

VAPO Governing Council June 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by President Sherri McCulloch. Those present included President and Valley Communication Chair Sherri McCulloch, Vice President and Eighth Grade Promotion Chair Audra Nuttall, Treasurer and Volunteer Communication Chair Shannon Day, Staff Appreciation Chair Tami Evans, Curriculum Chair Donna Padilla, Coyote Pride Chair Valeen Palomo, Special Events Chair Hiedi Chapin, Library Chair Tracey Snyder, and Student Recognition Chair Patricia Ogden. Four guests were present, including Principal, Mrs. Wilber and 2013-2014 VAPO Governing Council members JodyKay Combs, Jennifer Brock, and Brenda Fisher.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber thanked the outgoing VAPO council for all they have done for the school and students.

Mrs. Wilber did not attend the Board of Directors meeting for June, but was given a report that the school budget was discussed and the pay scale for teachers and certified staff was adjusted. The final contract for a new kindergarten teacher was approved.

An interest rate of 2.5% was agreed upon for the Painted Rock Academy loan.

Thanks were given for the books given to sixth through eighth grades from the Curriculum Committee.

President's Report:

Current committee chairs were requested to have their committee notebooks updated and turned in for the next committee chairpersons. VAPO binders were turned in to be updated.

The nominee form for Brenda Fisher was reviewed by all VAPO members present. Audra Nuttall nominated Brenda Fisher to the 2013-2014 VAPO Council. Donna Padilla seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Brenda selected Volunteer Communication as her committee.

All present were informed that outstanding receipts need to be turned in today as the current council year is coming to a close.

The Build My Kit fundraiser is up and running with a few issues, some items on supply list were not listed on the website. The deadline was extended from June 15, 2013 to August 1, 2013. Kits will be delivered August 5, 2013.

Secretary's Report:

Meghna Mathur was not present. Meeting minutes for the month of May had been submitted via e-mail and printed copy for review. Tami Evans motioned for the May meeting minutes to be approved as submitted, Tracey Snyder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Shannon Day reported a remaining balance of \$14,887.45 after all receipts were turned in. Tami Evans moved to distribute VAPO monies as follows: \$2689.75 set aside for the Library Committee, \$421.16 set aside for Booster Club, \$5000 set aside for the next VAPO council. Tracey Snyder seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Audra Nuttall moved the remaining balance of \$6776.54 to be set aside for Audio/Visual equipment for the MPR. Hiedi Chapin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Eighth Grade Promotion: The eighth grade promotion was a great success. Mark Mettes gave a touching speech recognizing all who helped and influenced the students starting with Mrs. Wilber and including teachers, parents, and staff. The 8th grade DVDs are to be printed this week.

Donna Padilla wished to recognize the efforts for student promotion and relay compliments received from other parents regarding the ceremony. She thanked everyone for their work to make this school what it is.

Audra Nuttall reported that the eighth grade gift of a mascot head and cooling vest has been ordered, and a balance of \$869.00 remains to be paid.

Student Recognition: The Honor Roll Ceremony ran smoothly. Though the student music technician did not show up, the microphone worked and the sound was good. VAPO will be receiving a refund for the payment made for the technician. Sandra Day O'Connor High School may not be willing to host this event next year.

Staff Appreciation: The May event went well. The next event is a breakfast on August 5, 2013. The VAPO council will host. Emails and/or texts will be sent out for volunteers.

Office Fundraising: A summer collection reminder for Box Tops was sent home with students on the last day of school. Another reminder may be sent out over the summer along with a reminder of some of the unusual places Box Tops and Labels for Education can be found. The Cookie Dough sale has been scheduled.

Curriculum: Mrs. Biesmeyer's sixth grade class will be receiving a weekly newspaper subscription that correlates with curriculum. Mr. Smith also requested a science newspaper for his sixth graders.

A number of American Girl Mysteries and American National Park Mysteries were ordered. The curriculum committee would like to purchase a set of Margaret Hillert set of library quality books.

Library: The Spring Book Fair took in a total of \$9800 in sales. It was decided to take the profit in \$3000 in Scholastic Dollars and \$800 in cash for books.

Coyote Pride: The last Spirit Day ice cream day went well. The leftover ice cream was moved to the freezer in the VAPO room.

Volunteer Communication: Gear Up For School Night will be held August 6, 2013. All VAPO council members must prepare a poster board that tells about their committee for that night. Posters must be approved by the office. This night is the best opportunity for parent volunteers to sign up. Help will be needed to move the used uniforms for the VAPO room to the MPR room and back again.

Event Fundraising: Dates are scheduled for the Talent Show rehearsal and show dates.

Valley Communication:

JodyKay Combs and Audra Nuttall were sincerely thanked for their hard work they did organizing the VAPO room and play room.

Boo Hoo Breakfast is August 12, 2013. Invitations will be sent out via email.

A training meeting for new VAPO members will be held July 9, 2013 at 8:30a.m.

A work meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2013 at 8:30a.m.

The August meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2013 at 8:30a.m.

All present were reminded to speak with those they know who would be interested in being on the VAPO council. Two positions are still vacant: Coyote Price and Student Recognition.

A new mailbox was made specifically for check requests. It is located with the other VAPO mailboxes.

A "Doing Business As" form needs to be filed so we can continue to accept checks made out to VAPO.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ogden
Valley Academy Parent Organization
Student Recognition Chair

