

VAPO Governing Council Meeting April 14, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Vice President and Athletics Chair Heidi Chapin. Those present included, Vice President and Athletics Chair Heidi Chapin, Treasurer and Library Chair JodyKay Combs, Curriculum Chair Debra McLemore was phoned in, Event Fundraising Chair Evan Newman, Eight Grade Promotion Chair Angie Brey, Coyote Pride Lisa Olsen, Secretary and Special Events Chair Christen Born.

Administrators attending: Mrs. Wilber

No Guests were present

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber addressed Coach Crow being on leave since he was given the opportunity to coach baseball in Europe. He will be returning for the 2015-2016 school year, his long term substitute is Mr. Eschenbacher.

As a suggestion the eighth grade promoting class purchased a kindergarten table as their class gift to the school, and student council considered giving a picnic table the kindergarten side of the school. No final decision was made and an update will be given as soon as a decision is made.

A change was made to the school board Cuyler Reid has changed from Treasurer to Secretary. As a reminder Arizona Merit testing was this week from April 13th –April 17th and the school will have a closed campus. She asks us all to be mindful of this.

Parent concerns have been raised over parking in the red zone; please avoid this at all cost as it is a safety hazard for our students.

Being the end of the school year please make sure to clean up after all events and remove the black clips from the multipurpose room.

Thanked all volunteers for their time and effort in making it another great year for Valley Academy.

New Business:

Book lists were emailed out and were submitted for review, three parents read and approved books which were motioned by Mrs. Chapin, seconded by Mrs. Brey and all were in favor. These books will be up for approval with administration for next year's approved reading list.

Vice President's Report: Mrs. Chapin:

Mrs. Chapin informed the council that we are in desperate need for volunteer help and new chairs for next year.

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Some of the programs will be discontinued if no volunteers are able to support them, which include but are not limited to Staff Appreciations, 7th and 8th grade dances, 8th grade promotion dinner, high school night, Harkins summer movie nights, Library book fairs, spirit day ice cream, Box Tops, caught being good, cookie dough fundraising, and used uniform sales.

The Council was informed that Reid Traditional School Board of Directors will meet at the District Office on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. which all parents were also invited to attend. All council members are invited.

Secretary's Report: Ms. Saldana

February meeting minutes were approved as amended Mrs. Brey made motion; Mr. Neuman second, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Combs Mrs. Combs asked to have all check request forms be submitted. She also applied for a grant through J. Peterson for new book sets. Please see budget attached to meeting minutes for additional budget analysis.

Upcoming Events VAPO newsletter to go out May 11, 2015

- Great Skate to benefit 8th grade April 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
- Book Fair is April 27, 2015 –May 1, 2015
- Boosterthon Fun Run May 1, 2015
- Family Fun Night May 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- VAPO Meeting May 12, 2015 at 8:15 a.m.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum Mrs. McLemore Book request of two classroom sets of books for Mr. Smith to be used for studies weekly was approved. This was made available and approved by administration.

Eight Grade Promotions: Mrs. Brey

The T shirt pictures went well and have been completed. Great Skate flyers went out and they are looking forward to a good turnout. Dinner dance décor has been all purchased and the meeting for this, is April 21st.

Special Events: Mrs. Born

All preparations have been made for crafts, entertainment and activities for the May 1st event. It will also coincide with Alumni night as well as the art walk we are for hoping for a good turnout. Food will be available for purchase the night of and we have Hawaiian ice cream will be sold during the event.

Library: Mrs. Combs

Volunteers are needed during the day to open and close the book fair on Friday morning and to clean up on Friday Night. Please refer to sign up genius for a list of time slots still needed. Being that we will be handling VAPO funds we need former VAPO council members to be available to accept funds as well as regulate monetary exchanges.

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Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the book fair is exclusively open to students and staff. Thursday and Friday it is open to the public.

Athletics: Mrs. Chapin

Volunteers are needed for Field Days. Track and Field has received their new shirts. Some of the sports shirts will be available for sale during the events but there are limitations on availability. Soccer games are going well.

Event Fundraising: Mr. Neuman

Spring festival made more money this year than last year. A wrap up report will be available next month. Kona Ice vendor went well. Considered selling the shaved ice with volunteers in place of the vendor but the limitations on volunteers may eliminate this as a possibility. No definitive change made at this time.

Coyote Pride: Mrs. Olsen

Has a few extra 20th anniversary shirts available for staff. The committee is ahead of budget for the year and is willing to train the Coyote Pride chair for next year as well as assume some of the responsibilities.

Meeting Adjourned 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christen Born
Secretary and Special Events Chair
VAPO, The Parent Organization of Valley Academy