

Meeting called to order at 8:24 a.m. by President Vicki Lowery.

Those present included: President and Valley Communications Chair Vicki Lowery, Secretary and Office Fundraising Chair Sherri McCulloch, Treasurer and Staff Appreciation Chair Nikki Schultz, Volunteer Communication Chair Shannon Day, Special Events Chair Cheryl Stradling, Curriculum Chair Donna Padilla, Library Chair Lisa Schulte, Student Recognition Chair Patricia Ogden, and Athletics Chair Rachael Smith.

Two guests were present, including Principal, Victoria Wilber.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the January 17, 2012 meeting were resubmitted for approval. Secretary Sherri McCulloch moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Stradling and carried unanimously by those present.

The minutes from the February 7, 2012 meeting were submitted for approval. Secretary Sherri McCulloch moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Stradling and carried unanimously by those present.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber followed up with a recent guest who attended a VAPO meeting to present information regarding bullying and suggestions for a parent information night specifically on this topic. Mrs. Wilber addressed the guest's concerns. Explanation was given that parent information nights are reserved for curriculum issues. Additional staff training will be given with regard to this concern.

Mrs. Wilber expressed her thanks to the Council for all the hard work that went into the recent Spring Festival.

Mrs. Wilber also asked to minimize class interruptions with regard to flyers and handouts for teachers.

President's Report:

The president attended the School Board meeting in February. Three new board members are awaiting fingerprint clearance to begin participating. Strategies were discussed for smooth transition for Painted Rock Academy. The board will be providing awning on the back of the school office. Applications are being accepted for Painted Rock Academy for Principal, Vice Principal, and teachers. Kindergarten is full. Nearly 400 were on the waiting list for Painted Rock. Donations are being accepted for chairs, desks, cubicles, and a reception desk. Construction began on February 24, 2012. CEO Heidi Mitchell is working on a usable logo for the school. Mark Mettes resigned as a Valley School Board member, and is now Reid Traditional Schools board president, and Painted Rock Academy school board president.

Elections for next year's VAPO governing council are approaching. It is time to start recruiting and training potential council members for next school year. Applications will be accepted beginning in April. An article will be submitted for the school newsletter to attract additional parents to serve on the council.

French Toast uniform packets are available in the front office. The president will include this information in the upcoming newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

The current 2011-2012 budget was presented for review. The treasurer reported that all committees are functioning within budget, and income items such as Office Fundraising and used uniform sales are producing more income than was projected. Discussion was held regarding plans for spending accumulated funds. Document projection systems were agreed upon at the beginning of the school year, at a cost of \$2000 each. Requests have been submitted by 10 teachers.

The floor was opened to questions with regard to the budget. Clarification was provided by the treasurer on various budget items.

Unfinished Business:

The floor was opened to discussion regarding the history of the library and how funds are spent. Questions were raised about reporting to VAPO how library funds are spent. Discussion was held regarding the appropriate way to document library fund expenditures. Discussion was tabled until additional information can be obtained from Mrs. Gan.

Committee Reports:Staff Appreciation:

February staff breakfast was managed by Molly Browne, with assistance from the president and vice president. The next event is the VAPO teacher appreciation lunch on April 3, 2012. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11, 2012, and Teacher Appreciation Day is May 8, 2012.

Athletics:

Field Day went well, with plenty of volunteers to help. Kindergarten Field Day is being held by staff members with help from parent volunteers.

A suggestion was made to have the eighth grade gift go towards a trophy case. Questions were raised whether Booster Club would like to contribute to this item.

Volunteer Communication:

Kindergarten screening went well. Dibels are coming up next month. Volunteers will be solicited in the upcoming newsletter. Volunteer hours are back up to normal.

Event Fundraising:

The committee chair was absent. Preliminary numbers show an increase in profit for Spring Festival from last year to this year, with this year's profit currently standing at over \$8000. Numbers are still coming in for expenses. There was some difficulty in obtaining parent volunteers. A wrap up meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2012.

Office Fundraising:

Move-a-thon sponsor forms are coming in. Move-a-thon is scheduled for the week of March 25, 2012.

Box Tops and Labels for Education are progressing above expectations. Additional bonuses in Labels for Education points are available for school activities including Move-a-thon, Turkey Trot, Read-In, etc.

Fry's Cool Cash is proceeding as expected, and eScrip contributions are up from last year.

Harkins Summer Movie Fun passes are due Wednesday March 14, 2012.

Eighth Grade Promotion:

Promotion gowns will be ordered soon.

Chick-fil-A fundraiser night is tonight from 5-7 p.m.

Additional parent volunteers are needed for Eighth Grade Promotion events.

Student Recognition:

Caught Being Good is March 15, 2012. Honor Roll Ice Cream will be March 30, 2012. The first planning meeting for the Honor Roll Reception will be held March 29, 2012. Money for the facility rental will be due May 1, 2012.

Valley Communication:

New Parent Orientation is April 4, 2012.

The next VAPO meeting will be April 10, 2012. May meeting will be held May 8, 2012, with VAPO elections on that date. Plans are underway for a parent information packet for kindergarten parents and Boo Hoo Woo Hoo breakfast for the first day of school.

Newsletter items are due as soon as possible.

Curriculum Committee:

The Hobbit and Treasure Island were both approved by parent readers for classroom sets. Sherri McCulloch moved that VAPO approval be given for these books. The motion was seconded by Patricia Ogden, and carried unanimously by those present. The committee chair is working on obtaining a classroom set of Treasure Island.

Coyote Pride:

Sprit Day ice cream is delayed for April due to no school the first Friday.

Library:

Meetings for the Spring Book Fair are underway. Additional volunteers are needed. Discussion was held regarding inclusion of kindergarten students in the book fair. Suggestions were made on how to increase kindergarten participation.

Special Events:

The committee chair needs additional information on expected attendance and what types of additional attractions/events are needed, i.e., entertainment, crafts, games, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri McCulloch
Valley Academy Parent Organization
Governing Council Secretary