

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP
Parents' Organization
Minutes of General Meeting
March 18, 2008

Call to Order. Gini Marziani and Greg Wrobel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Fr. Paulson opened the meeting with a prayer.

Call for Officer Nominations. Gini Marziani introduced members of the Nominating Committee: Kathy Bliss (chair), Joanie Domanico, Annalies Panagoulis, Mary Pat Reilly, Mary Darnell, Norma Lua. Gini noted that Ann McAloon, current Vice President, serves as President for 2008-09 in accordance with the Bylaws. Gini invited members to submit nominations during the meeting for Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary for 2008-09. None were submitted. Gini also invited members to communicate with any member of the Nominating Committee to identify school parents whom the Committee may wish to consider as nominees.

Volunteer Sign-Up Forms. Greg Wrobel distributed Sign-Up Forms for parents to volunteers as 2008-09 Class Reps and Event Volunteers, including the new Fall Parent Service Day program.

Meeting Program: The State of College Admissions. Dr. Karl, school principal, made general remarks about the state of the school program scheduled for April, and introduced Kurt Schmidt, head of the school's Office of College Counseling, and James Prunty, head of the school's Athletic Department, who presented a program on the State of College Admissions. Kurt used a slide presentation that will be posted on the Parents' Organization page of the school website.

Kurt reviewed trends in college admissions over the past several years at Saint Ignatius and across the United States. He also reviewed the main programs and services of the Office of College Admissions, including the new Family Connection Website, the general time line for test dates and test prep options, and activities and programs outside the classroom that students may consider to broaden their academic and life experience.

Kurt encouraged all parents to access the Family Connection website to learn more about the broad scope of information available on the site. A link to the site is posted on the College Counseling page of the school website; students and parents who do not have a personal password may use a guest password available from the College Admissions Office to access the site. Parents and students are encouraged to follow up with Kurt and other members of the College Counseling staff with questions and feedback on the school's Family Connection website.

Jim Prunty discussed the college recruiting process for high school athletes. He noted that colleges offer a wide range of varsity team options with different levels of competition and commitment. He encouraged students involved in varsity sports to seek a good fit for their interest and ability if they seek to participate at the college level. He also noted that college staff use personal communications for active recruiting, and cautioned students who receive letters from varsity coaches and other staff should not presume that they are being recruited.

Kurt and Jim answered questions and invited students and parents to communicate with them if they have additional questions about the college admission process.

Adjournment. Gini adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Gregory Wrobel, Co-President