

Meeting was called to order at 8:21 a.m. by president Audra Nuttall.

Those present included President and Valley Communication Chair Audra Nuttall, Vice President and Staff appreciation Chair Tami Evans, Secretary and Office Fundraising Chair Meghna Mathur, Treasurer and Event Fundraising Chair JodyKay Combs, Curriculum Chair Donna Padilla, Special Events Chair Hiedi Chapin, Volunteer Communication Chair Brenda Fisher, Library Chair Tracey Snyder and Eighth Grade Promotion Chair Jennifer Brock. No guest were present at this time

**Guest Comments:**

No guest comments were made at this time.

**Administrator's Report:**

Mrs. Wilber was not present but had sent her best wishes to the council. It was also reminded to the council members to check out school keys from the office.

**President's Report:**

President Audra Nuttall requested the council members to bring the VAPO binders to the meetings and to schedule the meetings on the VAPO calendar. She also reviewed the Article II – Purpose of the bylaws and stressed on the purposes of VAPO.

Audra handed over a box of 'Altoids' to all members to use it with parents as Valley is a gum-free campus.

The president informed the council about the Board of Directors meeting on August 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Reid Traditional Painted Rock Academy. She also explained the proceedings of this meeting to the council. Vice President Tami Evans or Library Chair Tracey Snyder would be attending this meeting.

Audra also confirmed with the council members the fundraising project of VAPO for the year 2013-2014 will be the Audio-Visual System for the MPR.

**Secretary's report:**

The July meeting minutes were presented to the council for approval. Jennifer Brock motioned for the July meeting minutes to be approved as amended. Donna Padilla seconded the motion. July meeting minutes were approved by those present.

Secretary Meghna Mathur joined the council back and thanked the council members & the former members for filling in for her while she was on vacation.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer JodyKay Combs explained the budget to the council. She notified the council that the files have been sent to our accountant to file our taxes. The council currently has a working balance for: Library-\$1,795.64, Booster-\$421.16 and the General Ledger-

\$4,987.63; the combined total comes to be \$7,204.43. Scholastic dollars reflected \$6,687.78. Funds earmarked for the audio-visual system remain at \$7,478.36.

JodyKay also explained the process to file the check request.

### **Upcoming Events:**

August 6, 2013 will be the Gear Up for School Night from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The president gave the guidelines for the night.

New parent orientation is on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. President Audra Nuttall will be attending.

Meet the Teacher is on Friday August 9, 2013 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Used uniforms on sale will be in the VAPO and a signup sheet was circulated for the cash box.

Curriculum Nights have been scheduled.

Kindergarten    Tuesday    August 27, 2013    6:00-7:00 p.m.

Used uniform sale will be in the VAPO room 5:30-6:00 p.m. and 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Grades 1-4    Wednesday    August 28, 2013    5:30-8:00 p.m.

Grades 5-8    Thursday    August 29, 2013    5:30-9:00 p.m.

The president also scheduled a phone work meeting on August 20 and 21, 2013 between 8:00 a.m. to Noon to contact all the volunteers.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Special Events

The chairperson Hiedi Chapin explained about the 'Lock Down Kit' for teachers and special areas. All the forms for the Lock Down have been copied and distributed.

Hiedi also informed the council that the meeting for the 'Fall Family Fun Night' will be October 25, 2013.

#### Volunteer Communication

The chairperson Brenda Fisher explained the setup for the Gear Up for School Night. She requested the members to be in the VAPO room around 3:45 p.m. on August 6, 2013 so the set up can begin around 4:00 p.m. She informed the posters and flyers have been approved by the office. Brenda also informed that the committee was ready for the event.

The fundraiser 'Build My Kit' is ready for distribution and Sherri McCulloch has offered to help.

Valley Communication

The chairperson Audra Nuttall informed the council that the Boo-Hoo Woo-Hoo breakfast is on August 12, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. in the kindergarten MPR. Any volunteers will be appreciated. She also informed that the new Parent Survival Guide books were ready.

Coyote Pride

The chairperson Lisa Olsen was not present. The president circulated a sign-up sheet for cash box at the used uniform sale counter.

Staff Appreciation

The chairperson Tami Evans thanked the members for all the help at the staff breakfast. She informed that the teachers loved the food and were happy. She also informed that the next event of the committee will be a dinner on October 17, 2013.

Birthday cards for the month of August were circulated.

Eighth Grade Promotion

The chairperson Jennifer Brock informed that the committee right now is passing out all the information and is getting as many volunteers as possible.

Office Fundraising

The chairperson Meghna Mathur confirmed a committee meeting with volunteers on Tuesday August 27, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room. The labels collection of every month will be the Spirit Day Friday, and the collection begins from September 6, 2013. She also informed that the Cookie Dough packets will be delivered to the teacher's mailboxes to go home on Friday August 30, 2013.

Curriculum

The chairperson Donna Padilla informed the council that the committee was able to purchase the class room sets for the school year.

Library

The chairperson Tracey Snyder confirmed the Fall Book Fair will be from October 21 – 25, 2013. The theme for the fair will be Egyptian. The committee will start the planning meetings from September 11, 2013 and the committee will do weekly meetings on Wednesdays.

Athletics

The chairperson Rick Harford was not present. The poster for the Gear Up for School Night was ready.

Event fundraising

The chairperson JodyKay combs informed that the committee will work on organizing volunteers for the talent show tryouts.

Student Recognition

The position of the chairperson is still available. The president requested the member to recruit.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 10, 2013, at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghna Mathur

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Secretary