

Meeting was called to order at 8:22 a.m. by President Sherri McCulloch.

Those present included President and Valley Communication Chair Sherri McCulloch, Vice President and Eighth Grade Promotion Chair Audra Nuttall, Treasurer and Volunteer Communication Chair Shannon Day, Secretary and Office Fundraising Chair Meghna Mathur, Staff Appreciation Chair Tami Evans, and Event Fundraising Chair Libby Hammond. Athletics Chair Rick Harford was present telephonically for voting. Two guests were present including Mrs. Wilber.

Guest Comments:

No guest comments were made at this time.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber thanked Audra and the council for all the preparations for the School Choice Week.

Re-registration forms have been sent out. A Lead Teacher meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2013 in the staff lounge. President Sherri McCulloch was invited to attend the meeting to discuss a school supply kit fundraiser.

The council was advised that the Student Council's "Pennies for Patients" will include fourth through eighth grades.

Mrs. Wilber also informed the council that there will be a Read-In on February 28, 2013. There will be a police horse, a helicopter and others professions represented.

A discussion was held with the council regarding putting the Spring Festival highlights on the Reid Traditional Schools website and also on the Facebook page.

President's Report:

President Sherri McCulloch informed the council about the Board of Directors meeting in January. There was discussion and exchange of views within the council about the AZELLA (Arizona English Language Learning Assessment) testing.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, February 28, 2013. The president will be attending the meeting.

New Business:

The president reminded the council members about the council vacancies and urged the members to consider their positions and also as a role of an officer.

The president put forth a potential fundraiser from Build My Kit, a company that provides school supply kits. It has the option of customizing school supply lists with specific brands. A discussion was held, but voting was tabled until next month.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Shannon Day presented the budget reports of each committee to the members. All members thanked the treasurer for the updated budget.

Secretary's report:

There was a review and re-approval of the December meeting minutes, as some changes were made by administration. Audra Nuttall moved for the re-approval of December meeting minutes to be approved as presented. Libby Hammond seconded the motion. The December meeting minutes were approved unanimously by those present. Voting on January meeting minutes were tabled until the next month.

March Birthday cards were circulated.

Committee Reports:

Eighth Grade Promotion

The chairperson Audra Nuttall informed the council that the committee earned \$400 at the Polar Ice event in January. There was also a discussion about a mascot costume. The chairperson will discuss this further with her committee, and provide additional information when available.

Event Fundraising

The chairperson Libby Hammond informed the council about Spring Festival progress. The committee will be using Kona Ice at the festival. All other vendors are set. The stage performances have been lined up. A maintenance request will be sent. An email will be sent to sign up as ticket sale volunteers. The next meeting of the committee will be on February 21, 2013.

Office Fundraising

The chairperson Meghna Mathur informed the council that the label collections are going well.

Move-a-thon packets have been sent home. Move-a-thon will be in the week after spring break.

Harkins Summer Movie Fun order forms have been sent home as well. The last day to turn in the order forms is February 13, 2013.

Staff Appreciation

The chairperson Tami Evans confirmed to the council that the staff Valentine's Day breakfast is on Thursday, February 14, 2013.

Discussion was held about the staff gift and on the total number of staff members.

Library

The chairperson Tracey Snyder was not present. The president informed the council that the Spring Book Fair is in April and the committee will work with the Special Events committee to final the details.

Special Events

The chairperson Hiedi Chapin was not present. The president informed the council that lock down kits will be checked and completed this week and that the water has been changed. Spring Family Fun Night will be May 3, 2013, and the chairperson will coordinate with the Library chair to work on the details.

Coyote Pride

The chairperson Valeen Palomo was not present. The president informed the council that the Spirit day T-shirt sales have been wrapped-up and the company gave very good prices.

Student Recognition

The chairperson Patricia Ogden was not present. The president informed the council that Sandra O' Connor High School has been secured as the venue for the Honor Roll Ceremony. The committee was within budget at this time.

Volunteer Communication

The chairperson Shannon Day informed the council that kindergarten screening begins March 25, 2013.

Curriculum

The chairperson Donna Padilla was not present. Libby Hammond motioned for the book list provided by the Curriculum Committee to be approved as presented. Tami Evans seconded the motion. The book list was approved unanimously by those present (attached).

Athletics

The chairperson Rick Harford was present telephonically for voting purposes. An Athletics Committee member informed the council that the basketball tournament is today, February 12, 2013. A "blue out" is planned to show support for the team. The team desperately needs new uniforms. The committee is researching a vendor and pricing.

Valley Communication

The chairperson Sherri McCulloch asked the members for newsletter items by Friday, February 15, 2013.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghna Mathur

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Secretary