

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, Library Chair Tracey Snyder, Student Recognition Chair Patricia Ogden, Special Events Chair Hiedi Chapin, 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 thanked and expressed her compliments to the Spring Festival committee and to VAPO for successfully holding Spring Festival.

Mrs. Wilber made the council aware that Mrs. Angela Fisher has stepped down from the Reid Traditional Board of Directors. The new president is Katie Whitchurch.

**President's Report:**

The president Sherri McCulloch made the council aware of the proceedings of the Board of Directors meeting. She informed the council that an operational loan has been made to Painted Rock Academy. A short discussion was held at the board meeting regarding plans towards the improvement of the school campus. The president also urged Valley Academy parents to attend board meetings to stay informed of the proceedings.

**New Business:**

Council elections will be held in May. The president reminded the members to try to work on bringing in new council members to fill vacancies.

**Old Business:**

The president informed the council that the Build My Kit fundraiser has been on hold for now due to lack of teacher interest. A parent survey is planned.

**Secretary's report:**

The secretary Meghna Mathur was not present. The January meeting minutes were presented for review and approval. Audra Nuttall motioned for the approval of the February meeting minutes as presented. Hiedi Chapin seconded for the motion. The February meeting minutes were approved unanimously by those present.

Birthday cards for the month of April will be in the front office for all members to sign.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Shannon Day presented the committee members their budget reports. All the members thanked the treasurer for the updated budget reports.

**Committee Reports:**Event Fundraising

The chairperson Libby Hammond was not present. All VAPO members were thanked for their help at Spring Festival.

Eighth Grade Promotion

The chairperson Audra Nuttall confirmed the Peter Piper Pizza fundraiser all day today, March 12, 2013.

The council was also informed about the committee's next event the Great Skate on April 19, 2013.

Audra informed the council that Mrs. Ekdhal and Mrs. McGiver designed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion shirts.

Office Fundraising

The chairperson Meghna Mathur was not present. The president informed the council that the labels collection was going well. The Harkins Summer Movie Fun order forms have been sent. The committee is still accepting Move-a-thon sponsor sheets.

Staff Appreciation

The chairperson Tami Evans was not present. The president confirmed the staff lunch on April 2, 2013. The committee is in need of volunteers for this event.

Pictures of the potential staff gift were passed out to the members.

Library

The chairperson Tracey Snyder confirmed to the council that Spring Book Fair will be from April 28 to May 3, 2013. The committee has requested for a third cash register for Friday night. A suggestion was also made to have a Cash Only and Credit Card Only lines.

Special Events

The chairperson Hiedi Chapin informed the council that Spring Family Fun Night will be on Friday May 3, 2013. The committee will work together with the Library committee. For more parent participation some suggestions were made. Band or choir performances were suggested. Hiedi also advised that Mr. Smith and Mrs. Lewandowsky will be doing hands on crafts and various other experiments as per the theme of the night.

Coyote Pride

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

Student Recognition

The chairperson Patricia Ogden confirmed to the council that the committee has booked the Sandra Day O'Connor Performing Arts auditorium for the Honor Roll Ceremony. The committee is working on bids for the awards and medals for the honor roll students. A need for volunteers was also expressed to run the ceremony smoothly.

Volunteer Communication

The chairperson Shannon Day informed the council that kindergarten screening will be the week of March 25, 2013.

The year's last DIBELS testing will be in the month of April.

Curriculum

The chairperson Donna Padilla informed the members that the committee is working on the approval process of some mystery series.

Athletics

The chairperson Rick Harford informed the council that due to weather changes the fourth through sixth grade Field Day has been rescheduled for March 28, 2013. The volunteers will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the day of the event in Coach Mims' room. The event is scheduled to begin at noon.

Rick also reported that the committee is working on new basketball uniforms. He is also looking into softball/baseball uniforms if the budget allows.

The committee advised that the concessions for this year were over and they made just over \$500. The remaining games are off-campus.

Valley Communication

The chairperson Sherri McCulloch urged the members to turn in the newsletter articles by Friday March, 15, 2013.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for April 9, 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