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Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by President and Valley Communication Chair Audra Nuttall. Those present included, President and Valley Communication Chair Audra Nuttall, Vice President and Athletics Chair Hiedi Chapin, Treasurer and Library Chair JodyKay Combs, Curriculum Chair Debra McLemore was phoned in, Event Fundraising Chair Evan Neuman, Eight Grade Promotion Chair Angie Brey, Coyote Pride Lisa Olsen, Volunteer Communication Chair Prasad Dabberu, Office Fundraising Chair Luella Gourgue, Student Recognition Chair Tracy Lund, Staff Appreciation Lizette Johnson, Secretary and Special Events Chair Christen Born.

Administrator attending: Mrs. Wilber

Guest present:

Sandy Barry, Deanna Rangel, Lauren Watson, Heather Felt, Stacie Romley,

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber welcomed guests and thanked the 2014-2015 Governing Council for their hard work this year and for being a vital part of the Valley Academy family. She also reminded parents that as we finish out the school year and wrap up this year's events to be mindful of school rules and policies.

All of the VAPO campus keys were returned and the few who still have events will return theirs before the last week of May.

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

New Business:

Elections: Bylaws and descriptions of the Chairs available were given as well as the election procedures were discussed and acknowledged by all parties.

President was elected for next VAPO council Heidi Chapin, Mrs. Lund nominated and Mrs. McLemore 2nd motion carried.

Vice President was elected for next VAPO council Lizette Johnson nominated by Ms. Lund and 2nd by Mrs. Brey motion carried.

Treasurer was elected for next VAPO council Heather Felt was nominated by Mrs. Chapin and 2nd by Mrs. Johnson motion carried.

Secretary was elected for next VAPO council Lauren Watson nominated by Mrs. Chapin and 2nd by Mrs. Born motion carried.

The newly voted in President, Vice President, and Treasurer will be the signers on the checking account at the start of the new Council's term.

Chairs:

President and Valley Communication: Heidi Chapin

Vice President and 8th Grade Promotion: Lizette Johnson

Treasurer and Office Fundraising: Heather Felt

Secretary and Coyote Pride: Lauren Watson

Curriculum: Debra McLemore

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Event Fundraising: Evan Neuman

Student Recognition: Tracy Lund

Special Events: Christen Born

Athletics: Sandy Barry

Staff Appreciation: Deanna Rangel

Library: Stacie Romley

Book lists were emailed out and were submitted for review, three parents read and approved books which were motioned by Mr. Neuman, seconded by Mrs. Olsen and all were in favor. These books will be up for approval with administration for next years approved reading list.

Alone In The Night/ Holly Webb/ grades 1-2

Amelia Ellicott's Garden/ Margaret Hamilton/

Earth's Changing Surface/ Conrad Storad/ grades 1-2

Hamster Magic/ Holly Webb/ grades 1-2

I Am Walt Disney/ Grace Norwich/ grades 1-3

Jip, His Story/ Katherine Paterson/ grades 3-4

Return of the Indian, The: Indian In the Cupboard Series/ Lynne Banks/ grades 3-5

Royal Diaries, The: Anastasia The Last Grand Dutchess/ Carolyn Meyer/ grades 3-5

What's The Weather Like Today/ Conrad Storad/ grades 1-2

White House, How It Really Works/ George Sullivan/ grades 2-3

Mrs. Olsen proposed that this year we place shelving units into the VAPO play room that are freestanding to the wall up to 77inches wide to address some safety concerns with the plastic bins the estimated cost for this project is \$170.00. This would eliminate falling hazard as well as eliminate the risk of parents hurting themselves with the large heavy tubs. Mrs. Wilber gave an initial approval pending more details. Fundraising ideas for the 2015-2016 council will be decide on at July VAPO meeting and 8th grade want more playground swings and bench swings were considered for fundraising as well.

Presidents Report: Mrs. Nuttall

Welcomed guests and new council she also thanked the current council for a successful year. May newsletter is complete and will be published the 15th of every month.

Volunteer of the year announced as Susan Hochhalter.

Next School Board Meeting is Thursday May 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.at Reid Traditional Office- all VAPO Council and parents are invited to attend.

Secretary's Report: Mrs. Born

March meeting minutes were approved as amended Mrs. Lund made motion; Mr. Neuman second, motion carried.

