

**Illinois Math and Science Academy
Parent Association Council
General Meeting Minutes
January 19th, 2013**

Members Present: Ron Kimberling, Roger Moore, Juliann Geldner, Jenifer Giger, Jayashree Kumar, Ipsita Mahapatra, Shannon Price, Soma Narayanan, Wendy Gibbons, Dan Wenny, Carrie Moranz, Andrew Yun, Jill Chertow, Lottie Scott, Lauren Gordon, Tony Pechi, Jason Ball, Ellen Huxtable, Tara Hornbeck, JoEun Ku, Ravi Ramakrishnan, Tara Mohideen, Lauren Gordon.

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 – 23 members out of a total 33 were present in person/online.	Quorum was met.
Approval of minutes	Motion made and seconded for approval of December 8 th 2012 meeting minutes.	Approved.
Treasurer's Report	Added a new line item to chart of accounts for computer hardware and software. Senior Yard Signs – Funds for procurement need approval. Total cost is about \$1980. Motion made & seconded to allocate from Special Project fund up to \$2200.	Motion approved for up to \$2200 for yard signs.
President's Report	Ron Kimberling spoke about yesterday's IMSA Board of Trustees meeting. PAC President is Liaison to the board. Dr. Peter Dong – was presented the ISTA Outstanding New Teacher award. OECD administers the PISA project. Students are tested internationally in reading, math and science. IMSA participated among 136 schools in a pilot project. IMSA as a single institution was compared among all US schools and the highest and lowest-ranking international school systems. IMSA scored highest in all areas.	
Vice-President's Report	The proposed by-laws have been posted online for members to review.	
Downstate Co-ordinator	Buses are scheduled for next extended in Feb. Look for emails.	N/A
Metro Co-ordinator	Anyone interested for Regional Reps,	

	please let us know.	
Technology Update	Ralph's new boss, Bud Bergie, IMSA's CIO, was introduced and spoke briefly. JaEun – no updates.	N/A
Administration/Student Life	<p>Dr. Sharp spoke about the PISA report – internal report as a pilot project.</p> <p>Announcements – Summer of 2014 renovation of residence halls. State funded project of \$6.2 million. Fall semester will not change. Spring will not have intersession. ML King will be a school day with a special ceremony. Spring break will have school day on Monday. Graduation is on May 16th. Activities/clubs will be in place. AP exams will be looked at – minimum of 10 students needed for offering a test. 20 for non-math and science ones.</p> <p>Dr. Hernandez – Continued about renovation questions – will try to keep all senior traditions for next year. Senior Banquet may be on a Thursday evening just before grad. RCs from 01 and 02 were introduced. Revised Parents Survey will be online and emailed to Parents in April. Winter Formal was last evening.</p> <p>On Parents Page of IMSA site, the 2013-14 draft calendar is posted.</p>	
CAC	<p>Julia Husen –Course registration process is on Monday for sophomores and Juniors. Sophomore parents received Naviance registration information.</p> <p>AP registration will be available 1st week of Feb.</p> <p>College selection process for juniors will start on Feb 4th.</p> <p>Early admission numbers – Uof I – 144 of 193 applied; 129 admitted, 12 deferred to Feb 15th; 3 were incomplete.</p> <p>Of 193 seniors – 1861 apps; 220 early action – 9 for early action single choice 3 for Stanford – 1 was accepted; Princeton – deferred; Harvard – deferred; Yale deferred.</p> <p>Early admit – 26 – up from last year.</p> <p>Univ of Chicago for 15 – 4 were admitted; 9 deferred; 2 denied.</p>	N/A

IMSA Alumni	Melvin Becani – Alumni donation was 11% last year. This year’s goal was 15% and is at 16% already. 1000 hours of volunteering from alum for intersession. Maybe do something online for next year. Career fair - Benedictine, Fermi lab – 200 students showed up. Reach out to Alumni about schools that students are interested in. .	N/A
Student Council	No updates.	N/A
IMSA Fund	Greta Salamando – Reached goal of parents participation for 50% - we are at over 58%!! \$95,000 current on a \$110,000 goal. Anonymous parent donor - \$25,000 challenge –match for parents contribution of up to \$25,000 has been met!	
Multi-Cultural Co-ordinator	Ipsita Mahapatra – no report.	N/A
Student Life	Ellen - No updates.	
Academic	Ravi – Next week is preview week – need volunteers – email for Barb. No deferment for 8 th grade admits. Sophomores will get more info about SIR from Dr. Scheppler.	N/A
Senior Banquet	Senior baby pictures needed from 45 students. Feb 28 th – invite will be mailed out. Can reply back online or post. No limits on number of tickets. 630-673-2000 – Timber Creek reservation for overnight stay.	Seeking photos from senior class students for inclusion in DVD.
Friday Fest	Ellen Huxtable – Feb 22 nd next fest	
Hospitality	Tony Pechi – Provided snacks for today’s meeting.	
Old Business	Formal Vote on Proposed Revision of PAC Bylaws by Juliann.	Voted and approved unanimously by members.
New Business	-	N/A
Program	Dr. Purva Rushi Director of Legislative Relations & Strategic Planning – Legislative relations is important for IMSA. For budgeting, IMSA is funded by board of higher education, not K-12 education. Revenues from property taxes do not apply to IMSA.	

	<p>It costs \$20.7 mil annually to sustain IMSA. Because of fiscal cliff, IL is affected. 177 legislators and Governor determine funding for IMSA.</p> <p>Personal relationships with legislators are important for IMSA. Dr. McGee provides Spring appropriations presentations about IMSA to legislature. The procurement regulations for IMSA were simplified by the legislature in August. Dr. McGee and Dr. Rushi meet with legislators. 1st day of office, they get a letter from Dr. Rushi about IMSA. Highlights about the reach of IMSA. Invitation to visit IMSA. Student life committee – students write letters to legislators about their achievements at IMSA to their legislators – about 1000 letters go out to legislators. Every higher ed institution was cut 6.14 % - IMSA was cut only 2.8 %- lowest cut for any institution in Illinois. Least cut for the last 5 years. Parents can go to website http://elections.illinois.gov – look up your legislator. Write to your legislators – about the gift of IMSA to your students. Invite them to IMSA. In about 6 weeks – list of legislators and reps for each student will be listed. Parents/students can email, send card/notes.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.	Next meeting Feb 9th