

# Valley Academy Parent Organization

## Governing Council Candidate Application

Name _____	Home Phone _____	Cell Phone _____
E-mail Address _____	What grades are your children in? _____	
Number of years at Valley Academy _____	Have you previously served on the Governing Council? If yes, when and what capacity? _____	Yes or No

Why are you interested in serving on the Valley Academy Parent Organization Governing Council? \_\_\_\_\_

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Which position are you interested in?: (circle one) Committee Chairperson or Sub-Committee Chairperson

Please list the committees on which you would like to serve: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list your past and/or present volunteer activities at Valley Academy: \_\_\_\_\_

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What does commitment mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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What strengths or contributions do you believe you can bring to the parent Governing Council? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate any relevant experience in another school, job, or community activity. \_\_\_\_\_

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If elected to the Governing Council, would you be willing to commit to a two-year term and a minimum of ten (10) hours each month to serve in the position? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: This does not include other volunteer hours in the classroom.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Thank You! It's people like you that make the difference!

# Governing Council Candidate Profile

It is that time again, when the Valley Academy Parent Organization will be holding elections for the next year's Governing Council. Elections will be held during the council meeting in April. We are seeking nominations for the Governing Council. If you are interested, please fill out the nominee profile form on the other side and leave it with Theresa in the front office. Below, is a brief synopsis of the parent organization's purpose, and the role of a council member.

The purpose of the Valley Academy Parent Organization is to enhance the education of our children by:

- Promoting high academic standards
- Promoting the philosophy, direction and image of Valley Academy
- Increasing and facilitating communications between home and school
- Providing a forum for discussion for any school-related issues
- Maintaining a network for parental participation

While the organization operates under a 501 c (3) that gives us independent non-profit status, we operate on campus at the invitation of the school's Board of Directors. VAPO is overseen by its Governing Council. The council consists of twelve members, serving two year terms, who are elected by the current sitting council. Every parent or legal guardian of a student at Valley Academy is a member of VAPO. Nominations for Governing Council positions come from the parent body at large.

## **Council members serve three primary functions:**

- **Facilitate communication:** Questions, concerns, or ideas are brought to the VAPO Governing Council by parent, administration, or the board. The council then acts as a liaison between all parties, facilitating communication as we work together to resolve issues, make recommendations, and assist the school in fulfilling its mission.
- **Enhancing student life on campus:** Each member of the council is the chairperson for one of the twelve committees that direct VAPO activities on campus. We do this so that the staff can operate as educators and mentors to our children. Valley Academy excels in education, and the parent organization tries to further the cause for both the children and the staff.
- **Conducting the business of running a corporation:** The elected officers of the Governing Council are responsible for maintaining accurate and consistent accounting records of VAPO business. They insure that the filing of tax documents and corporation documents are prepared accurately and in a timely manner.

Parents play a vital role at Valley Academy and Valley Academy Parent Organization is a vehicle for you, the parent, to have a positive impact on your children's education. If you are interested in serving our students and our school by making a commitment to the Governing Council of VAPO and have questions regarding your commitment, please contact me at 480-473-9215. I will be happy to discuss this rewarding opportunity with you.

Sincerely,

Pamela Silva  
Valley Academy Parent Organization President