

VAPO, The Parent Organization of Valley Academy

May Meeting Minutes – Governing Council

5/13/26 | Time: 8:15 AM | Meeting called to order by: A. Sessler (President)

Location: VAPO Room

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

In Attendance

A. Sessler (President)

V. Brooks (Principal)

E. Billings (Secretary)

C. Ushakov (Coyote Pride)

K. Morawa (Treasurer)

V. Eckles (Staff Appreciation)

M. Basak (Library)

T. Heglie (Special Events)

M. O'Day (8th Grade Promotion) – via Zoom

Guests

A. Hedgepeth

Administrator's Report

V. Brooks – Noted that Valley Academy will be closed to outside visitors after the last day of school. She also made a request for refreshing VAPO council binders and flash drives this summer. This summer the desktop PC in the VAPO room is scheduled to be removed. If anything is stored on this PC, it will need to be removed. V. Brooks requested that the council let her know if anything is needed after removal of this equipment. There was discussion about a possible VAPO purchase of a new printer.

New Business

A. Sessler – Called a vote for V. Eckles as next VAPO President – M. Basak motioned the vote, K. Morawa seconded. All in favor, no opposition.

A. Sessler – Review/approval of latest budget – V. Eckles motioned the vote, K. Morawa seconded. All in favor, no opposition.

A. Sessler – Meeting minutes for March, April, and May will be reviewed and approved at the June meeting. The June meeting will be a review of budgets. A. Sessler noted that there may be a parent interested in the Staff Appreciation committee for next year's council. The new council will take effect for the July meeting.

Treasurer

K. Morawa – Checks were written and deposits were made. She requested that any check requests occur before the end of the school year.

Secretary

E. Billings – The May Newsletter needed to be finalized for review and approval at time of this meeting. This is the last newsletter for this school year. Gift cards for top April volunteers would be distributed later in the day. Meeting

minutes for March and April were not approved by administration at time of meeting. Will have March, April, and May's meeting minutes for approval at the next meeting.

Library

M. Basak – Some items sold at the spring book fair were delivered late and have been distributed. M. Basak will talk to the Scholastic representative regarding the late delivery of items.

Coyote Pride

C. Ushakov – There are ice cream leftovers, after the last Spirt Day Ice Cream, in the big freezer. M. O'Day asked if it might be possible for the 8th grade committee to purchase these leftovers for use in an upcoming event. The leftovers could also be given to teachers. It is also acceptable if leftovers remain until the start of the new school year.

Staff Appreciation

V. Eckles – The Staff Lunch was a success with plenty of food for all diets. The gift cards were also enjoyed as the Teacher Appreciation gift.

Office Fundraising (OPEN)

This committee is an open council position. Nothing to report.

Event Fundraising

A. Sessler – Nothing to report.

Athletics (OPEN)

This committee is an open council position. Nothing to report.

8th Grade Promotion

M. O'Day – There will only be one bus for 8th grade rehearsal with no adults allowed on the bus. There will be two buses for the field trip.

M. O'Day - There was a good amount of participation from 7th grade parents for the dinner/dance sign-ups. There are several candidates for the 8th grade committee chair for the next school year. The list of songs for the DJ is ready; she just needs to determine in what format to give the playlist to the DJ.

M. O'Day – The church does not have a keyboard. M. O'Day will be bringing a keyboard. Instruments on the stage will be shoved to the back. Decorations from honor roll can be utilized for promotion also.

V. Brooks – Noted that 4 or 5 extra roses will be needed at the promotion.

Office Assistance

A. Bratlien – Not present at meeting. Honor roll ceremony invites are being distributed.

Special Events

T. Heglie – The next Caught Being Good is on 5/14/2026. She is looking to replace the clear boxes to better organize for next year. She was going to check the Connex after the meeting.

K. Morawa – Purchased a speaker for use in future Family Fun Nights to use instead of paying for a DJ. The playlist will need to be approved.

Office Communication

V. Eckles – Requested that the online VAPO council information be adjusted with corrections. Some council positions appear to have incorrect information online.

Next Meeting

6/9/2026 | Time TBD | Location VAPO Room

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Erica Billings
Secretary
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