

Meeting called to order at 8:20 a.m. by President Sherri McCulloch.

Those present included President and Valley Communication Chair Sherri McCulloch, Treasurer and Volunteer Communication Chair Shannon Day, Secretary and Office Fundraising Chair Meghna Mathur, Student Recognition Chair Patricia Ogden, Staff Appreciation Chair Tami Evans, Coyote Pride Chair Valeen Palomo, Curriculum Chair Donna Padilla, Athletics Chair Rick Harford, and Library Chair Tracey Snyder. Three guests were present, including Mrs. Wilber

Guest Comments:

Cathy Reiker explained the process of how volunteer hours are entered, so this responsibility could be passed on for the next year. All members greatly appreciated her work over the last eight years.

Another guest was visiting from Painted Rock Academy Organization of Parents. All members were introduced to her.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber informed the council that the Parent Spalding class was going well. She briefed the council about the QAT benchmark assessment which prepares the students for AIMS. The teachers will soon begin working on this. Mrs. Wilber also advised about the "Blue Out" days on September 18, 19, and 20, 2012 to show support for our school sports teams. She confirmed September 20, 2012 as the Preschool Picture Day. Mrs. Wilber thanked the VAPO members for all the great help for school.

President's Report:

The president reminded the members about the VAPO photo on Picture Day on September 12, 2012, at 7:45 a.m. in the MPR.

The president will attend the Board of Directors meeting on September 27, 2012.

The members were also reminded about the privacy and contact information of the committee members. Any information published or released to others should only be through the committee chair.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer proposed a change in tax return date to August 14 but the discussion was tabled until next month until further information could be obtained.

The budget was presented with corrections. Rick Harford motioned the budget to be approved. Donna Padilla seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

The treasurer also presented to each committee member the database of volunteers.

Secretary's Report:

July and August meeting minutes were presented for approval. Patricia Ogden motioned for the meeting minutes to be approved, Donna Padilla seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Birthday cards for the month of October were circulated.

Committee reports:

Special Events

The president informed the council about a potential chairperson.

The work on lock down kits and the meetings for the Fall Family Fun Night were going well.

Volunteer Communication

The chairperson Shannon Day informed the council that the volunteer phone meeting was very successful, and many volunteers have turned up to help.

The chairperson explained the DIBELS and the 'No Child Left Behind' program. There has been a wonderful response from volunteers.

Valley Communication

The chairperson Sherri McCulloch requested a list of homeroom parents from the administration. She also advised that the Homeroom Parent Breakfast is on October 2, 2012. The vice president Audra Nuttall may attend. She mentioned that there is more information online on the school website about the volunteer options and fundraising.

Coyote Pride

The chairperson Valeen Palomo reported that the Ice Cream sales were going well and she has many volunteers for help. A discussion was held about the ice cream tickets. She also advised that Sprit Day T-Shirts will be taken care of by the next Sprit Day. Picture Day is on September 12, 2012; an alert will be sent online and will also be displayed on the marquee.

Athletics

The chairperson Rick Harford informed the council that there will be a double-header volleyball game starting at 4:15

September 13, 2012 is the school's first home game. A "Blue Out" is planned to show support. The chairperson thanked all for volunteering at the concession stand. The sale of wrist bands was a good fundraiser for the committee, and they are working on several other fundraising projects.

Eighth Grade Promotion

The chairperson Audra Nuttall was not present. The president informed that High School Night will be October 4, 2012 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Great Skate is on October 5, 2012 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. 7th/8th grade Fall Dance is on October 19, 2012.

Office Fundraising

The chairperson Meghna Mathur informed the council that Cookie Dough sales have started and will end on September 14, 2012. Go-Go's used as incentives, are being sent out each day. There was a Quick Start Contest; two winners were given a \$10 Target gift card each. Cookie Dough will be distributed on October 3, 2012 for last names A to L and October 4th from M to Z.

The Box Tops meeting was attended by a large number of volunteers. The September labels have been collected and results are pending. The top collecting class will have an ice cream party.

Library

The chairperson Tracey Snyder informed the council that the flyers for the All Star Book Fair will be sent to the president for approval. She also reported that the bulletin board for the fair was ready. She requested administration for approval of next year's Book Fair dates and also proposed the Fall Book Fair to be moved to mid October and the Spring Fair to be held in the month of April.

Staff appreciation

The chairperson Tami Evans reported that the next Staff Appreciation Dinner will be a buffet on October 25, 2012 during parent/teacher conferences.

Curriculum

The chairperson Donna Padilla thanked Shannon Day for the volunteer database. She informed that last year about \$1800 worth of books were purchased. The chairperson appreciated Teri Hunt's efforts with regards to book reviews. VAPO was greatly appreciated and thanked by the staff. About \$390 worth of books has been ordered this year. Discussion was held regarding the committee's role in helping where needs fall outside the school budget.

Student recognition

The chairperson Patricia Ogden informed that September 20, 2012 will be 'Caught Being Good' day. New poster was made for MPR and was approved by the administration.

Event Fundraising

The chairperson Libby Hammond was not present. The president informed the members that she delivered a baby boy and both are doing well. VAPO has sent flowers. The president also informed that Mrs. Hammond will be organizing meetings by phone and needs volunteers for the Talent Show tryouts on October 9 and October 10, 2012.

The next VAPO meeting will be held on October 9, 2012 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghna Mathur

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Secretary