

The Parent Organization of Valley Academy
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 8:17 a.m. by VAPO President Mrs. T. Lund. Those present included Library Chair Mrs. S. Romley, Staff Appreciation Chair Mrs. D. Rangel, Events Fundraising Chair Mr. E. Neuman, Coyote Pride Chair Mrs. L. Watson, Student Recognition Chair Mrs. S. Banjapally, Special Events Chair Mrs. K. Libby, Eighth Grade Promotion Chair Mrs. V. Sanchez, Athletics Chair Ms. S. Barry,

Guest- Mrs. A. Nuttall and Mrs. J. Schemm

Administrators attending: Mrs. Wilber

Administrator's Report: Mrs. Wilber

Mrs. Wilber explained that volunteers will be invited to the volunteer dinner based on their volunteer hours submitted in hopes to show appreciation to those who have really supported the school's volunteer policy.

New Business: Mrs. T. Lund

Discussion on the new books for the Valley Academy recommended reading list took place. Mrs. S. Romley made a motion to approve the new books for the recommended reading list. Mr. E. Neuman seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Please submit information for the VAPO newsletter by Friday.

The process of utilizing Alert Now was discussed.

The process of approving meeting minutes was discussed.

The next board meeting will be December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Reid Office.

Secretary's Report: Mrs. L. Watson

The process of approval of meeting minutes was discussed for further clarification. All corrected meeting minutes will be submitted at the next VAPO meeting for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. D. Rangel

Subtotal of cash funds for October 2015 was \$28,843.80, Money market \$25,850.87 and checking \$2,992.93. Scholastic dollars total \$5,881.43. Earmarked funds total \$15,000.00. Self contained funds total \$590.07, \$267.43 for Booster club and \$322.64 for Library. Subtotal of general funds is \$13,253.73. Total upcoming expenses from current balance is \$750.00, the breakdown being Spirit Day Ice Cream \$250.00 and Turkey Trot \$500.00. The adjusted total from current general funds is \$12,503.73.

There is a new safe. Please get your code for it from Mrs. T. Lund.

The cash box needs to have \$35.00 in it at all times. If it is short, Mrs. D. Rangel explained that she will recover the difference from the committee who made the last deposit.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum: Mrs. D. McLemore

Chair not in attendance

Volunteer Communications: Mr. P. Dabberu

Chair not in attendance.

Staff Appreciation: Mrs. D. Rangel

Mrs. D. Rangel reported that the teacher Italian Dinner was a little over budget, but went well. The Italian sodas went over very well. She mentioned that Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. T. Lund and Mrs. V. Sanchez volunteered for the event.

Eight Grade Promotion:

The Fall Dance made \$678.79. The event went well, 50's theme, and had a good turnout. Chipotle fundraiser is tonight from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

There will be an 8th Grade Dinner/Dance planning meeting. There will be food tasting and voting. It was suggested that 7th grade parents be invited to the meeting. Mrs. J. Combs and Mrs. L. Johnson are in charge of the event and they have approximately ten volunteers.

Office Fundraising: Mrs. A. Wilson

Chair not in attendance

Special Events: Mrs. K. Libby

Mrs. K. Libby reported that her next event will be the Spelling Bee. She will be in contact with Mrs. McMahan to discuss the specifics.

Ideas for the Spring Book Fair were discussed. Possibility for another Family Fun Night or expansion of the Art Show. Scholastic will have a tie dye theme.

Food truck company used at the fall Family Fun Night finally contacted Mrs. K. Libby. They made \$400 + at the event.

Athletics: Ms. S. Barry

Turkey Trot is coming up. Mrs. H. Chapin is helping out with coordinating. Ms. S. Barry stated that she has about half of the volunteers needed for the event.

Concessions are going well, basketball will be starting soon.

Student Recognition: Mrs. S. Banjapally

Mrs. S. Banjapally reported that there were 133 students Caught Being Good this month. Also, the Honor Roll ice cream was given out. It was discovered that the Bomb pops were made on shared equipment with nut products and therefore are not nut free. An alternative dairy and nut free option needs to be provided for Honor Roll ice cream students.

Library: Mrs. S. Romley

Mrs. S. Romley reported that the next event will be the Spring Book Fair. Currently, volunteers are helping Mrs. Gan, decorating bulletin boards and restocking.

Event Fundraising: Mr. E. Neuman

Mr. E. Neuman informed the council that the rain date for the Spring Festival was successfully changed to April 2nd. He also discussed having a volunteer meeting after school hours so parents who work during the day can attend. Also, there was discussion about some high school students needing volunteer hours, if anyone had anything they could utilize a student volunteer for.

Coyote Pride: Mrs. L. Watson

Mrs. L. Watson reported that the third Spirit Day went well. She again had all wonderful volunteers. Picture Retake Day was on November 4, 2015. Again, great volunteers and it went quite quickly and smoothly. Also, there was discussion about the over abundance of donated school uniforms for the used uniform sales. Possible solutions included price reduction, going through them to get rid of unusable items and selling them during the Turkey Trot.

Valley Communication:

Mrs. T. Lund was in contact with some of the homeroom parents to guide them and answer questions. She also talked with the homeroom parent coordinator from Painted Rock Academy.

Upcoming Events

Please submit committee info to Mrs. T. Lund by Friday to be included in VAPO newsletter.

Caught Being Good November 19, 2015

Turkey Trot November 23 and 24, 2015

Board Meeting December 3, 2015 held at Reid office at 6:00 p.m. VAPO board members are welcome to attend.

Spirit Day December 4, 2015

The next VAPO meeting will be held on December 8, 2015 at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Watson

Secretary and Coyote Pride Chair

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