

VAPO Governing Council Meeting 4-10-12

Meeting called to order at 8:26 a.m. by President Vicki Lowery.

Those present included: President and Valley Communications Chair Vicki Lowery, Vice President and 8th Grade Promotion Chair Audra Nuttall, Student Recognition Chair Patricia Ogden, Library Chair Lisa Schulte, Coyote Pride Chair Valeen Palomo, Special Events Chair Cheryl Stradling, Athletics Chair Rachael Smith, Curriculum Chair Donna Padilla, Treasurer and Staff Appreciation Chair Nikki Schultz, and Event Fundraising Chair Libby Hammond.

Two guests were present, including Principal, Victoria Wilber.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the March 13, 2012 meeting were submitted for approval. Lisa Schulte made a motion to pass the March 13th meeting minutes; it was seconded by Cheryl Stradling. Audra Nuttall abstained due to not being present at March's meeting. The minutes were passed by unanimous vote.

Administrator's Report:

The Curriculum Committee was given documentation for teacher request list.

Thanks were expressed for the wonderful luncheon VAPO hosted.

Promotion gowns came in. Thanks were given to VAPO for funds toward them.

President's Report:

The president will attend the April Board meeting.

VAPO elections are May 8th. Everyone is needed to help recruit for next year's council. Next year's president needs to be chosen from among the current VAPO council as Vicki Lowery will not be returning next year. Lisa Schulte and Nikki Schultz will also not be returning to the council next year. Rachael Smith will stay for a third year and ideas as to how to get the Booster Club parents more involved next year were discussed.

Treasurer's Report:

Committees presented what funds they have left for the rest of the year. 8th Grade Promotion: \$4750.00 Library: \$1200 Special Events: \$65 Curriculum: \$1100 Valley Communication: \$650 Coyote Pride: \$350 Student Recognition: \$3378 Booster: \$363. \$7000 will be carried over for next year's council. \$16,119.61 is the estimate of what we will have left in the VAPO budget. Audra Nuttall moved that VAPO make a donation to the school in the amount of \$15000 to purchase document projection systems. The motion was seconded by Libby Hammond, and carried unanimously by those present. The school will be responsible for deciding how the teachers share them. Committees submitted proposed budgets for the 2012-2013 school years.

Committee Reports:

8th Grade:

The Chick-fil-A fundraiser raised \$371. Mrs. Goshow is helping with 7th grade Dinner/Dance and is doing a great job. Great Skate is April 20th, please spread the word. Great Skate donates \$1 to VAPO for every coupon turned in.

Curriculum Committee:

Books were presented for approval that has gone through the parent review process. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry and To Kill a Mockingbird were already on the approval list and were reviewed again for documentation purposes. The Curriculum Committee will be reviewing all the classroom sets again for documentation purposes. Discussion was made for a procedural change for the Curriculum Committee. If changed, Mrs. Wilbur would present the list of books to teachers before bringing them to VAPO for vote. Vote for the books on the April 10, 2012 list was tabled until that procedure is put in place. Curriculum Committee states that they invite parent suggestions for books and videos. A suggestion was made for the video series of Liberties Kids.

Coyote Pride:

A question in regards to unused ice creams on ice cream cards was asked and clarification was made that on the form parents filled out it was stated that any missed ice creams will not be reimbursed.

Volunteer communication:

Volunteers are needed to help with DIBELS the week of the 16th from 8:00-11:00 a.m. and on the 23rd and 24th from 12:15-3 p.m.

Student Recognition:

Honor Roll ice cream is done for the year. Caught Being Good is April 26th. Honor Roll Ceremony Planning meeting are being held April 12th and April 26th. Ribbons for Teacher's List will be ordered next week.

Library:

VAPO members were asked to help with cashiering as at least 1 VAPO member needs to be present at all times. Sign up list will be sent out.

Staff Appreciation:

Large draw string sports back packs or a large reusable shopping bags are choices for Teacher Appreciation Week gifts for staff. VAPO council chose to go with the drawstring bag as a staff gift.

Special Events:

Rodolpho Reyes, a Valley parent, is providing the food. We will be working with Coyote Club to set up the day of the Family Fun Night event on May 4th. It will also be held in the front of the building.

Athletics:

Good, with no report.

Event Fundraising:

Good. Next year spring festival theme is Luau.

Office Fundraising:

Move-a-Thon has made \$5071.

350 Harkins Movie passes have been sold with \$1038.80 made from this fundraiser.

Box Tops continue to do well. An order will soon be placed for additional balls and jump ropes with the Campbell's labels points. A suggestion was made for the class rankings to be posted for box tops at school where the kids and parents can see it.

Valley Communication:

Personal invitations to the homeroom parents to join VAPO will be sent out.

Newsletter items are due Monday, April 16th.

Next Meeting will be on May 8th. VAPO elections will be held then.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valley Academy Parent Organization