

Meeting was called to order at 8:18 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, Event Fundraising Chair Libby Hammond, Coyote Pride Chair Valeen Palomo, Athletics Chair Rick Harford, and Curriculum Chair Donna Padilla. One guest was present including Mrs. Wilber.

Guest Comments:

No guest comments were made at this time.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber mentioned a delay in school procedures due to icy situations on campus.

The council was made aware that the week of January 28, 2013 is the National School Choice Week, and Valley Academy will be participating. Mrs. Wilber explained to the council the details about School Choice Week and also confirmed that the school will have an assembly to show participation.

On matters concerning the safety of all students, Mrs. Wilber informed the council that the school has a handbook of procedures about any safety related situation. The lock down procedure is covered in the handbook. She also informed the council that the safety issue was also discussed in the faculty/staff advisory meeting. Students and teachers are all trained for lock down situations. There was discussion by the council about school safety and about the newly installed school gates.

President's Report:

The president informed the council that the Board of Directors meeting is on January 24, 2013 and that she will be attending the meeting.

New Business:

There was a suggested change in the VAPO bylaws regarding the tax deadlines. Under section 6.4d the suggested change was "The treasurer shall be responsible for filing the annual report required by the Arizona Corporation Commission (AZCC) no later than September 15, and the 990-EZ required by the IRS no later than October 15." Rick Harford motioned for the suggested change in the VAPO bylaws as approved, Donna Padilla seconded the motion. The change in the bylaws was approved unanimously.

The president made the council members aware of the council vacancies for 2013-2014 school year.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer Shannon Day handed the budget reports to all committee members and explained the reports to all.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary Meghna Mathur presented the December VAPO meeting minutes for approval. Donna Padilla motioned for the corrected meeting minutes to be approved. Patricia Ogden seconded the motion. The December meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the council.

The January Birthday cards were circulated.

Committee Reports:

Eighth Grade Promotion

The chairperson Audra Nuttall confirmed that the committee meeting is on January 15, 2013. They will be deciding on the theme and the color of the Eighth Grade Promotion.

The committee also has a Polar Ice skating event on January 25, 2013 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Event Fundraising

The chairperson Libby Hammond informed the council about Spring Festival. She said that Party Perfections will be doing the attractions for the festival. There was some discussion on the attractions, the set-up and also appropriate dress code for the school festival. Libby also informed the council that Snowie AZ has been contacted for the festival. The council was also advised about stage performances in the festival. The Spring Festival committee has decided on the use of wristbands for unlimited use at the rides. A sign-up sheet will be circulated for the members to work at the ticket counter on the day of the festival.

Office Fundraising

The chairperson Meghna Mathur informed the council that the collection of labels was going well. Meghna also submitted a check of \$1440.89 received from Box Tops for Education for the submission made in October 2012.

The committee will be working on the Move-a-thon and Harkins movie passes.

Staff Appreciation

The chairperson Tami Evans informed the council that the staff Valentine's Day breakfast is on February 14, 2013.

Tami also informed that the committee is looking for the teacher's gifts.

Library

The chair Tracey Snyder informed the council that the Spring Book Fair is from April 29, 2013 to May 3, 2013. The theme for the festival is "Laboratory."

Special Events

The chairperson Hiedi Chapin informed the council that the Spring Family Fun Night is in April.

It was also informed to the council that the lock down kits are completed.

Coyote Pride

The chairperson Valeen Palomo informed the council that the last day for the sale of Spirit Day T- Shirts is Friday, January 25, 2013.

Student Recognition

The chairperson Patricia Ogden informed the council that the committee was on track budget and Caught Being Good was going fine.

Patricia also informed that the Honor Roll Ice Cream is on Friday, January 25, 2013. The committee is working on the venue for the Honor Roll ceremony.

Volunteer Communication

The chairperson Shannon Day informed the council that the DIBELS testing was wrapped up well.

Shannon also informed that lottery for school admissions will open on February 15, 2013 and the screening for kindergarten will be after March 4, 2013.

Curriculum

The chairperson Donna Padilla informed the council that the committee has purchased the complete book sets for second grade. This included a total of 120 copies of My Father's Dragon, 120 copies of Chalk Box Kid and 60 copies of Balto and the Great Race. The committee will be replacing Romeo and Juliet with The Twelfth Night.

Donna also mentioned about the book fair at the Arizona Fair Grounds which will be in February 2013.

Athletics

The chairperson Rick Harford informed the council that the committee is still working on donations for the lights, and also working with the companies for the team's basketball uniforms. The committee had enough supplies for the concession stands.

Rick also mentioned that they were working with Coach Mims for Field Day preparations. The committee is working on the volunteers.

Valley Communication

The chairperson Sherri McCulloch asked the council members for any newsletter articles which will be due by Friday, January 18, 2013.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghna Mathur

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Secretary