

Meeting was called to order at 8:17 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, and Event Fundraising Chair Libby Hammond. Two guests were present including Mrs. Wilber.

Guest Comments:

No guest comments were made at this time.

Administrator's Report:

Mrs. Wilber informed the council that the Board of Directors meeting was at Reid Academy. All the Reid Traditional staff has moved to the office there. Heidi Mitchell will now be at Reid Academy.

Mrs. Wilber also shared some parent concerns about the cookie dough pick-up days.

The council was informed that November 2, 2012 the principal, vice principal, and all the teachers will attend a training session at the Arizona Charter Association in Chandler.

President's Report:

The president informed the council that the Board of Directors meeting had a major discussion about the finances and that Valley Academy is working to save about \$60,000 per year.

The president reminded everyone regarding the clean-up of the play room in the VAPO room. It was suggested to make cleaning up a volunteer opportunity.

New Business:

An application of Hiedi Chapin was put before the council for review as the new Special Events Chairperson. Audra Nuttall nominated Hiedi Chapin as the Special Events Chair, Patricia Ogden seconded the nomination. Hiedi Chapin was unanimously elected as the chair by those present.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Shannon Day presented the data for all the committees. The president appreciated the efforts of the treasurer.

The discussion regarding the tax return date was tabled until next month's meeting.

Secretary's Report:

The September meeting minutes were submitted for review. Patricia Ogden motioned for the amended meeting minutes to be approved, Tracey Snyder seconded the motion. The September meeting minutes were approved unanimously by those present.

November Birthday cards were circulated.

Committee Reports:

Special Events

The new chair Hiedi Chapin was welcomed by the council.

The MPR will be checked for the lock down kits and all the expired water will be replaced.

The Fall Family Night was a success, there were wonderful crafts. The Snowie AZ was a big hit with kids. The profits are pending.

Library

The chair Tracey Snyder informed the council that the Fall Book Fair was very successful and the total sales were \$10,004.75, which was more than previous years. The committee received \$3002.13. Mrs. Mettes 3rd grade class read 213 books and was the winner of the All Star Book Reading contest. Sherry Begay was highly appreciated for the wonderful volunteer work for the committee.

Office Fundraising

The chairperson Meghna Mathur informed the council that the Cookie Dough sales ended and the pick-up went smoothly. There were more volunteers than needed. The chairperson thanked all the volunteers and the members of the council for helping and guiding at every step. The committee made a profit of over \$11,000.

The Box Tops and the labels collections for the month of October were made and the results were pending.

Event Fundraising

The Talent Show auditions are October 9 and 10, 2012, with a mandatory dress rehearsal on October 26, 2012 and the Talent Show on October 27, 2012. The chairperson Libby Hammond informed that there is an overwhelming participation from the preschoolers. There are enough volunteers for the show. A \$3 donation has been decided for the tickets. The chairperson also made the council aware of the rules. For the next talent show the chairperson proposed to change the weekend because of Halloween.

There will be a meeting on November 15, 2012 at 8:15 a.m. for the planning of Spring Festival. A discussion was held regarding the distribution of money for the teachers earned from Spring Festival.

Eighth Grade Promotion

The chairperson Audra Nuttall informed the council that the High School Night was a success. There was a great appreciation from the teachers. The chairperson greatly appreciated the help of Barbara Burley and Donna Padilla.

The Great Skate was a success as well. Mrs. Johnson was a great help. The chairperson informed that the council goal was about \$200 and the committee earned \$204. Twenty-six great skate coupons were turned in and the committee had a total profit of \$460.

The 7th/ 8th grade dance is on October 19, 2012. Mrs. Johnson is helping organize.

The 8th grade car wash is Saturday October 13, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school parking lot. Ticket presales are going on and \$5 is the recommended donation.

The chairperson informed the council that the committee is doing well and they are still working on finding a 7th grade parent for training for next year. The president greatly appreciated the efforts of Audra Nuttall.

Athletics

The chairperson Rick Harford was not present. The president informed the council that the concession stand and booster bracelets were working well. The bracelets are a success and it was proposed to sell the bracelets at additional events.

Curriculum

The chairperson Donna Padilla was not present. The council reviewed the submitted book list. Libby Hammond motioned for the reading book list to be approved. Hiedi Chapin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Staff Appreciation

The chairperson Tami Evans informed the council that October 25, 2012 is the Teacher Dinner from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. during parent/teacher conferences. The volunteers have been contacted. The flyer for the Italian themed menu will be sent for president's approval. The set up will be done by 3 p.m. The volunteers will be needed in shifts; also volunteers will be in the VAPO room to watch the kids while others help.

Valley Communication

The chairperson Sherri McCulloch informed the council that the homeroom parent breakfast went well and that she was working on the contact information for all the homeroom parents.

It was also reminded that the newsletter items were due by the end of the week.

Coyote Pride

The chairperson Valeen Palomo was not present. The president informed that the Ice Cream sales were going well and changing the cards has helped.

The Spirit Day T-shirts were being distributed.

Picture Day went well and was completed early. Picture retake day is October 24, 2012.

Student Recognition

The chairperson Patricia Ogden informed the council that Caught Being Good is on October 18, 2012.

The Honor Roll Ice Cream is on October 30, 2012. The chairperson confirmed that planning for the Honor Roll Reception will begin from next month.

Volunteer Communication

The chairperson Shannon Day informed the council that DIEBELS testing was going well and that they have enough volunteers to help. As there is a change in the program, the testing is taking a bit longer.

The next VAPO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. by the president.

Respectfully submitted

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Governing Council Secretary