

Meeting was called to order at 8:16 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, Student Recognition Chair Amanda Laswell, and Library Chair Tracey Snyder. No guests were present at this time

Guest Comments:

No guest comments were made at this time.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber extended an invitation to the council members and all the school volunteers for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 3, 2014 in the school MPR.

Mrs. Wilber thanked the Boosterthon team for raising money towards the purchase of the audio/ visual equipment for the MPR.

New Business:

No new business to be talked about at this moment.

President's Report:

The president Audra Nuttall welcomed all members to the meeting. Article 9 – Amendments of the bylaws was reviewed.

The president informed that at the last Board meeting Mrs. Whitchurch stepped down and Dr. Parag Chokshi was elected as the new President of the Board. Another new member from Painted Rock and Reid Traditional has also been elected to the Board. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 6 p.m. All council members and parents are invited to attend the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary Meghna Mathur presented the February meeting minutes. Due to lack of the quorum, the voting on the meeting minutes was tabled for next month.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Jodykay Combs provided all the members with a copy of their committee budgets. The February working balance of VAPO is as follows:

Library	\$2,803.11
Booster Club	\$200.31
Earmarked Funds	\$7,478.36

General Funds \$30,956.33

Upcoming expenses (pending invoice from vendors) due from General Funds estimated to be at \$10,250.00. These expenses include Spring Festival vendors, 8th grade t- shirts, and Boosterthon; leaving the General Funds at \$20,706.33.

Committee Reports:

Special Events

The Chairperson Hiedi Chapin informed the council that the committee has decided on not holding the weekly planning meetings for the spring Family Fun Night. She said that the committee is working on the games, and dance performances for the evening. The choir will be performing. Hiedi said that they are still deciding whether to have food truck or hot dog and nachos for the evening.

Volunteer Communication

The Chairperson Brenda Fisher was not present. The president informed that the kindergarten screening was done efficiently.

Staff Appreciation

The Chairperson Tami Evans informed the council that the next staff appreciation will be a Luncheon on April 1, 2014, and that it will be a soup and salad lunch. Tami also informed that the committee has purchased the staff appreciation gift which will be gifted to the staff during the May appreciation lunch, and will also have two raffles for the staff members.

The Birthday cards were circulated.

Eighth Grade Promotion

The Chairperson Jennifer Brock was not present. The president informed the council that the 8th grade t- shirt orders will be delivered after the spring break. The students were measured for the gowns, and the class pictures were taken. It was also informed that the next event of the committee will be Great Skate on Friday, April 11, 2014 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. It was also informed that the committee is in need of volunteers for the Spring Festival. Mrs. Wilber highly appreciated Mrs. and Mr. Roedel in promoting the 8th grade.

Office Fundraising

The Chairperson Meghna Mathur assured that the labels collection was going well. She also added that the last day to turn-in the Harkins Summer movie order forms will be Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

Meghna informed the council that our school won the first place in the Norterra Earn and Learn program and received \$2,000 in Norterra gift cards. The gift cards were used to buy all the sports equipments needed by Coach Ray for soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, and track and field training. Although, the president Audra Nuttall and the council agreed that this program was not very transparent regarding the prize give away. The \$2,000 was

handed over as Norterra gift cards are to be spent only at the Shops at Norterra, with restrictions on the purchase; and the prize money is to be spent by March 15.

Meghna informed the council that the Boosterthon counting was going well and that 61% participation was noted. So far the total for the school was \$10,766.25. The next counting days will be March 13, and 27, 2014. Meghna thanked all the members for helping in the data entry for the pledge money.

Curriculum

The Chairperson Donna Padilla confirmed that the committee will fulfill the 5th and 6th grades request of Studies Weekly next year too. The committee is also trying to buy 4 titles of Margaret Hillert hard cover books for Kindergarten. Donna informed that there has been a significant increase in the approved literature books for 7th and 8th grades. They are looking for more titles from 4th grade onwards.

Library

The Chairperson Tracey Snyder confirmed that the committee is also not holding weekly meetings to plan for the spring Book Fair. Tracey shared that she attended the scholastic workshop and will buy the decorations for the book fair. The committee needs volunteers during the fair, which is during the last week of April.

Athletics

The Chairperson Rick Harford was not present. Hiedi Chapin informed that the Field Day went well and there were some good and bad reviews from parents and students, as the Boosterthon run was going on side by side.

Event Fundraising

The Chairperson JodyKay Combs confirmed that the new date for the Spring Festival is Saturday, March 29, 2014. She confirmed that the dates have been changed in all the flyers and the posters. JodyKay also informed that due to change in the date the fire department and the police attractions will be lost. There will be changes in the obstacle course. The bouncies will remain the same and the Boys Scout will still be performing. JodyKay pointed out to the council that the drawing submitted by a student for the festival was a computer graphic, which was not acceptable, and so for next year Mrs. Watkins will be judging all the drawings for student work and not computerized work.

Student Recognition

The Chairperson Amanda Laswell informed that the next Caught Being Good will be on Thursday, March 27, 2014. She confirmed that the venue for the Honor Roll Ceremony is Sandra O' Connor High School auditorium and that the committee is looking for parents with Honor students to help with the ceremony.

Coyote Pride

The Chairperson Lisa Olsen was not present.

Valley Communication

The Chairperson Audra Nuttall informed the council that the committee is rethinking about the Build My Kit fundraiser as the teachers were not interested but the parents liked the program. She stated that the committee would be looking for other companies too. She requested the administration for the confirmed class supply lists.

Audra reminded the members about the newsletter articles due today.

Upcoming Events:

Newsletter Articles: Articles for April newsletter due on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Caught Being Good: Thursday, March 27, 2014.

Board Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the District Office.

Spirit Day: Friday, April 4, 2014.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. by the President.

Respectfully submitted

Meghna Mathur

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Secretary