

Meeting was called to order at 8:24 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, Secretary and Office Fundraising Chair Meghna Mathur, Library Chair Tracey Snyder, Student Recognition Chair Patricia Ogden, Staff Appreciation Chair Tami Evans, Special Events Chair Hiedi Chapin, Coyote Pride Chair Valeen Palomo, and Curriculum Chair Donna Padilla. Two guests were present including Mrs. Wilber.

Guest Comments:

No guest comments were made at this time.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber extended a special invitation to all the VAPO members for the Volunteer Appreciation dinner on April 11, 2013. She thanked the members for all their help for the school.

Mrs. Wilber also explained the school schedule during windy weather.

President's Report:

President Sherri McCulloch informed the council that due to different spring breaks the Board of Directors meeting was cancelled for the month of March. The Board will now meet on April 11, 2013. She also confirmed that the VAPO members will be attending the Volunteer Appreciation dinner that night. Mrs. Wilber will attend the Board meeting.

New Business:

The council was made aware that Libby Hammond no longer has children attending Valley Academy. Her council seat will remain vacant for the remainder of the school year with her committee member, JodyKay Combs providing information from Spring Festival.

Old Business:

The president addressed vacancies for the VAPO council for the year 2013-2014. These include- Valley Communication, Eighth Grade Promotion, Coyote Pride, Student Recognition, Volunteer Communication, and Event Fundraising. She also mentioned to consider the role as an officer in the council.

Sherri also discussed with the council a short survey done on the Build My Kit fundraiser. It was shared with the council that the survey has been a favorable response the president will go ahead with the fundraiser and give parents the opportunity to order classroom supply kits. It was also clearly stated to parents that the order is completely optional.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary Meghna Mathur presented the February and March Meeting minutes for approval. Audra Nuttall motioned for the approval of the February and March meeting

minutes as presented. Donna Padilla seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The birthday cards for the month of May will be in Karen's office for all the members to sign.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Shannon Day presented the budget report to the members. Shannon confirmed to the members that a form will be designed for the projected budget 2013-2014. She also explained the process of filling the projected budget.

Committee Reports:

Event Fundraising

The chairperson Libby Hammond has left the post and JodyKay Combs was present to provide information. The president requested a wrap-up report for Spring Festival. A discussion was held regarding improving the raffle process.

Eighth Grade Promotion

The chairperson Audra Nuttall informed the council that the next event of the committee is the Great Skate in April. Banners will be hung and the flyers have already been sent.

She also confirmed that the Peter Piper fundraiser was a success, and the committee earned \$850. The committee earned an additional \$500 for the most successful fundraiser for the month of March. She informed the council that a facebook survey is going on. She requested the members to vote for the school as the survey could raise \$2500 for the 8th grade students.

Audra recruited Sherri for the mascot committee.

Office Fundraising

The chairperson Meghna Mathur presented a \$500 check from Fry's and Fry's Marketplace.

It was confirmed that the Harkins Summer Movie Fun tickets were sent home, and all the orders were accepted. The committee earned a total of \$562.80.

Meghna also informed the council that the Move-a-thon concluded and the winners were announced. A special mention was made for Jacob B. of 8th grade, as he turned in the most sponsor sheets.

The council was also informed that label collection was going well and May will be the last month for this year's collection. A small discussion was held regarding improving the process of labels sorting and the volunteer procedures.

Staff Appreciation

The chairperson Tami Evans thanked the members for helping for the lunch on April 2, 2013. It was the favorite lunch with the staff so far this year. Tami informed the council that

the next staff lunch will be on May 7, 2013 during Staff Appreciation week. It will be a BBQ lunch and the committee is in need of volunteers.

Tami confirmed with the council that the committee has received the staff gifts and need help in wrapping the gifts. Additional promotional free items were received with the gifts. The committee and the council members agreed to use the free items as a raffle for the staff in a gift basket.

Library

The chairperson Tracey Snyder informed the council that the Spring Book Fair will be the last week of April. Banners and posters will be put by tomorrow. The committee needs a lot of volunteers for this event.

A small discussion was held regarding efforts to attract more parents to volunteer.

Special Events

The chairperson Hiedi Chapin informed the council that May 3, 2013 is Spring Family Fun Night. She explained the setting for the evening, all the performances: the band and the choir, are all lined up. A small discussion was held about the price of food for the evening.

Coyote Pride

The chairperson Valeen Palomo stated that the committee was doing well at this time.

Student Recognition

The chairperson Patricia Ogden informed the council that the Honor Roll Ceremony preparations were going well. The committee is working on a light house theme for decorations. The committee is also working on bids for the awards and the invitation cards.

Volunteer Communication

The chairperson Shannon Day informed the council that Kindergarten screening went well. Shannon especially mentioned Karen Giacalone for the wonderful help. Shannon also advised that the last DIBELS testing will be in April.

Curriculum

The chairperson Donna Padilla informed the council about the various mystery series which were now approved, providing more books in the recommended booklist for the classes.

Patricia Ogden motioned for the approval of the April recommended booklist presented by the committee, Tracey Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Athletics

The chairperson Rick Harford was not present. The council was advised that the committee was working on quotes for new uniforms for the student athletes.

Valley Communication

The chairperson Sherri McCulloch reminded the council members about upcoming newsletter items. Sherri also reminded the members for the VAPO elections to be held at the next meeting.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. by the president.

Respectfully submitted

Meghna Mathur

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Secretary