

VAPO, The Parent Organization of Valley Academy
Governing Council Minutes – March 14, 2017

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8:15 a.m.

Meeting called	A. Wilson (President)
Type of meeting:	Monthly
Facilitator:	A. Wilson(President)
Attendees:	A. Wilson (President), D. Rangel (Treasurer/Staff Appreciation), S. McCulloch (Eighth Grade Promotion) , B. Coleman (Curriculum), H. D’Elia (Athletics), S. Romley (Vice-President/Library), K. Libby (Special Events), Mrs. Wilber Absent: R. McDanel (Volunteer Communication) Guests: B. Gebhart, L. Olsen

Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Administrator’s Report:

- Mrs. Wilber thanked the VAPO members for a great Spring Festival and all the work put into it.
- Members were reminded to remove clips from wire after hanging items in the MPR.
- Help was requested for obtaining popsicles for the 7th-8th Grade field day this Friday, March 17th.
- A request to reimburse Mrs. Gan was made for books purchased for the 1st Grade classrooms.

New Business:

- A. Wilson asked that members let her know their interest in continuing as a VAPO volunteer as soon as possible. Officer and committee positions are available next year. A letter to parents will be sent out soon requesting help for the 2017-2018 school year.
- A. Wilson is putting together a survey for parents about VAPO and volunteering at the school. She asked members to generate questions that may be helpful in obtaining feedback.
- Discussion initiated about utilizing SchoolKidz program for school supplies that parents can purchase for the following school year. At this time members felt it should be tabled due to lack of volunteer availability.

Secretary’s Report:

- Members reviewed minutes for February. S. Romley motioned to accept the February minutes as submitted and S. McCulloch seconded. Motions passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

- D. Rangel reviewed treasurer report with current information. Spring Festival numbers for presale tickets, raffle and vendors were reviewed.

Committee Reports:

- *Curriculum:* The books Book to Remember, A Series: Frank the Fish Gets His Wish, Book to Remember, A Series: Jen and the Best Gift Ever, Million Dollar Throw, Million Shades of Gray, A, Silver Jaguar Society Mystery Series: Capture the Flag, Time Travel Adventures with Exceptional Americans Series: Rush Revere & the Brave Pilgrims were reviewed by parents and recommended to be placed on the Valley Academy Recommended Reading List.

S. McCulloch motioned to approve the books for placement on the list and K. Libby seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

B. Coleman advised the Curriculum Committee budget will be able to reimburse Mrs. Gan for 1st grade books purchased.

- *Volunteer Communication:* No report.
- *Staff Appreciation:* Next staff appreciation event is April 4th with a ballpark theme. Hot dogs, brats, nachos and chicken to be served.
- *8th Grade Promotion:* S. McCulloch reported t-shirt orders are coming in. The dinner/dance is being planned as scheduled. She reports this committee is on target to be within their budget.
- *Office Fundraising:* A. Wilson reported 3rd grade won the pizza party for Boosterthon pledges raised.

The Harkins fundraiser ended and 170 tickets were sold with an approximate profit of \$300.

A. Wilson met with Fiesta Fundraising to compare their 'fun-run' event to the current one being utilized with Boosterthon. She reviewed her findings with members such as pledges, minutes vs. laps, prizes and profitability. Mrs. Wilber inquired about employees and how they are vetted. After discussion, it was determined A. Wilson will obtain additional information about employees and how Boosterthon is determining current and future calculations for earnings from pledges.

Additional products from Fiesta were introduced including a 'discount card' rather than product as possible considerations for the fall fundraiser.

- *Special Events:* Family Fun Night will be on the Thursday of book fair week. It will have the same theme. Food is booked (Panini Sandwich truck). D. Rangel suggested using the kettle corn popcorn truck that was at the Spring Festival as they also have Italian ice to offer. She will obtain contact information for K. Libby to contact.
- *Library:* Next book fair April 24-27 and the theme is "Happy Camper – S'more Fun with Books". There will be a book drive for book bucks this spring.
- *Athletics:* No report.
- *Event Fundraising:* A. Wilson reported Spring Festival went well and they met budget needs with ticket sales. Raffle raised \$1,300 and appeared to be successful. Kettle Corn vendor found was well received and would like to utilize them again.
- *Student Recognition:* A volunteer is needed for Caught Being Good on April 18th. S. Romley volunteered to assist.
- *Coyote Pride:* No report.

- *Valley Communication:* A. Wilson requested articles for the VAPO newsletter so she can include them for next month.

Next VAPO meeting to be Tuesday, April 11th at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Coleman

Secretary and Curriculum Committee Chair

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