

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by President Audra Nuttall.

Those present included President and Valley Communication Chair Audra Nuttall, Secretary and Office Fundraising Chair Meghna Mathur, Treasurer and Event Fundraising Chair JodyKay Combs, Special Events Chair Hiedi Chapin, Volunteer Communication Chair Brenda Fisher, Library Chair Tracey Snyder, Student Recognition Chair Amanda Laswell, Coyote Pride Chair Lisa Olsen, and 8th Grade Promotion Chair Jennifer Brock. No guests were present at this time

Guest Comments:

No guest comments were made at this time.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber thanked the Curriculum committee for the Writing and Grammar textbooks. She said that the Board adopted all the books and curriculum in the last meeting.

Mrs. Wilber informed that there will be changes in the Board members; the President will be stepping down. The Board is looking for new members who believe in traditional education.

Mrs. Wilber was pleased to announce that Valley Academy was nominated for the Blue Ribbon National Award by the superintendent of education. The award is due in September.

It was informed that the school will use the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) program. Mrs. Wilber also informed that the Read-in is under way; there will be a helicopter too. She also said that next Friday the teachers will be wearing Red in support of the American Heart Health. Mrs. Wilber thanked the president Audra Nuttall for the school tours. She wished all the members a Happy Valentine's Day.

New Business:

The president Audra Nuttall informed the council that a tablet was purchased to be used with the Square. JodyKay Combs explained its use during the spring festival and for Booster. On buying the VAPO safe, the council agreed that more discussion and thinking was required.

Audra Nuttall presented the Book List for approval. Tracey Snyder motioned for the approval of the book list, Jennifer Brock seconded the motion. The book list was approved unanimously by those present.

President's Report:

The president Audra Nuttall welcomed all the members. Article 8 of the bylaws-Deposits and Expenditures was reviewed.

Audra Nuttall confirmed that the next Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. All VAPO members are invited and the parents are always invited.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary Meghna Mathur presented the meeting minutes for December and January. Lisa Olsen motioned for the December 10, 2013 meeting minutes to be approved as presented. Tracey Snyder seconded the motion, and the December 10, 2013 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Tracey Snyder motioned for the January 14, 2014 meeting minutes to be approved as presented. Hiedi Chapin seconded the motion, and the January 14, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer JodyKay Combs explained the budget changes of the Curriculum committee. In 2012-2013 the committee approved to purchase newspapers from Studies Weekly for several grades. The purchase exceeded the estimated budget. However due to late billing by the Studies Weekly the funds were deducted from the 2013-2014 budget. After the purchase is made again this year, the Curriculum budget will be way above and beyond for 2012-13 and 2013-14 school year. JodyKay also handed the members with their committee budget reports. The January working balance of VAPO is as follows:

Library	\$3,725.40
Booster Club	\$160.81
Earmarked Funds	\$7,478.36
General Funds	\$14,117.66

Upcoming expenses (pending invoices from vendors) due from the General Funds are estimated to be at \$995.00. These expenses include Spirit Day Ice Cream and T-Shirt orders; leaving the General Funds at \$13,122.66.

Committee Reports:Special Events

The Chairperson Hiedi Chapin reported that the committee is doing well at this time and that they are preparing for the Spring Family Fun Night. The committee will begin the planning meetings in March.

Volunteer Communication

The Chairperson Brenda Fisher reported that the DIBELS testing went well and that the committee has asked Mrs. Wright to give her feedback. Some new volunteers will be trained too.

Brenda also informed that the Kindergarten screening will begin from March 3, 2014 and the committee is in need of volunteers.

Brenda also confirmed that the committee has about \$150 for playground toys. Mrs. Wilber agreed to find out from the Kindergarten teachers about their needs and Brenda can fulfill the needs.

Staff Appreciation

The Chairperson Tami Evans was not present.

Eighth Grade promotion

The Chairperson Jennifer Brock reported that the spring festival baskets were going well. The eighth grade t-shirts will be mint green and black color and will be V-neck. Susan McIver will be taking the class pictures. About the school gift, a small discussion was made on a whole mascot costume or pieces of the body. Sanitizing and keeping the costume clean was also important. A small discussion on the budget was made on the budget of the eighth grade picnic.

Office Fundraising

The Chairperson Meghna Mathur reported that the labels collection was going well. The committee circulated the graph of earnings from Box Tops for Education till date. She confirmed that the Norterra Earn and Learn program ended and the award ceremony would be today at 10:00 a.m. and Mrs. Wilber and President Audra Nuttall will join to attend the award ceremony.

Meghna also informed that the Boosterthon Fun Run will be on February 27, and 28, 2014. She stated that the committee will need VAPO volunteers after the run for the data entry.

Meghna reported that the Harkins Summer Movie Fun flyer has been sent for approval and that the last day for order forms is March 21, 2014. The movie fun will be from May 26 to August 1, 2014.

Curriculum

The Chairperson Donna Padilla was not present.

Library

The Chairperson Tracey Snyder reported that the committee is working for the Spring Book Fair signup genius. The committee will be meeting with Mrs. Gan to discuss on spending the scholastic dollars.

Athletics

The Chairperson Rick Harford was not present.

Event Fundraising

The Chairperson Jodykay Combs informed that the cultural program for the Spring Festival was all approved. The face painting paints were ready too. She said that the committee would be needing handy dads after school on the Friday for set up at 4:00 p.m. She also

confirmed that they have a thank you letter with the tax id number for any donations for the school.

Student Recognition

The Chairperson Amanda Laswell confirmed that the contract for the Honor Roll reception has been forwarded to Sandra O'Connor School and that their Athletic Director will contact back officially. The committee has a meeting in mid March.

Coyote Pride

The Chairperson Lisa Olsen informed that the committee was doing well at this time.

Valley Communication

The Chairperson Audra Nuttall reminded the members about the newsletter articles which were due today.

Upcoming Events:

Newsletter Article: Articles for March are due on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

Caught Being Good: Thursday, February 20, 2014.

Board Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2014mat 6:00 p.m. at the district office.

Spirit Day: Friday, March 7, 2014.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m. by the President.

Respectfully submitted

Meghna Mathur

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Secretary

