

Meeting was called to order at 8:17 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, Coyote Pride Chair Lisa Olsen, 8th Grade Promotion Chair Jennifer Brock, Library Chair Tracey Snyder, and Athletics Chair Rick Harford. Two guests were present including Mrs. Wilber.

Guest Comments:

Sheryl Gordon was present as a guest. She wanted to get familiar with the VAPO as she was interested in joining the council for next year.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber said that December is a short month but still wanted to keep the students motivated as the classes go on schedule. She also reported that the Board Meetings could not be scheduled due to time conflicts and so the next meeting will be in the month of January. The Board is looking for new members and the potential members are getting familiar with the Board.

New Business:

The Book List from the Curriculum committee was presented before the Council. Tracey Snyder motioned for the Book List to be approved. Rick Harford seconded the motion and the book list was approved unanimously by those present.

The President asked Tracey Snyder to make a sign-up sheet for the Lost and Found, all the members signed up for each month of the remaining academic year. Audra explained the procedure of lost and found and also mentioned that one parent was interested in organizing the playroom.

President's Report:

The President Audra Nuttall welcomed all members and guests for the meeting.

Audra asked Tami Evans to report about the safe for the VAPO room. Tami handed out the information of all the safes that were considered and explained about the types of safes in the market. A detailed discussion was made on the pros and cons of the various types. The council has approved a safe between \$300- \$500.

Section VI- Officers of the Governing Council notebook was reviewed.

The President informed that the next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6 p.m. All VAPO council members are invited and parents are encouraged to attend the board meeting.

Secretary's report:

The Secretary Meghna Mathur presented the November meeting minutes. Donna Padilla pointed out a correction in the Curriculum. Tracey Snyder motioned for the November meeting minutes to be approved as amended. Tami Evans seconded the motion and the November 12, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer JodyKay Combs handed out the budget reports to all Council members. The November working balance of VAPO is as follows:

Library	\$3,832.30
Booster Club	\$98.76
Earmarked Funds	\$7,478.36
General Funds	\$11,318.85

Upcoming expenses (pending invoices from vendors) due from the General Funds are estimated at \$400. These expenses include Spirit Day Ice Cream order and Carpool fees; leaving the General Fund to \$10,918.85.

A discussion was made on the need for the carpool site. It was concluded that the carpool was actually a word of mouth and less than 10 people were using the site. The Council concluded that the money spent to maintain the site was not worth it. Rick Harford motioned to cancel the program for carpool, JodyKay seconded the motion. It was unanimously voted to cancel the carpool site starting in January.

Committee Reports:Special Events

The Chairperson Hiedi Chapin was not present. Tracey Snyder reported that the Spelling Bee went well, the decorations were good and there were volunteers to help clean up quickly.

Volunteer Communication

The Chairperson Brenda Fisher was not present. The President reported that the next DIBELS is in the month of January and they have some volunteers. She also reported that the committee has volunteers to log the volunteers hours for each month.

Staff Appreciation

The Chairperson Tami Evans reported that the Holiday Staff Lunch is on December 18, 2013. The invitations will be approved before sending them to the staff.

The Birthday Cards for this month were signed earlier.

Eighth Grade promotion

The Chairperson Jennifer Brock reported that the Chipotle fundraiser went great and due to the 50% sharing, the committee has made \$1,857.50. Some problems with the fax orders were reported but there was a huge turnover from the Valley parents. Jennifer confirmed that there will be pizza parties for the 7th and 8th graders. She also reported that two t-shirt designs were approved and that the students will be voting for one in the classrooms today.

Office Fundraising

The Chairperson Meghna Mathur reported that the Box Tops/ Labels for Education collection are going well. She also reported that the Norterra Earn and Learn program is still going on and will be on until the 31st of December. She said that Valley is still leading in the point tally. Mrs. Wilber has agreed to attend the ceremony to collect the check from the program in February.

Audra explained the Boosterthon program to all the Council members and reported that the fun run will happen along with the Field Days on February 27th and 28th, 2014. 7th and 8th graders will not participate in the run and there will be no pledge per lap for them, but there will be straight donations from them. The program will also accept the credit/ debit cards. The program will donate white Boosterthon t-shirts to all the students and red for the teachers.

Curriculum

The Chairperson Donna Padilla reported that a significant number of books will be approved by the month of March. By the end of the year there will be a significant number of books in the approved list for each grade level. It was also reported that the English books budgeted for this year will be implemented as soon as possible. Donna also reported that Weekly Studies newspaper for 5th and 6th graders is an excellent supplement for the Social Studies and Science curriculums. The committee will find out about these for the 3rd and 4th graders too.

Library

The Chairperson Tracey Snyder thanked all the Council members for stepping in during the fall Book Fair while she had a family emergency. She reported that the total sales were \$9,169.59 and the profit for the committee was \$2,317.40. The scholastic dollars balance is \$5,126.56. Tracey informed that the next Book Fair will be from April 28- May 2, 2014 and the theme for the fair will be Fiesta. The meetings for the fair will begin in March, 2014.

Athletics

The Chairperson Rick Harford informed the Council that the basketball uniforms were handed to the students- 12 for boys and 12 for girls. He also reported that the committee has some roll over money from last year and would like to gift hoodies/ jackets to the coaches to wear during the games.

Rick suggested buying a card reader for VAPO, which could be of help for the Spring Festival too. A discussion was made and JodyKay was asked to find the details.

Event Fundraising

The Chairperson JodyKay Combs reported that the Talent Show went well and that one show was much appreciated. She also reported to the Council that an Electric Piano has been purchased. Microphone stands will be purchased too.

JodyKay confirmed that the Spring Festival is on March 1, 2014. There is a meeting about the festival this Thursday. Games have been set up and sign-up sheets for the teachers will be sent soon. She reported that the Boys Scouts were interested in performing a rope ladder show at the festival. It was also informed to the members that the homeroom parent packets will go out in the first week of January.

Student Recognition

The Chairperson Amanda Laswell was not present. The President reported that the committee will organize the Honor Roll Ceremony at the Sandra O'Connor auditorium. The contract will be signed later in the day.

Coyote Pride

The Chairperson Lisa Olsen informed that in the kindergarten classes the teachers were purchasing the ice creams for the students who did not have any cards. It was verified by the President and Mrs. Wilber that only students with a valid ice cream card will receive an ice cream. Also student may have an ice cream that would be purchased by their parent.

Lisa confirmed that in January the committee will be selling the Spirit Day t-shirts and will be introducing a new color- orange. She informed us that the used uniforms are taken care of.

Valley Communication

The Chairperson Audra Nuttall confirmed that the committee was doing well at this time.

Upcoming Events:

Caught Being Good: Thursday, December 12, 2013 students redeem tickets given to them by aides for prizes.

Staff Lunch: A VAPO sponsored lunch will be served to the staff members on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Board Meeting: The Board of Directors meeting will be on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the district office.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m. by the President.

Respectfully submitted

Meghna Mathur

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Governing Council Secretary