

Meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by President Audra Nuttall.

Those present included President and Valley Communication Chair Audra Nuttall, Vice President and Staff Appreciation Chair Tami Evans, Secretary and Office Fundraising Chair Meghna Mathur, Treasurer and Event Fundraising Chair JodyKay Combs, Curriculum Chair Donna Padilla, Special Events Chair Hiedi Chapin, Volunteer Communication Chair Brenda Fisher, Coyote Pride Chair Lisa Olsen, Library Chair Tracey Snyder, and Student Recognition Chair Amanda Laswell. No guests were present at this time.

**Guest Comments:**

No guest comments were made at this time.

**Administrator's Report:**

Mrs. Wilber reminded the council members about the AIMS, Stanford, and the DIBELS testing going on campus this week. She confirmed that the things were all going ok so far.

Mrs. Wilber also confirmed that our school was nominated for the National Blue Ribbon award by the superintendent, and that all the paperwork was submitted. She also mentioned that 5 schools are nominated from Arizona and only one school is awarded for each state. The principal and one teacher will be going to Washington DC to receive the award.

Mrs. Wilber expressed her thankfulness for Mrs. Brock for all her work for the Eighth Grade Committee. She also thanked and appreciated all the council members and the volunteers for attending the Volunteer Appreciation dinner.

Mrs. Wilber also mentioned that the council members will have to return the school keys in the next meeting. She also made it clear that if any committee member still needs the keys than they can talk to her about them.

**New Business:**

President Audra Nuttall informed the council that Jennifer Brock has stepped down as the Eighth Grade Committee Chairperson due to family and health reasons. Rick Harford has taken over as the Chairperson of Eighth Grade committee as well.

Audra presented the list of books to be approved for the recommended list. She also mentioned that Mrs. Gan really appreciates all the efforts of the Curriculum committee in having the books approved by the parents. Tracey Snyder motioned for the approval of the April book list. JodyKay seconded the motion, and the book list was unanimously approved by those present.

**President's Report:**

President Audra Nuttall welcomed all members. Article 10<sup>th</sup>- Dissolution, of the Bylaws was reviewed. Audra mentioned that the VAPO elections will be in the May meeting. The open spots will be- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion, Special Events, Volunteer Communication, Office Fundraising, Curriculum, and Library.

Audra requested the council members to recruit new parents. A small discussion was made on the voting process of the council. Any parent of the Valley is eligible to vote for the council members.

Audra also mentioned that the June meeting will be the last meeting for the present council and the new council will take over from July 1, 2014. The June meeting has been scheduled for June 10, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. All the committee members will be presenting their committee budgets for the next year and the VAPO Notebooks will be due at the meeting.

The President thanked the administration and the school staff for the wonderful appreciation dinner.

Audra confirmed that the next Board meeting is on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the Reid Traditional Office at 6 p.m. All VAPO Council is invited and all parents are always invited to attend the meeting.

### **Secretary's report:**

Secretary Meghna Mathur presented the February meeting minutes for approval by the council. JodyKay motioned for the approval of the February meeting minutes as presented. Brenda Fisher seconded the motion and the February meeting minutes were approved unanimously by those present. Meghna also presented the March 11, 2014 meeting minutes for approval. Some corrections and some changes were pointed out. Tracey Snyder motioned for the March meeting minutes to be approved as amended. Jodykay seconded the motion and the March meeting minutes were approved as amended unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer JodyKay Combs presented the members with their committee budgets. She also recommended that the members vote to decide the money the council will give to the school, as VAPO do not have to fully fund the projects.

The March working balance of VAPO is as follows:

Library	\$2,803.11
Booster Club	\$200.31
Earmarked Funds	\$7,478.36
General Funds	\$38,038.03

Upcoming expenses (pending invoice from vendors) due from General Funds estimated to be at \$500.00. These expenses include Spirit Day ice cream; leaving the General Funds at \$37,538.03.