April meeting minutes were approved as amended Mrs. Olsen made motion; Mr. Brey second, motion carried.

VAPO Governing Council Meeting May 12, 2015**Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Combs**

Mrs. Combs asked to have all check request forms be submitted. Please see budget attached to meeting minutes for additional budget analysis. Final for 8th grade and Curriculum Committees are yet to be submitted. Curriculum is still discussing how to handle "Studies Weekly" budget, if there are going to increase the next year's budget, limit grades and how to make it cost effective.

Cash Funds in Bank: \$38,572.44

Scholastic Dollars \$1,000.19

Subtotal of Self-contained \$5,798.11

 Athletics: \$196.35

 Library: \$5,601.76

Upcoming known expenses: \$15,736.01

Adjusted Total \$17,038.32

Upcoming Events

VAPO newsletter to go out May 15, 2015

VAPO Meeting June 9, 2015 at 8:15 a.m.

Honor Roll Reception May 19, 2015 6-9 p.m.

Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony May 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Reports:**Curriculum Mrs. McLemore**

Mr. Smith to be used for studies weekly was approved still awaiting final budget for this . This was made available and approved by administration.

Volunteer Communication Mr. Prasad Dabberu

Volunteer of the year is Susan Hochhalter

Eighth Grade Promotions: Mrs. Brey

Dinner dance went well. Upcoming breakfast and field trip is Tuesday May 19th. The lunch at the park event is Wednesday May 20th . Eight Grade promotion ceremony is Thursday the 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Appreciation Mrs. Johnson

April Staff Lunch with Cuban sandwiches went well. May Teacher Appreciation week went really well Mrs. Beth Coleman did a great job and her help was greatly appreciated.

Office Fundraising Mrs. Luella Gourgue

Box tops winning classroom was Mrs. Breshears.

Boosterthon made an 11% increase in profit compared to last year which is a significant increase an income all volunteers were thanked. Special recognition was to volunteers who came out to finalize Boosterthon count. Each grade levels top Boosterthon classroom received ice cream parties.

VAPO Governing Council Meeting May 12, 2015**Special Events Mrs. Born**

Family Fun Night went well, the children really enjoyed the fishing activity and the photo opportunity. It coincided with the 20th anniversary celebration and Alumni night as well as the art fair which both had good turnout. We had successful food sales and we have Hawaiian ice sales during the event. The left over soda was turned over to the 8th graders to use for the rest of their events this school year.

Library Mrs. Combs

Book Fair went well, sales were slightly down this book fair, as compared to last year. It may be due to Boosterthon at the same time. We took most of our sales out in cash instead of Scholastic Dollars to purchase 2 sets of Encyclopedias for the library. This was per Mrs. Gan's request as the old ones were old (2007) and worn. Only issue during event was that some students tried returning products that were damaged and clearly used, all sales are final during the Scholastic Book Fair parents need to be aware of this. Special thanks to Stacie Romley for her volunteer work during the Book Fair.

Athletics: Mrs. Chapin

Field Day went well and they had a great turn out for parent volunteers. It was hotter than the previous years and Mrs. Chapin suggested moving it, as well as Boosterthon, to February for next year to avoid these issues no final change was made, mostly because that particular week in the spring semester isn't very busy academically so it doesn't interfere with classroom agendas. Track and Soccer's events have been concluded for the year, all went well. Special thanks to the coaches for all their hard work this year.

Event Fundraising: Mr. Neuman

Spring Festival made more money this year than last year even though ticket sales were down the expenses were significantly less. A wrap up report will be available next month. Next year Spring Festival theme will be Space /Aviation.

Student Recognition Mrs Lund

Honor Roll Ceremony is on track. Volunteers are needed for set up and take down chairs etc. Last "Caught Being Good" event will be held during second to last day of school so the children are able to cash in the last of their tickets for prizes.

Coyote Pride: Mrs Olsen

Special thanks to Mrs. McLemore for her help with ice cream this year. Mrs. McLemore wants to make sure that whoever takes over next year is mindful of dairy allergies so those children are still able to participate in Spirit Day next year.

Meeting Adjourned 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christen Born

VAPO - The Parent Organization of Valley Academy
Secretary and Special Events Chair