approved by PAC voting members. Chase is now the IMSA PAC bank for its banking needs. |
|                         | Sought approval for purchase of new computer for Treasurer.  | The motion was approved by PAC voting members.  |
| President's Report      | Ron Kimberling spoke about upcoming proposed changes to by-laws led by JuliAnn. Senior Yard signs will be a PAC funded project. Reminder that next PAC meeting is Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> . Currently, speakers lined up from Nov through Mar, with Jan slot open. Possibility of switching Nov. speaker Dr. Purva Rushi to Jan. to accommodate another speaker in Nov to address parent-staff communication issues. | PAC President to finalize guest speakers.   |
| Vice-President's Report | Work on revising by-laws. Will move out procedures from by-laws and incorporate them into a separate doc.  | PAC Executive Committee to discuss in Nov.  |

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| Downstate Co-ordinator      | Jenifer stated on-line that bus routes run smoothly. Getting ready for Thanksgiving break bus routes –applicable families will receive email updates.  | N/A  |
| Metro Co-ordinator          | Regina Etherton – Spoke about parents reaching out to her regarding communication issues with IMSA staff. Regina informed regional reps to be prepared for parents contacting them regarding academic issues.  | She is seeking more Junior reps for metro regions 6-8. Roger Moore will be Region 10 rep for Juniors.      |
| Technology Update           | Rajni Patel is currently out of country. JoEun Ku – will be co-chair for this committee. Wireless problems with HP laptops are solved. Performance of Air IMSA slow at times. Looking into possibility of students getting onto IMSA wi-fi with their smart phones. This is a task item for the future - security and resource issues need to be discussed. Looking into streaming of concerts, plays on-line.   | N/A  |
| Administration/Student Life | Dr. Sharp addressed the PAC. She stated that many events related to athletics, music, organizations have been going on at IMSA. Any academic concerns will addressed. Barb Miller introduced RCs' from 1502, 1503 and 1507. Barb Miller read out academic report from Dr. Hernandez. Last week was 'Great Minds' panel from alumni. First quarter ended Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> . Grades will be posted by Oct 29 <sup>th</sup> .   | Dr. Sharp agreed to address issues with teachers' comments being 'general' and not 'detailed and specific' |
| CAC                         | Julia Husen – Fall College visits (94 colleges). Financial aid presentation is on Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> for senior parents. 146 U of I applicants from 2013 class. Decisions will be posted on U of I website on Dec 15. Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> – mandatory meeting with seniors. 2013 IMSA profile is posted on CAC website. Parents need to monitor 'family connection' to see when CAC material was sent out. Juniors – 208 Juniors took PSAT exam this week. Results will be mailed home. Combined SAT & ACT test on Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> administered by Kaplan. Sophomores – CACs met with sophomores on Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Went over students strengths. Next meeting is on Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> . Registration of | N/A  |

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|                             | sophomores on Naviance in December. Panel of upper classmen will address sophs regarding IMSA academics as part of preparing for 2013-14 course registration.   |     |
| IMSA Alumni                 | Melvin Becani – Alumni retreat on Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> with IMSA admin went well. Adding more programs between alum and students. Expanding College Career Choice program to include all students (instead of just seniors). Increase alumni support for student services. Alumni drive was held last month and over 800 alumni were updated. Alumni purchased mike for student life. Working with Keith Mackintosh to purchase and provide board games and other items for student life.  | N/A |
| Student Council             | Anthony and Scott from Student Council – Various clubs have been officially affiliated with Student Council and can now request funds from Student Council for their activities. Sophomore student-at-large is being elected. SC is working on expanding teacher appreciation program to include other IMSA staff also. SC has around \$10,000 funding. Various charity events are being organized around thanksgiving with halls competing in the drive. October is anti-bullying month. SC working with Sodexo in improving cleanup of tables by students. Conducting surveys for feedback to Sodexo. Lives of selected IMSA students will be documented and posted on SC website to provide a glimpse of life at IMSA. | N/A |
| IMSA Fund                   | Greta Salamando –. The parent participation rate is at 20% on a goal of 50%. Donation amount so far is \$30,000 on a goal of \$110,000. Fall fund raising will be starting soon – phone calls, emails, letters. Seniors are being asked to donate \$5 each to raise awareness of giving among senior class and IMSA fund will match \$5,000 towards senior Prom.  |     |
| Multi-Cultural Co-ordinator | Ipsita Mahapatra – nothing to update. Spoke with some parents regarding some activities.  | N/A |

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| Student Life   | Ellen Huxtable –Still looking for Parent volunteers for supervision of Gym/Swimming Pool over the week-ends to keep them open. Working on Senior yard signs project.   | Work with Alumni committee regarding procurement of board games for student life. |
| Academic       | Ravi Ramakrishnan – Spoke about the committee members concern that once a month meeting is insufficient to address various issues. Ravi met with Dr. Hernandez and other staff to communicate student-parents’ concerns.   | N/A   |
| Senior Banquet | Tara Hornbeck – Committee met for Taste testing at banquet site. Menu is solidified. The theme opted by senior class is ‘1000 miles begins with a single step.’ Sent out email flyers regarding event to senior class/parents.   | Seeking photos from senior class students for inclusion in DVD.                   |
| Friday Fest    | Ellen Huxtable – Friday Fest Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> was a big success – 287 students attended. All food was consumed.  | Next event on Nov 16 <sup>th</sup> – Asian theme.                                 |
| Hospitality    | Tony Pechi – Procured personal Costco membership for getting food items. Was complimented for coffee and food at today’s meeting.  |   |
| Old Business   | -  | N/A   |
| New Business   | -  | N/A   |
| Program        | Paul Milano – Executive Director of IMSA Fund. Gave his personal background. Spoke about IMSA Fund dept. – Employees of school but separate affiliation as a non-profit organization. Purpose for IMSA Fund is to raise funds for additional funding necessary for school. 8% of school funding is provided by IMSA Fund. Provides for student needs, travel for national/international events, new e-learning initiatives, senior prom, teacher faculty training, PAC, alumni and so on. Goal is to minimize costs and get more organized and take creative risk-taking in fund raising efforts. Teach people joy of giving. Increase parent, alum participation in donation. | N/A   |
| Adjournment    | The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.  | Next meeting Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>   |