**Committee Reports:**Special Events

The Chairperson Hiedi Chapin reported that the committee is working for the Spring Family Night on May 2, 2014. She informed the council that Choir will be performing. Games for the night have been finalized. Hiedi added that the committee is still deciding on the food. She will also try to recruit a new parent for the fall council year.

Volunteer Communication

The Chairperson Brenda Fisher reported that DIBELS is going on and that the committee is in need of volunteers. She also confirmed that the committee will be buying play ground toys for the kindergarten students. She reported that Mrs. Wright has responded with a feedback regarding DIBELS volunteers and has asked that the volunteers be better with keeping children quiet and also to remind the adults to stay off their cellphones during their allotted volunteer time.

Staff Appreciation

The Chairperson Tami Evans thanked Tracey Snyder for all the help. Tami confirmed that the next luncheon for the staff will be on May 6, 2014 during the Staff Appreciation Week. It will be a Hawaiian barbeque. The committee will present the staff gifts and will also have a raffle.

Eighth Grade Promotion

The Chairperson Rick Harford was not present. Brenda Fisher discussed some issues. Brenda also informed about the Spring Festival. She notified that the committee was low on volunteers in the afternoon. It was confirmed that Rick will reschedule all the meetings for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion.

Office Fundraising

The Chairperson Meghna Mathur confirmed that the labels collection is going well and the last collection will be in May. The committee will announce the leaders and will arrange the parties for the top three classes. She confirmed that Mrs. Keely's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is the yearly leader so far. Meghna also informed that the Harkins Summer Movie Fun tickets were ready. It was decided that the tickets be handed over next week, once the testing is over. Meghna had a small discussion regarding registration for the Norterra Earn and Learn program for next year. After a small discussion it was decided that the school will not participate for next year.

Curriculum

The Chairperson Donna Padilla had to leave early.

Library

The Chairperson Tracey Snyder reported that the committee is preparing for the spring Book Fair from April 28- May 2, 2014. She mentioned that the committee is working with Mrs. Gan to reduce the fair to three days.

### Athletics

The Chairperson Rick Harford was not present.

### Event Fundraising

The Chairperson JodyKay Combs presented a detailed report of the Spring Festival. She reported that the committee had a profit of \$5,434.45 from the festival. Mrs. Wilber added that the festival was a fun event and a good fundraiser. JodyKay mentioned that the raffle basket proceeds will be used towards the purchase of The Audio/ Visual equipment for the MPR. A discussion was made to decide if the baskets should continue to go to the VAPO's fundraising projects. The decision was made in favor to continue the combining of the raffle proceeds towards the fundraising projects. She made a mention that Mr. Evan was the co-chair for the event and he did a wonderful job , he will be taking over as the chairperson next year. The committee thanked the 14 high school kids for their wonderful help. JodyKay maintained that there were some issues with the food truck and that they will be fixed for next year.

### Student Recognition

The Chairperson Amanda Laswell reported that the committee is working for the Honor Roll Ceremony. The next meeting will be scheduled soon. It was reported that Mrs. Christine Shupe will be taking care of the food for the ceremony. Amanda also reported that the committee is working on the certificates to be handed to the students.

### Coyote Pride

The Chairperson Lisa Olsen reported that the VAPO freezer in the MPR got unplugged and all the ice cream melted. It was replugged though, but the committee bought new ice cream for the students. The freezer has been cleaned and the semi melted ice cream is in the VAPO room freezer and can be used by the volunteers working in the VAPO room. Lisa also informed that the committee has enough used uniforms and will be using them at the beginning of the school year in fall.

### Valley Communication

The Chairperson Audra Nuttall thanked the school for the volunteer appreciation dinner. She also mentioned that form next year she will try to advertise more to the parent volunteers. The teachers plan for this dinner way ahead of time and would love to host for more and more parents.

She reminded the council that the newsletter articles were due on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Newsletter Articles: Articles for May newsletter due on Tuesday 15, 2014.

Caught Being Good: Thursday, April 17, 2014.

Board Meeting: Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office.

Spirit Day: Friday, May 2, 2014.

VAPO Elections: Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghna Mathur

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Secretary