

VAPO, The Parent Organization of Valley Academy
 Governing Council Minutes – December 12, 2017

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8:15A.M.

Meeting called	A. Wilson (President)
Type of meeting:	Monthly
Facilitator:	A. Wilson(President)
Attendees:	A.Wilson (President), D. Rangel (Treasurer), R. McDanel (Vice-President/ Volunteer Communication), B. Coleman (Secretary/Curriculum), N. Reed (Coyote Pride), W. Stemmons (Staff Appreciation), M. Browne (Eighth Grade Promotion), W. Hunker (Office Fundraising), H. D’Elia (Athletics), Mrs. Wilber Guests: B. Gebhart, N. Critz-Lane, D. Hunker Absent: J. Combs (Library), E. Neuman (Event Fundraising)

Meeting called to order at 8:22a.m.

Administrator’s Report:

- Mrs. Wilber thanked all members and guests for continuing to participate on this year’s council.

President’s Report:

- A. Wilson attended Turkey Trot and discussed success and positive feedback about Kona Ice distributing small snow cones for students, staff and guests. She inquired if they should be considered for use at the upcoming Fun Run in January as well as next Turkey Trot. Discussion among council members, staff and guests determined that they should be considered for next year’s Turkey Trot.

New Business:

- No new business.

Treasurer’s Report:

- D. Rangel reviewed the current budget. Checks and materials needed have been ordered with Desert Schools Federal Credit Union. VAPO president and treasurer will go to National Bank to close accounts.

Secretary’s Report:

- November minutes were sent and reviewed prior to meeting today.
 R. McDanel motioned to accept October minutes. W. Hunker seconded. M. Browne abstained.
 Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- *Curriculum:* The books, Betsy Ross's Star from the Blast to the Past series, The Space Race from Cornerstones of Freedom series, and Merlin from Shelter Pet Squad series were reviewed by parents and recommended to be placed on the Valley Academy Recommended Reading List. W. Hunker motioned to approve the books for placement on the list and R. McDanel seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.
- *Volunteer Communication:* R. McDanel reported 656 volunteer hours for November and new family member to be posted for most hours volunteered for the month with their gift card.
- *Staff Appreciation:* The December lunch is scheduled for tomorrow. Volunteers to assist with serving are minimal. Several council members volunteered to assist and bring items still needed.
- *8th Grade Promotion:* M. Brown stated Chipotle fundraiser raised \$1034.00. Was very successful. The 8th grade theme will be voted on at the next class party. Promotion may need to change venues as North Hills church was bought by CCV and will be going through renovations. M. Brown has been in contact with representative of CCV and will keep council and staff updated on venue.
- *Office Fundraising:* W. Hunker stated fall fundraiser raised approximately \$1200. The Fun Run kickoff begins in January. He, A. Wilson and Mrs. Wilber are meeting today with Fiesta to finalize plans for a successful event. Treasurer reminded them to change banking info with Fiesta for future deposits.
-Box Top winner for November is Mr. Hayo.
- *Special Events:* Spelling Bee went well. Materials and decorations were saved for use next year.
- *Event Fundraising:* Spring festival – theme is “Future is Now.” Points of interest about the world will be added around the event.
- *Library:* No report.
- *Athletics:* H. D’Elia reported Turkey Trot went well. Had positive feedback for the day as well as keeping it to a one-day event.
- *Student Recognition:* Caught Being Good is today. New prizes ordered to replenish supply.
- *Coyote Pride:* Extra spirit shirts with old logo were sold at the Turkey Trot and all but a few are gone. New logo shirts will be offered to order in January.
-New system for the spirit day ice cream is working well.
- *Valley Communication:* The next VAPO newsletter needs articles submitted by January 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Coleman

Secretary and Curriculum Committee Chair

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