

Meeting called and facilitated by	A. Maxey (President)
Type of Meeting	Monthly
Attendees	A. Maxey (President), D. Hunker (Vice-President/Office Fundraising), D. Cooper (Treasurer), N. Critz-Lane (Secretary/Co-Library), N. Reed (Coyote Pride), W. Stemmons (Staff Appreciation), H. D’Elia (Athletics), R. Sadeghi (Special Events), H. Chapin (8 th Grade Promotion), B. Paucek (Office Assistance), Mrs. Brooks (Principal)
Guests	B. Coleman, W. Pandurangan, B. Gebhart, S. Kumar

Meeting called to order at 8:17 a.m.

Guest Comments: none

Administrator’s Report: Mrs. Brooks stated a general concern for our campus drop off and pick up safety. Please remember to adhere and support all rules and guidelines set in place to keep our campus as safe as possible.

New Business: A new council member application has been submitted and accepted for W. Pandurangan. H. Chapin motioned to accept her application for library chair. W. Stemmons seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. A. Maxey reminded the council that there will be a group photo on picture day. Please arrive before 7:50 a.m. for our time slot.

Treasurer’s Report: D. Cooper reported there is \$23,680.22 in account as of September 10th.

Secretary’s Report: Review of August meeting minutes. D. Hunker motioned for approval of minutes. B. Paucek seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Library: N. Critz-Lane reported book fair planning is in full swing. This year’s fall theme is Arctic Adventure. Sending out items for approval from administration and then a sign-up genius to collect volunteers for the event. B. Coleman discussed RRL and 3 books that were reviewed and recommended to be added to the RRL. The books are as follows:

Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo (Grade 3-4)

Grenade by Alan Gratz (Grade 4-6)

Queen’s Thief, The Series: The Thief by Megan Whalen Turner (Grade 5-8)

D. Hunker motioned for the approval of these books. H. Chapin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. B. Coleman mentioned that the RRL should be sent to Scholastic for the upcoming book fair. N. Critz-Lane will send an email promptly to Scholastic.

Coyote Pride: Ice Cream is going well. All shirts have been distributed to students. Spirit day shirt ordering will not be available until January. N. Reed mentioned that there will also be a 25th anniversary shirt at this time.

Staff Appreciation: W. Stemmons stated the teacher appreciation meal will be a lunch/dinner on October 17th. It will be a potato bar with soups.

Special Events: Today is Caught Being Good. R. Sadeghi has lined up Kona Ice and Safron Jack food trucks for Family Fun Night. She is looking for another low-cost truck to attend. The planning committee has been granted approval on four games for the evening.

Office Fundraising: D. Hunker stated today is the deadline for fall fundraiser packets. Sales have decreased since last year. Council mentioned ideas like selling chocolate bars, changing the time of year, different options or maybe sending out a survey to get parents opinions.

Event Fundraising: Vacant position. Committee in place but without a lead. A. Maxey stated there will be a planning meeting for the spring festival on September 26th at 6:30 p.m. during the Family Fun Night. Choices for theme are “Western” versus “Hawaiian”. Council took an anonymous vote; votes given to A. Maxey.

Athletics: Discussion on steps to add softball to winter sports. VAPO would need to budget for start up cost and additional coaching fees. New coach commitment would be at least 2 practices a week and 1 game during the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Browne is the contact person. A. Maxey suggested maybe VAPO funding coaching conferences or Valley Academy hosting a coaching conference in the future. D. Cooper stated there are no available funds in the budget for this commitment at this time.

8th Grade Promotion: H. Chapin reported the first meeting went well with a good committee. Great Skate fundraising event is on Friday and pre-sale tickets are available. H. Chapin stated the dance was moved to October 4th and will have a tropical theme. Location for this year’s promotion is being checked into; reviewing previous year’s contract. Car Wash fundraiser will be on October 5th.

Office Assistance: B. Paucek reported next Wednesday is Picture Day. Schedule needs to be sent to B. Paucek. A maintenance request was sent to update the room in preparation for the day. High School night will be on November 7th.

Valley Communication: A. Maxey confirmed there was a spam email going around to VAPO members and the PC has a pending clean up scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Critz-Lane

Secretary & Co-Library Chair

VAPO, The Parent Organization of Valley Academy