

**Illinois Math and Science Academy  
Parent Association Council  
PAC General Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2013**

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Speaker/Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
Call to order	PAC President JuliAnn Geldner welcomed everyone to the PAC General Meeting	N/A
Roll Call	Quorum was met	Quorum
President's Report	a. Preview Day was held. Over 1000 prospective students and parents attended. PAC was represented and chance to interact with parents.	
Treasurer's Report	a. On budget	
Administration Report	a. IMSA mourns the loss of English faculty member Mrs. Smith-Riel. Counselors conducted a few hall meetings, talked to the sophomores who were in her class and available to talk to the students. b. IMSA alum Vincent Rodrigues, Class of 1999 delivered Veteran's Day assembly address. c. With Finals coming up and Flu season, reminders to take care of health. If the students are sick and the school requests them to be picked please do so timely.	
College and Academic Counseling Report	a. Sophomores: CAC meeting was on 10/23 @ 10.00 AM. Next meeting on 11/20 to discuss course selection, graduation requirements, SIR and extra-curricular. A few upper classmen will also talk to the Sophomores.  b. All Sophomores are required to bring laptops to the meeting, and will review the course planning guide for the 3 year plan. This is due on Jan 29 <sup>th</sup> .  c. Juniors: Kaplan diagnostic test was completed on Oct 26. 118 out of 207 actually signed up out of which only 113 attended. Email was sent to parents and students on how to get the results. Kaplan only sends results via email. Any questions please direct to the CACs.  d. Juniors: PSAT Mandatory meeting on Dec 12 to get	

	<p>results and the booklet is returned. 2 sets of PSAT results are available. Both are directly sent to the home address with additional letters on the college selection process and next steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Seniors: Financial Aid Webinar on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> for seniors only. Focus is on FAFSA all College visits.</li> <li>f. Early App numbers: 34 ED vs. 24 last year; 13 Restricted Early Action vs. 8 last year; 316 early action vs. 232 last year. All early action numbers will be available between 12/13 and 12/16.</li> <li>g. UIUC decisions will be available on 12/13 online. The student will need to log in. 171 applied to it out of 203.</li> <li>h. Mandatory Senior Class meeting on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	
Metro Coordinator Report	No updates	
Downstate Coordinator Report	Bus schedules for Thanksgiving and Extended break done.	
Multi-cultural Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Meeting immediately following regular PAC. Planning for March 15<sup>th</sup> Diversity Extravaganza. Planning for March 15<sup>th</sup> Diversity Extravaganza. Looking for parents who have talent and can and participate to help celebrate diversity. Some proposals are African dancing, Indian dancing etc.</li> <li>b. School celebrated Diversity week: Mon - Taste of Culture Tues- Diversity poetry slam Thurs- Film Interrupters shown and guest speaker Herman White spoke on Social Justice as part of History Makers</li> <li>c. <b>Upcoming events:</b> Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1-5 pm Dr. Francesca Maresca to talk to students and faculty January- Martin Luther King Event with invited speaker who walked with Dr. King Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Diversity Training for parents and PME</li> </ul>	

	<p>Board. The Multicultural Committee would like to invite all parents to attend the session</p> <p>The school is also conducting a Diversity needs assessment to understand the climate. Parents welcome to provide feedback on diversity issues.</p>	
Hospitality Committee Report	<p>a. Overwhelming response from parents. 30 families volunteered. Primary activities are setting up breakfast for PAC meetings.</p> <p>b. Considering doing a Teacher's appreciation week. Contact committee if interested</p>	
Student Life Committee Report	<p>a. Friday fest team thanks all the families who contributed food, funds and volunteered. Continue to ask for support and participation.</p>	
Academic Committee Report	<p>a. No updates. Please attend the Academic Committee meeting before general business meeting to participate.</p>	
Student Council Report	<p>a. Did not attend</p>	
Senior Banquet	<p>a. Theme finalized for Banquet on May 30th. It is a Quote from Dr. Max Magee. "Make everyday an excellent adventure"</p> <p>b. Team plans to see the venue on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. Request made to all senior parents to send baby pictures for banquet. Information is on website and details sent in email. Pictures will be included on the DVD and given to the students as gift.</p> <p>c. If anyone wants to attend the committee meeting remotely, starting the meetings on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, audio will be available. Please contact Mary if you need details.</p>	
Alumni Report	<p>a. IMSA Fund/Alumni Coordinator Lisa Helman introduced IMSA fund and Alumni programs.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Cabinet retreat is in progress to discuss and reevaluate impact with IMSA.</li> <li>c. Alumni mentoring program ongoing. Please have the students contact alumni in response to emails sent. If more information needed, please contact Melvin, Alumni (Parent) Chair</li> <li>d. IMSA Fund - Goal 66%. Telemarketing efforts underway to raise funds, request to give at any level. Steve Chen, IMSA alumni, co-founder of Google donated \$1 million to start up an Innovation Center.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11.45 am	Next meeting on Dec 7