

VAPO, The Parent Organization of Valley Academy
Governing Council Minutes –August 15, 2017

8.15.2017

8:15 A.M.

Meeting called	A. Wilson (President)
Type of meeting:	Monthly
Facilitator:	A. Wilson(President)
Attendees:	A. Wilson (President), D. Rangel (Treasurer), R. McDanel (Vice-President/ Volunteer Communication), B. Coleman (Secretary/Curriculum), N. Reed (Coyote Pride), E. Neuman (Event Fundraising), M. Browne (Eighth Grade Promotion), N. Olson (Special Events), H. D’Elia (Athletics), W. Stemmons (Staff Appreciation), J. Combs (Library) Mrs. Wilber Guests: B. Gebhart, K. Libby, T. Gwalani, W. Hunker, D. Hunker, L. Hynes

Wilber

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Administrator’s Report:

- Mrs. Wilber welcomed members returning and new. She went over staff changes and updates on completion of construction, specifically the gymnasium and playgrounds. Exterior and interior of campus will be painted this year.
A future open house will be scheduled for families to see the new gymnasium.

President’s Report:

- Mrs. Wilson presented an application and interest in the vacant VAPO Office Fundraising committee for the 2017-2018 school year.
 1. William Hunker for the position of Office Fundraising.
R. McDanel motioned to approve and E. Neuman seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Review and vote on the executive positions:
 - A. Wilson as president.
B. Coleman motioned to approve and R. McDanel seconded. Motion passed.
 - R. McDanel as vice-president.
H. D’Elia motioned to approve and N. Reed seconded. Motion passed.
 - D. Rangel as treasurer.
H. D’Elia motioned to approve and N. Olson seconded. Motion passed.
 - B. Coleman as secretary.
R. McDanel motioned to approve and N. Olson seconded. Motion passed.

- New binders and forms reviewed for council members. Policy reviewed and discussed on dress code, gum-free campus, confidentiality, etc.
- Lost and found scheduled discussed and members signed up for dates to process items out of the multi-purpose room.
- Mrs. Wilber inquired about seating for area where portables once were. The area will accommodate six tables. Discussion about use of available VAPO funds.
J. Combs motioned to purchase tables for school. M. Browne seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- D. Rangel presented budget and discussed updates from the June meeting. QuickBooks online is updated and current.

Secretary's Report:

- Members reviewed minutes for June.
D. Rangel motioned to accept the minutes and R. McDanel seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- *Curriculum:* Eight books from the previous school year were reviewed by parents and available to be put on the recommended reading list. The books include Shep the Sheep of Caladeen, DK Adventure Series: Galactic Mission and Terrors of the Deep, Dog Whisperer Series: The Rescue, My Brother's Secret, Ranger in Time Series: Journey Through Ash & Smoke, Stink Series: Incredible Shrinking Kid, and Victory.
- *Volunteer Communication:* R. McDanel is entering volunteer information from forms submitted by parents. She encouraged parents to use online volunteer hours to be submitted.
- *Staff Appreciation:* Discussion about staff appreciation breakfast at the start of this school year. A proposal to do donuts and coffee this week for staff was made since the customary breakfast did not occur. All members concurred this was a good idea and W. Stemmons will obtain items to bring for staff on 8/18. Next meal is during conferences in October.
- *8th Grade Promotion:* Great Skate event is September 15th and obtaining parent volunteers and planning for future events underway.
- *Office Fundraising:* Fall fundraiser is the sale of candles and coupon cards. Packets will be sent out August 24th. VAPO members need to be available to count money on September 7th.
- *Event Fundraising:* Raffles for festival discussed. Determined raffles by business donations worked well last year and would like to do this again. E. Neuman suggested a science fair in conjunction with festival. Mrs. Wilbur will discuss with staff.
- *Special Events:* E-mail for lock-down kit donations to be sent. Anticipate no problems obtaining water and snacks utilizing sign-up as was done last year.
- *Library:* Book fair is scheduled for 9/25-9/28 and theme is western.
- *Athletics:* Sports information night is 8/21 and H. D'Elia will be attending to discuss needs of parent involvement and booster club. A concession stand is now available in the new gym.

- *Student Recognition:* Discussion of flag donation to LDS church for use of their facility during honor roll ceremony. Will need U.S. and Arizona flag, poles and toppers. Members determined it should be presented as a gift.
Caught Being Good is scheduled for September 12th and council members inquired about tickets to present to students for anything observed.
- *Coyote Pride:* Spirit shirt orders are coming in. Spirit Day ice cream orders also coming in. Help is needed to pick up the ice cream. Solutions were discussed. School pictures are scheduled for September 21st.
- *Valley Communication:* VAPO newsletter being created for new school year and articles needed by September 1st. Upcoming events reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Coleman

Secretary and Curriculum Committee Chair

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