

**Illinois Math and Science Academy
Parent Association Council
General Meeting Minutes
March 16th, 2013**

Members Present: Ron Kimberling, Roger Moore, Jenifer Giger, Jayashree Kumar, Ipsita Mahapatra, Regina Etherton, Juliann Geldner, Carrie Moranz, Shannon Price, Dan Wenny, Jill Chertow Franks, Crystal Radee, Tony Pechi, Jason Ball, Ellen Huxtable, Wendy Gibbons, Karen Fann, Gina Lam, Tara Hornbeck, Tara Mohideen, and Ravi Ramakrishnan.

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 – 22 members out of a total 34 were present in person/online.	Quorum was met.
Approval of minutes	Motion made and seconded for approval of Feb 9 th 2013 meeting minutes.	Approved.
Treasurer's Report	Posted online – New reimbursement form is online. Account is up to date.	
President's Report	Ron Kimberling – Dorm project will be done over two years –First year will be HVAC and other critical items. The calendar will follow traditional path – no disruptions for school year. No report yet on State funding for IMSA. Governor Quinn has released his budget.	
Vice-President's Report	May speaker will be Cathy Veal – Interim President for IMSA as of July 1st.	
Downstate Co-ordinator	Buses are scheduled for spring break.	N/A
Metro Co-ordinator	None.	
Technology Update	No update.	N/A
Administration/Student Life	Dr. Sharp – We are excited to go back to regular calendar during the renovation. Expecting the budget to come through the same struggles as last year. Encourage parents/students to communicate to legislators. Students' attendance is important – especially for seniors.	

	<p>Service hours – parents talk to students about the requirements. Some seniors in danger of not graduating.</p> <p>Clash of The Halls – coming week.</p> <p>AP tests – 8 tests have been cancelled. 42 students have been notified. 300+ students overall are taking AP tests.</p> <p>RC – Audrey Yates was introduced.</p>	
CAC	<p>Julia Husen – Course registration process is done for Juniors and Seniors. AP registration is done – for 320 students. 781 exams have been ordered, compared to 784 last year.</p> <p>College Appointments for rising seniors.</p> <p>College Day April 27th – 72 colleges are registered. 16 schools will present. Need 1 senior parent for college representative check in table and 4 sophomor/junior parents.</p> <p>College decisions are coming around April 1st.</p> <p>Had a successful webinar financial aid presentation.</p>	N/A
IMSA Alumni	<p>Melvin Becani – We have tentative dates for next college career open forum – April 10th. University host program list is up – Includes alumni from recent three years of graduates. Contact Melvin or Caroline for any additional info.</p> <p>Working on senior transition list to update emails, join social network – sign up for alumni association.</p> <p>In Seattle, had 30 alum attend. Planning on going to NY City. Professional networking within alumni community – for internship/job opportunities for IMSA students who are in college.</p>	N/A
Student Council	<p>Kevin Zhang – SC is holding Clash of the Halls – Parents help with decorations/food for halls. IMSA is first at IHSA scholastic Bowl for third year in a row.</p>	N/A

IMSA Fund	Caroline Johnson – Record year for Parent donation. 60% parent participation. \$103,000 for total amount. Gols were 50% and \$110,000 by June 30 th . Telemarketing calls will resume in April. Looking for a new person to fill an open position – will be the new PAC liaison.	
Multi-Cultural Co-ordinator	Ipsita Mahapatra – no report.	N/A
Student Life	Ellen – Friday Fest – we need more food. We have the senior yard signs ready for distribution at IMSAloquium. .	
Academic	Ravi – No updates. Could not have the online session going today.	N/A
Senior Banquet	Tara Hornbeck – Order form is up and running online. Inviting legislators for the senior Banquet. 400 RSVPs received. We need Junior and Sophomore parents help for next year Senior Banquet committee.	
Friday Fest	Ellen Huxtable – Next one is April 26 th – please donate food.	
Hospitality	Tony Pechi – Provided snacks for today’s meeting.	
Old Business	None	
New Business	Nominating committee report – The slate of recommended candidates – Election is on April 27 th . JuliAnn Geldner for President. Jason Ball VP candidate. Roger Moore for Treasurer. Ipsita Mahapatra as Secretary.. Regional Reps for Junior and Senior class. Sophomore parents are appointed. Any vacancies will also be appointed. Nominating committee is recommending all interested current regional reps to continue for next year. Downstate Regions 1 – 5 are filled. Metro regions – 6 – 10. All regions have Junior reps. Need senior reps for 6-8. – We have for region 9 & 10. Next meeting is the last meeting for Current PAC committee.	N/A
Program	Speaker - Assistant Principal Dr. Diane Hinterlong made a presentation on SSL and IMSA’s School Improvement Plan. Worked	

	<p>with colleagues at Springfield on state adaptations for education – English, language, arts and math and science.</p> <p>CLA – IMSA has given college readiness assessment. The goal of IMSA is to help with SSL – listed on IMSA website. Help ‘habits of mind’ – it is a journey.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing tools of thought. 2. Thinking about thinking. 3. Extending and Integrating thought 4. Expressing and Evaluating Constructs 5. Thinking and Acting with others. <p>SSL Assessment Process</p> <p>MSI – Methods in Scientific Inquiry.</p> <p>Future plans (MSI) – better utilize IMSA writing center. Provide good examples of papers. Correlate growth in SIR.</p> <p>English – Literary explorations – focuses on evidence for SSL. Students improved significantly after three semesters.</p> <p>School Improvement plan:</p> <p>Goal #1: to develop the habits of mind of integrative learners as expressed in our SSLs.</p> <p>Goal #2: To improve the whole person.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.	Next meeting Apr 27 th