

**Illinois Math and Science Academy
Parent Association Council
General Meeting Minutes
December 8th, 2012**

Members Present: Ron Kimberling, Roger Moore, Jayashree Kumar, Regina Etherton, Ipsita Mahapatra, Shannon Price, Soma Narayanan, Crystal Radee, Wendy Gibbons, Dan Wenny, Carrie Moranz, Jill Chertow, Lauren Gordon, Tony Pechi, Jason Ball, Ellen Huxtable, Tara Hornbeck, JoEun Ku, Karen Fann.

Agenda	Speaker/Topic	Action Item
Call to order	PAC President Ron Kimberling – Welcomed everyone to the PAC business meeting..	N/A
Roll Call	Jayashree Kumar – 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 November 17 th 2012 meeting minutes.	Approved.
Treasurer’s Report	New computer is on the way for Treasurer. Posted Budget online – everything is good.	
President’s Report	<p>Ron Kimberling spoke about changes to by-laws authored by JuliAnn.</p> <p>End of 1st semester coming up. For sophomore parents – lots of resources for help.</p> <p>Joyce Fornek – sent an email to parents for Sodexo feedback/updates. Dec 13th is special dinner.</p> <p>IRC – Parents need to be aware of a resource link that has info for IRC resources.</p> <p>https://sites.imsa.edu/unbound</p> <p>Lindsey Crowninshield – Reminders about holiday drives going on around campus – Sodexo bake sale; Toy drive is going on till Dec 16th. Winter wear drive – warm your souls – accepted through next Friday – sponsored by Habitat for Humanity.</p>	
Vice-President’s Report	Ron on behalf of Juli- Work on revising by-laws.	Juli is leading the effort to revise by-laws. Draft revision will be posted online on website in 2-3

		weeks for parents' review. Will be put on Jan 19 th agenda for PAC members to vote.
Downstate Co-ordinator	No updates.	N/A
Metro Co-ordinator	Regina Etherton – Nominations for next Year – Anyone interested for Regional Reps, please let us know.	
Technology Update	JoEun Ku – Looking into providing access to listen to concerts online. Wi-fi access to students tablets/smartphone – looking at logistics.	N/A
Administration/Student Life	<p>Joan Shane Senior club– Prom support has been great. We had recent fund-raiser - \$5 for \$5000 – accomplished that with 96% participation. Spirit wear holiday packages – special rates. Pizza packages on sale.</p> <p>Dr. Hernandez. – Finals are coming up. Tues – Thur.</p> <p>Students need to clean up room/wing for checkout for winter break.</p> <p>Grades are officially posted second week of Jan.</p> <p>Letter of attendance – counted till Dec 17th</p> <p>About 60 students on border of attendance policy violations.</p> <p>Dr. Rutenberg – Great Minds program about genetics.</p> <p>Remind students to read email.</p> <p>Renovation – Summer of 2014 – process of selecting architects and engineers. Big issues – school calendar – grad date is Friday May 16th. Lots of logistics to be considered to fit in school schedule clubs/activities/senior banquet etc. No intersession and spring break. Jack - RC was present.</p>	
CAC	<p>Julia Husen – Ron read Julia's report.</p> <p>Sophomore – all students registered to use Naviance on Dec 12th. 3 upper class members in each CAC's group will help in navigation, Sophomore parents will receive an email to register on Naviance. Great tool for college search process. Dec 10th and 11th</p>	N/A

	<p>– add/drop date for next sem classes. Juniors – Friday 7th PSAT meeting was held. Monday PSAT reports are mailed out. Letter regarding college selection process is mailed out. Seniors – Last meeting was held on Dec 3rd. UofI – Dec 14th – check status of app on website. Early action/Early decision – will start rolling in. In Jan – 1st sem grades will be sent to common app schools.</p>	
IMSA Alumni	<p>Nicholas Lilovich – Secretary for Alumni. CCC - College Career and Choice event – 4 alums came and spoke about careers. Next event is about stem. Intersession being conducted by 32 alums. IMSA career fair – Life beyond college experience. Alumni mentor program – match students with mentors. Regional events – last Tue at UIUC. 60 alums were present at facebook center. Pub quiz happening in downtown.</p>	N/A
Student Council	<p>Kevin Zhang – Student council working on forum on student stress. Parents communication with their students will help. Secret Santa program is going on.</p>	N/A
IMSA Fund	<p>Greta Salamando – Reached goal of parents participation for 50% - we are at over 52% !! 55% of dollar goal - \$60,000+. Anonymous parent donor - \$25000 challenge – will match for parents contribution of up to \$25000.</p>	
Multi-Cultural Co-ordinator	<p>Ipsita Mahapatra – Trying to ramp up for next year. Encourage parents to support and step up. Will have more sessions from Jan of next year. Online – lots of info posted.</p>	N/A
Student Life	<p>No updates.</p>	
Academic	<p>Shannon Price gave updates – Barb Miller needs parents to help on preview day in late Jan. 2013-14 school year changes regarding renovation. Kids and stress – provide help with that. Social media takes up time. Day programs will be held in summer of 2014.</p>	N/A

Senior Banquet	Tara Hornbeck – Committee is fabulous. Senior banquet flyer received in mail for senior parents. IMSA parents get discount for reservation. 27 pics sent – need more. Everthing on schedule and on budget.	Seeking photos from senior class students for inclusion in DVD.
Friday Fest	Ellen Huxtable – no updates	.
Hospitality	Tony Pechi – Provided snacks – holiday snacks. Finals care package - \$15 being sold.	
Old Business	-	N/A
New Business	-	N/A
Program	<p>Counseling Services – Adjustment to life at IMSA. Dr David Evenson and Katherine Grubbs (online)</p> <p>The W-Curve theory of adjustment – 1. Honeymoon 2. Culture shock 3. Initial Adjustment 4. Mental Isolation 5. Acceptance and Integration.</p> <p>Help students to get adjusted to life at IMSA.</p> <p>Get help from IMSA resources – learn as sophomores. Adolescent development system going through at ages 14-17 years what 18 and older go through in college.</p> <p>Counselor Excused Absence – If students have had late nights/stressed out and need some extra downtime – excuse from a classes or a couple of classes. Common around mid-terms and finals.</p> <p>Drug problem at IMSA - way below the normal high school rates.</p> <p>BELLAS – will present ‘Take Back the Night’ program in spring.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.	Next meeting Jan 19th