

Meeting was called to order at 8:22 a.m. by President Vicki Lowery.

Those present included President and Valley Communications Chair Vicki Lowery, Vice President and Eighth Grade Promotion Chair Audra Nuttall, Treasurer and Staff Appreciation Chair Nikki Schultz, Secretary and Office Fundraising Chair Sherri McCulloch, Library Chair Lisa Schulte, Curriculum Chair Donna Padilla, Event Fundraising Chair Libby Hammond, Coyote Pride Chair Valeen Palomo, Athletics Chair Rachael Smith, Volunteer Communication Chair Shannon Day, Special Events Chair Cheryl Stradling, and Student Recognition Chair Patricia Ogden. Five guests were present, including Principal Victoria Wilber, Tami Evans, Tracey Snyder, Meghna Mathur, and Tanya Harford (representing her husband Rick).

Guest Comments:

The floor was opened to guest comments. None were made.

VAPO Elections:

Five applications have been submitted for VAPO committee chairs for the 2012-2013 school year by Tami Evans, Tracey Snyder, Dave Garrison, Meghna Mathur, and Rick Harford. Prior volunteer experience and qualifications of potential committee members were reviewed.

Information regarding the election of new VAPO Council members was read from the bylaws by Audra Nuttall. Information was gathered from visitors regarding which committees they are interested in participating. Tami Evans expressed an interest in Staff Appreciation. Tanya Harford attended for her husband Rick, and expressed on his behalf a desire to work with the Athletics Committee. Tracey Snyder asked to work with the Library Committee. Meghna Mathur asked to work with the Office Fundraising Committee.

A total of four VAPO members are leaving their committees. Libby Hammond nominated Rick Harford to the Council. The motion was seconded by Audra Nuttall. Libby Hammond nominated Tracey Snyder to the Council. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Stradling. Libby Hammond nominated Meghna Mathur to the Council. The motion was seconded by Lisa Schulte. Libby Hammond nominated Tami Evans to the Council. The motion was seconded by Sherri McCulloch. All nominees were elected unanimously by those present.

President Vicki Lowery read from the VAPO bylaws regarding procedures for electing VAPO officers for the 2012-2013 school year. Donna Padilla nominated Sherri McCulloch as President. The motion was seconded by Patricia Ogden and carried unanimously. Sherri McCulloch nominated Audra Nuttall as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Donna Padilla, and carried unanimously. Audra Nuttall nominated Meghna Mathur as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Libby Hammond, and carried unanimously. Donna Padilla nominated Shannon Day as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Audra Nuttall, and carried unanimously. Sherri McCulloch was

assigned Valley Communications, Audra Nuttall chose Eighth Grade Promotion, Shannon Day selected Volunteer Communication, Meghna Mathur selected Office Fundraising, Patricia Ogden selected Student Recognition, Valeen Palomo selected Coyote Pride, Libby Hammond selected Event Fundraising, Donna Padilla selected Curriculum, Cheryl Stradling selected Special Events, Tracey Snyder selected Library, Tanya Harford selected Athletics for her husband, Rick, and Tami Evans selected Staff Appreciation.

Administrator's Report:

Keys from current VAPO members were collected by Mrs. Wilber.

A total of 10 document projection systems were purchased with funds donated by VAPO in April.

Secretary's Report:

The meeting minutes from the April meeting were submitted by Vicki Lowery for approval. Audra Nuttall suggested minor changes and additions, and moved that the minutes be approved with those changes. The motion was seconded by Donna Padilla, and carried unanimously. Sherri McCulloch and Shannon Day abstained, as they were not present at the April meeting.

President's Report:

A Thank You card was received from Mr. Hayo for funds received from Spring Festival, and for teacher appreciation lunches.

New Parent Orientation is tomorrow night, May 9, 2012. President Vicki Lowery and Sherri McCulloch will attend.

Vicki Lowery attended the most recent Board of Directors meeting. The calendar for the next school year was submitted and approved. Board members were given their gifts from Mrs. Wilber. She also stayed for the Painted Rock Academy meeting. The next board meeting will be May 17, 2012, and will be attended by both Vicki Lowery and Sherri McCulloch.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer requested information regarding expenditures from now until the end of the school year. Budgets for next year are nearly complete. VAPO's tax return was completed and filed.

Unfinished Business:

None at this time.

Committee Reports:**Staff Appreciation:**

The last teacher appreciation lunch is scheduled for today. The gift for Teacher Appreciation week is a drawstring backpack with the Valley Academy logo.

Curriculum:

Donna Padilla is working with the representative for Saxon Math, and has obtained information regarding how and why this curriculum was selected. She will prepare a newsletter item regarding Saxon Math for the 2012-2013 school year. A suggestion was made to coordinate information with Gear Up for School Night, and Curriculum Night.

Classroom sets are being re-reviewed for documentation purposes. A list of approved sets is attached. Sets for younger grades will be reviewed as well. Discussion was held regarding the differences between library approval and classroom set approval.

Additional explanation was made regarding the book approval process and updating the approved book lists for the new school year.

Donna Padilla motioned approving classroom sets and recommended reading lists from April and May as presented (attached). The motion was seconded by Patricia Ogden and carried unanimously.

Eighth Grade Promotion:

Great Skate raised \$284. Fundraising is on track. Eighth grade promotion dinner/dance is May 12, 2012. The committee has \$400 designated for a school gift, and would like to contribute this money toward the purchase of a trophy case.

Student Recognition:

The last Caught Being Good for the school year is May 24, 2012. Honor Roll Reception is May 22, 2012. Plans are coming along nicely.

Volunteer Communication:

DIBELS testing occurred during the same week as AIMS testing. There was some difficulty finding volunteers for the last day of testing.

Mrs. Trotter and Mrs. George expressed thanks to the VAPO Council for toys that were donated for the kindergarten and preschool classes.

A total of 13,879 documented volunteer hours have been recorded so far this year. The volunteer of the year received a \$100 gift card.

Coyote Pride:

The last Sprit Day Ice Cream was last Friday, May 4, 2012.

Library:

Book Fair went really well. Lisa Schulte thanked those who volunteered. The committee exceeded their projected goal of \$9000 by over \$600. The proceeds in Scholastic Dollars are \$4838.05, and \$2135.22 in additional benefits in Scholastic Dollars. An additional \$156 in donations was collected as well.

Special Events:

Family Fun Night went well with only minor problems.

Athletics:

Money is being collected for a gift to Coach Ray.

Office Fundraising:

Checks were recently received from Fry's Cool Cash for \$500 and Box Tops for Education in the amount of \$723.56. Box Tops contest information is still coming in.

Upcoming Events:

The June VAPO meeting will be held June 12, 2012 at noon.

The July VAPO meeting was scheduled for July 17, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. A work meeting will be held July 31, 2012, with time to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. by President Vicki Lowery.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri McCulloch
Valley Academy Parent Organization
Governing Council Secretary