

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 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, Volunteer Communication Chair Brenda Fisher, Library Chair Tracey Snyder, Coyote Pride Chair Lisa Olsen, and Eighth Grade Promotion Chair Jennifer Brock. Seven guests were present including Mrs. Wilber.

Guest Comments:

The guests shared their opinion and interest in volunteering. They were willing to help in any way they could. The president thanked them for joining the meeting and for offering their help.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber reported to the council that the Administration and the Teachers were able to control the situation during pickup due to the flood conditions yesterday (September 9). The president presented Mrs. Wilber with a certificate praising the Administration in their excellent control of the rainy day/flooding situation.

Mrs. Wilber also mentioned the family in need and thanked all those who came forward to help. The council was informed that the family was stable now and can work things on their own.

President's Report:

The President Audra Nuttall welcomed all for the meeting.

Audra reminded all the members to bring their VAPO notebooks to the meeting and to turn in the signed declaration as soon as possible. Article III - "Powers of the Bylaws" was reviewed and discussed. Audra also confirmed with the members to schedule their subcommittee meetings in the VAPO room on the bulletin board. Audra reminded everyone that it is all of our responsibility to maintain a clean and orderly VAPO room, and that includes cleaning of the playroom after use too.

Audra asked ex-President Sherri McCulloch for the "Build My Kit" fundraiser update. Sherri informed the council that \$372.77 was raised. She gave some suggestions and believed that the outgoing president should take care of this fundraiser due to timeline purposes. She also requested the Administration provide the updated supply list online and a specific specials supply list for each grade. Audra thanked Sherri for taking care of the fundraiser and the update.

Audra mentioned to the council that for the approval of any flyer must be sent to her first for review and then will be forwarded to the Administration for final review, and that the process takes about 3 days. She urged the members to send the articles for approval well ahead of time.

Audra informed that the volunteer database was prepared by Shannon Day and that the members should contact the volunteers as soon as possible.

The August Reid Traditional and Valley Academy Board meetings were attended by Tracey Snyder. Tracey explained the whole procedure of the meeting. She reported that Reid Traditional Schools provided an update on upcoming events and read to the Valley Board the statement prepared by Audra. She also mentioned that the Board was trying to get Valley Academy the Blue Ribbon Award for nationally accredited school. Mrs. Wilber added that the school qualifies but missed the deadline for this year, and so they will be working on it next year. Next board meeting is on September 26, 2013 at 6 p.m., and Audra will be attending the meeting.

New Business:

The President presented the Council with the application of Amanda Laswell to be considered as the new Chair of Student Recognition. Audra went through the voting process with the Council and also reviewed the application. Tracey Snyder motioned for Amanda Laswell to be elected as the new Chair of Student Recognition Committee. Tami Evans seconded the motion, and the council unanimously elected Amanda Laswell as the new Chairperson of Student Recognition.

Upcoming Events:

Picture Day: September 12, 2013 is the school Picture Day and will be in the MPR. VAPO members will have their picture taken at 7:45 a.m. Audra requested that all members be present, on time, and dressed nicely.

Cookie Dough: The cookie dough packets are due September 13, 2013; they will be accepted through September 17, 2013.

The pickup days are October 2, 2013 for last names A-L and October 3, 2013 for last names M-Z. The pickup will begin after 1:30 p.m. on both the days.

Great Skate Friday, September 13, 2013 is the Great Skate of the 8th Grade Committee from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Secretary's report:

The Secretary Meghna Mathur presented the August meeting minutes for approval. JodyKay Combs motioned for the August meeting minutes to be approved as presented. Donna Padilla seconded the motion. The August meeting minutes were approved unanimously by those present.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer JodyKay Combs explained the finances of VAPO and informed that the council has a working balance of:

Library \$1795.64

Booster \$453.16

Earmarked funds \$7478.36

General Funds \$7327.15

Upcoming expenses (pending invoices from vendors) due to General Funds are estimated at \$4000. These expenses include taxes, Spirit Day ice cream orders, and Spirit Day t-shirt orders; leaving approximately \$3327.15.

She requested the members to check their budget numbers and check for any corrections. She also passed out the committee budget to the members.

JodyKay also proposed an idea to buy a new printer for the VAPO room to save money on ink. A discussion was made and the purchase was supported. The President authorized the purchase.

Committee Reports:Special Events

The Chairperson Hiedi Chapin was not present. The President informed the Council that the Lock Down kits were taken care of and restocked. It was also informed that the committee is working on getting volunteers and creating games for the Fall Family Fun Night in October. The President okayed the hot dog and the nacho stand for the night.

