

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, Special Events Chair Hiedi Chapin, Coyote Pride Chair Lisa Olsen, Student Recognition Chair Amanda Laswell, and Library Chair Tracey Snyder. No guests were present at this time.

**Guest Comments:**

No guest comments were made at this time.

**Administrator's Report:**

Mrs. Wilber passed her New Year's wishes to all the members.

She informed the council that the cheerleaders of the school participated in the Fiesta Bowl Parade as they were the winners in their group.

Mrs. Wilber reported that there has been a change in the schedule and placing of the Coyote Club. A discussion was made as some issues were addressed regarding the change. Mrs. Wilber was open to all suggestions and feedback from parents to further improve the process.

It was also informed that the school will not participate in the National School Choice Assembly on January 27, 2014. She would though encourage people to wear the color yellow to show support.

Mrs. Wilber also advised that in early February the re-enrollment forms will be sent to our families. It was highly recommended to the parents to make educated decisions on choosing the teachers. It was made clear by Mrs. Wilber that the parents are encouraged to observe all of the teachers before making selections for the teachers.

**New Business:**

No new business at this time.

**President's Report:**

The President Audra Nuttall welcomed the council.

Section 7 of the Bylaws was reviewed.

The President informed that the next Board Meeting is on January 23, 2014. She invited the council members to attend the board meetings.

**Secretary's report:**

Secretary Meghna Mathur presented the meeting minutes for approval. There were not enough members present and so the voting on December meeting minutes was postponed for next month.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer JodyKay Combs reported that the council is doing well at this time. She handed out the budget reports to all the council members. The December working balance of VAPO is as follows:

Library	\$3,832.30
Booster Club	\$98.76
Earmarked Funds	\$7,478.36
General Funds	\$9,953.16

Upcoming expenses (pending invoices from vendors) due from the General Funds are estimated to be at \$2,350. These expenses include Spirit Day Ice Cream order, Helium Tank, Silly String, and Spirit Day T- Shirt orders; leaving the General Fund at \$7,603.16.

**Committee Reports:**Special Events

The Chairperson Hiedi Chapin reported that the committee was doing well at this time and will be preparing for the Spring Family Fun Night in May. The theme for the evening will be Fiesta. The committee will start the planning meetings in March.

Volunteer Communication

The Chairperson Brenda Fisher was not present at the meeting.

Staff Appreciation

The Chairperson Tami Evans said that the December staff lunch went well and she thanked everyone for their help. She also reported that the next staff Breakfast is on Thursday, February 13, 2014. The committee is in need of volunteers for the event.

It was settled that Tami Evans and Jodykay Combs will look at the safes tomorrow.

Birthday cards were circulated.

Eighth Grade Promotion

The Chairperson Jennifer Brock was not present at the meeting. The President reported that the color of the eighth grade T-Shirts will be mint green and black.

Office Fundraising

The Chairperson Meghna Mathur reported that the labels collection count for the month of January has not been finalized. She also informed the council that the committee has received a check of \$2,547.28 from Box Tops for Education and \$421.63 from Fry's

Community Rewards. She reported that the parents have not renewed their Safeway cards and so the school is losing money from escrip.

Meghna also informed that the Norterra Earn and Learn program is over, but the receipts can be submitted until January 15, 2014. The award ceremony will be in February.

Meghna reported that the Boosterthon Fun Run will be on the Field Days February 27 and 28. The committee will be in need of volunteers with laptops for the Data Entry on March 7, 2014 at 8:15 a.m.

### Curriculum

The Chairperson Donna Padilla was not present at the meeting.

### Library

The Chairperson Tracey Snyder reported that the next Book Fair will be in the end of April beginning of May. The theme for the fair will be Fiesta. The committee will begin with the planning meetings in March.

### Athletics

The Chairperson Rick Harford was not present at the meeting.

### Event Fundraising

The Chairperson JodyKay Combs reported that the committee is working on the Spring Festival which will be on Saturday, March 1, 2014. The committee is planning on having a couple of food trucks at the festival. The beverages will be arranged by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The committee is looking for donations for the raffle room. The Boys Scouts will be doing their rope bridge at the festival. She also informed us that the homeroom parent packets will go out in January.

### Student Recognition

The Chairperson Amanda Laswell informed that the Honor Roll Ice Cream is today. Caught Being Good will be on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

Amanda also reported that the venue for the Honor Roll Ceremony will be Sandra Day O' Connor High School. The committee has the contract and she will hand it over to administration for further details. The President asked to look for an Honor Roll Parent who would step up and help with the ceremony.

### Coyote Pride

The Chairperson Lisa Olsen informed that the Spirit Day Ice Cream is going well and that the committee has wonderful volunteers.

She also reported that the Spirit Day T-Shirts are on sale now and that ORANGE is the new color introduced.

Valley Communication

The Chairperson Audra Nuttall asked the members to submit their newsletter articles today.

She also confirmed that Donna Padilla will be responsible for the Lost and Found for the month of February.

**Upcoming Events:**

Newsletter Articles: Articles for February are due Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

Caught Being Good: Thursday, January 16, 2014.

Board Meeting: Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the district office.

Spirit Day: Friday, February 7, 2014.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. by the President.

Respectfully submitted

Meghna Mathur

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Secretary