

VAPO, The Parent Organization of Valley Academy
Governing Council Minutes – October 11, 2016

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8:15 A.M.

Meeting called	A. Wilson (President)
Type of meeting:	Monthly
Facilitator:	A. Wilson(President)
Attendees:	A. Wilson (President), S. Romley (Vice-President/Library), D. Rangel (Treasurer/Staff Appreciation), S. McCulloch (Eighth Grade Promotion) , B. Coleman (Curriculum), R. McDanel (Volunteer Communication), Mrs. Wilber Absent: L. Swank (Office Fundraising) Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 8:19 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Administrator’s Report:

- Mrs. Wilber announced a new staff member: Mrs. O. Garcia is our new foreign language facilitator. Construction remains on schedule to be done the end of December.

New Business:

- Maintenance forms were distributed and were to be added to each VAPO member’s binder.

Secretary’s Report:

- September meeting minutes were emailed for review prior to today’s meeting.
- S. Romley motioned to accept the minutes and S. McCulloch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:

- D. Rangel continues to transition to online QuickBooks.
- Budgets will now be emailed to each member for review.

Committee Reports:

- *Curriculum:* Seven books were reviewed by parents and recommended to be placed on the Valley Academy Recommended Reading List. They include Animal Emergency Series: Runaway Wolf Pups, Backyard Wildlife Series: Eagles , Planet Reader Series: Sharks!, A Pocketful of Kisses, Ranger's Apprentice Series: The Sorcerer of the North, Snail Girl Brings Water, When Marian Sang, The Young Underground Series: Chasing the Wind.

S. Romley motioned to approve the books for placement on the list and K. Libby seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

Encyclopedia sets were ordered for the 5th grade. New classroom sets of House of Scorpion and To Kill A Mockingbird have been received and delivered to the 7th grade.

- *Volunteer Communication:* Database continues to be updated and volunteer lists handed out to each committee.
- *Staff Appreciation:* Sign-Up Genius sent out for the next event in October during conferences.
- *8th Grade Promotion:* Car wash held and \$1448.61 was raised. Discussion was held about future dances and the costs of a DJ and photo booth. Motion made by S. McCulloch to raise DJ budget for the fall dance from \$200 to \$250 to cover expense, K. Libby seconded, motion passed unanimously. High School Night will be November 3rd. Plans going well. S. McCulloch inquired if five spots could be reserved for visiting principals.
- *Office Fundraising:* A. Wilson reported families are still picking up product from candle/popcorn fundraiser. \$14,708.50 was collected and approximately \$6300.00 was raised. Box Tops information will be placed in the newsletter.
- *Special Events:* K. Libby reports that the food trucks are finalized for Family Fun Night. She has obtained a good response for volunteers and will resend request to fill vacant spots. Costume contest and games/crafts being finalized.
- *Library:* S. Romley reported the fall book fair posters are going up today. Copies of materials being made and volunteer sign-up will begin soon.
- *Athletics:* No report.
- *Event Fundraising:* Discussion about vacant committee chairs and events that may need to be cancelled. Turkey Trot is the first event to be considered. A parent, A. Nuttall, has volunteered to run the spring festival with D. Rangel volunteering to be VAPO representative in conjunction with A. Nuttall.
- *Student Recognition:* Caught Being Good and Honor Roll Ice Cream is scheduled to take place on their scheduled dates. A volunteer is needed to pick up ice cream.
- *Coyote Pride:* Spirit Day shirts were distributed.
- *Valley Communication:* Homeroom Parent Breakfast went well. There are still classrooms without a homeroom parent. A. Wilson will make contact with parents who showed an interest on the volunteer forms.

Next VAPO meeting to be Tuesday, November 8th at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Coleman

Secretary and Curriculum Committee Chair

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