Volunteer Communication

The Chairperson Brenda Fisher thanked the Council for the Gear Up for School Night. She informed that the data entry for the volunteers has been updated and also explained how to log volunteer hours. A suggestion was made to make a tab of Log Volunteer Hours on the home page of the school website. She presented the spread sheet of volunteers to the committee members.

Coyote Pride

The Chairperson Lisa Olsen informed the council that the Spirit Day ice cream went well, except that they ran out of the ice cream but got more on time.

She also informed that the Spirit Day T- shirts will be distributed before the next Spirit Day.

The School Picture Day is on September 12, 2013. Lisa requested the members for help. She explained that the committee will be ready with the schedule of classes and also the map of the classrooms to help the volunteers.

Staff Appreciation

The Chairperson Tami Evans informed the council that the committee will be preparing for a dinner for teachers only on October 17, 2013 during the parent conferences. The set up will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Birthday cards were circulated.

Eighth Grade Promotion

The Chairperson Jennifer Brock confirmed that the committee was doing well. The Great Skate preparations were done, and flyers, stickers, and banners were all lined up. "Skato" the Great Skate mascot will be present during pickup.

Jennifer informed the council that High School Night is on Thursday, October 3, 2013 in the MPR at 6 p.m. She advised that the night is very informative and is for grades 6th- 8th. She informed that letters have been sent out to the schools we would like to attend, and that the committee has started getting responses. The committee has enough volunteers.

The Chairperson also informed that the committee is also working on the Fall Dance, and has booked the DJ. They are also working on the theme and decor for the night.

The first 8th Grade Car Wash is set for Saturday, October 5, 2013. The Chairperson informed that the committee is working towards it, and explained the policy of presales of tickets.

Jennifer requested the need to have an assistant to take care of some events. The president suggested Carol Duffy if she could help.

Office Fundraising

The Chairperson Meghna Mathur informed that the subcommittee meeting went well and that the committee has a lot of volunteers.

Meghna informed the council that the Cookie Dough sales have started and that the sales are in full swing. It was also informed that the daily prizes are taken care of. She requested the Council members to help with counting of the cookie dough money on Friday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

The chairperson informed the council that the labels collection has started and the results for Back to School contest are awaited.

Meghna also explained the other fundraisers of the committee. The Take Charge of Education fundraiser of Target was discussed and the committee will prepare a flyer with all the details.

Another fundraiser is the Norterra Earn and Learn School Rewards program from August 31-December 31, 2013. Meghna explained the details of the program to the council and also confirmed that the flyers have been sent out to the parents.

Curriculum

The Chairperson Donna Padilla greatly appreciated Teri Hunt and Laurette Murphy for the wonderful work for the committee. She also thanked Shannon day for the volunteer database. Donna informed the Council that the committee was able to purchase all books that were on the request list. For 3rd and 4th grades some mystery and biographies were purchased. She also mentioned that the books were purchased from the Dog Eared Books. Donna mentioned that they have a great list of volunteers for reading the books.

Library

The Chairperson Tracey Snyder informed the Council that the committee is working on the Fall Book Fair which will be in the end of October. The theme for the fair will be Egyptian. The committee will have their first planning meeting on September 18, 2013 in the VAPO room at 8:15 a.m.

Athletics

The Chairperson Rick Harford was not present. The president confirmed that the committee was doing well. The committee is looking forward to ordering the Basketball uniforms and needs help from the council. It was decided to vote on the purchase of the uniforms in the next month's meeting.

Event fundraising

The Chairperson JodyKay Combs informed the council that the committee is preparing for the Talent Show and will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

JodyKay also mentioned the need of a volunteer to run the raffle room during the Spring Festival. She also reported that Susie Hochhalter will run and coordinate the game booths at the festival.

Student Recognition

The Chairperson Amanda Laswell informed the Council that the committee is looking for potential auditoriums for the Honor Roll ceremony at the end of the year. She confirmed that the committee was waiting for replies from the places of interest.

Amanda also informed the Council that the first Caught Being Good give away will be on Thursday, September 19, 2013 during lunch time.

Valley Communication

The Chairperson Audra Nuttall informed the council that the Homeroom Parent breakfast is on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. in the Kindergarten MPR. She also stated that the homeroom parent list was not complete, and so the committee is working with the teachers to complete the list. The invitations for the breakfast would be send out today. Audra requested for volunteers to help at the breakfast.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. by the president.

Respectfully submitted

Meghna Mathur

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Secretary