

Meeting was called to order at 8:19 a.m. by President Sherri McCulloch.

Those present included President and Valley Communication Chair Sherri McCulloch, Vice President and Eighth Grade Promotion Chair Audra Nuttall, Treasurer and Volunteer Communication Chair Shannon Day, Secretary and Office Fundraising Chair Meghna Mathur, Library Chair Tracey Snyder, Student Recognition Chair Patricia Ogden, Staff Appreciation Chair Tami Evans, Special Events Chair Hiedi Chapin, Event Fundraising Chair Libby Hammond, Coyote Pride Chair Valeen Palomo, and Curriculum Chair Donna Padilla. Two guests were present including Mrs. Wilber.

**Guest Comments:**

No guest comments were made at this time.

**Administrator's Report:**

Mrs. Wilber greatly appreciated the council members for the commitment towards the school. She informed the council that she is now also the executive trainer for Spalding. She explained some of the responsibilities, including the ability to train teachers and save money for school that might otherwise be spent on Spalding observers for certification.

**President's Report:**

The Board of Directors meeting on October 25, 2012 was attended by Vice President Audra Nuttall. Next board meeting will be on December 6, 2012.

Discussion was held about a holiday gift for the staff. VAPO usually gives a gift for Teacher Appreciation Day.

**New Business:**

The Spelling Bee is on December 6, 2012 between 1:30 - 2:45 p.m. The related information was given to the new chair Hiedi Chapin.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Shannon Day presented the budget up to the last week for all the committees. She explained the whole budget thoroughly to all the members. The treasurer also expressed the need to verify the carpool website.

The discussion about tax return date was tabled for next month.

**Secretary's Report:**

The President appreciated the efforts of the Secretary.

October meeting minutes were presented for review. Audra Nuttall motioned the meeting minutes be approved. Tracey Snyder seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

December Birthday cards were circulated.

**Committee Reports:**

*Athletics*

Tonya Harford representing the chairperson Rick Harford informed the council that the committee was all organized for the Turkey Trot on November 19 and 20, 2012. The committee has a good team of volunteers. Senora Quijada has done all the preparations and everything is set.

The council was also informed that basketball season starts after the Thanksgiving break and that the committee needed donations for the concession stands.

*Eighth Grade Promotion*

The chair Audra Nuttall informed the council that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance went well.

The next meeting for the committee will be on January 5, 2013 at 6 p.m. at Audra's home. All papers will be sent for approval.

*Special Events*

The chairperson Hiedi Chapin informed the council that Coach Mims needs a lock down kit for the P.E. room. She also advised that the MPR will be checked for the kits and all the expired water will be replaced.

*Library*

The chair Tracey Snyder confirmed the next book fair will be in the end of April.

*Office Fundraising*

The chairperson Meghna Mathur opened the remaining cookie dough for sale.

The progress on the Labels and Box Tops was made available to the council.

From the Box Tops the school has so far earned \$9,510

From the Labels for Education 2085 points have been earned.

The Prang Power UPCs so far were worth 202 points.

The November collections of labels were made and the results were pending.

*Event Fundraising*

The chairperson Libby Hammond informed the council that the committee had a profit of \$298 from the Talent Show. She is working on scheduling for next year's talent show to a more convenient weekend.

The chairperson also updated the council about Spring Festival preparations. The planning meetings are ongoing and the committee is getting volunteers. The next meeting for the planning is on November 15, 2012 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

### Curriculum

The chairperson Donna Padilla appreciated and thanked the treasurer Shannon Day for the budget.

The chairperson informed the council that the committee has 83 reading volunteers.

She also worked with the Department of Education for recommendations in Literature. The committee is also working on a panel of people to work on the informative films to be shown in the classrooms.

The committee presented a list of books for approval. Libby motioned the list of books to be approved, Tami Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### Staff Appreciation

The chairperson Tami Evans informed the council that the Teacher dinner in October went good and she thanked everyone for all the help.

The council was informed about the next Staff Lunch on December 11, 2012 starting 10:50 a.m. Tami also informed that the lunch will be a Mexican theme and she needed volunteers for the event.

### Valley Communication

The chairperson Sherri McCulloch reminded the members that the newsletter items were due in the week.

Sherri also reminded the homeroom moms to select the Spring Festival baskets of their respective classes and make preparations for winter parties.

### Coyote Pride

The chairperson Valeen Palomo informed the members that the Spirit Day ice cream cards were much easier with changes made, and all was going well. The Spirit Day T-shirt sales will be in January, 2013.

The chairperson also informed that picture retake day went well.

The chairperson expressed a need to increase the Big Boy Ice Cream fund. The president will arrange this.

### Student Recognition

The chairperson Patricia Ogden informed the council that the Caught Being Good is November 15, 2012, and posters will be hung.

Patricia also informed that The Honor Roll Ice Cream went well too.

The chairperson confirmed that there will be a planning meeting on November 29, 2012 for the Honor Roll Ceremony. There will be a discussion on a theme and venue for the ceremony. An alert now will be sent to parents.

Volunteer Communication

The chairperson Shannon Day informed the members that the next DIEBELS will be in January 2013. An alert will be sent and all the volunteers will be contacted in December.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12, 2012, at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. by the president.

Respectfully submitted

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Governing Council Secretary