

VAPO Meeting
November 12, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Council Members present: 8 members were present; Jeff Diesing, Lisa Schulte, Laura Nicholls, Rachelle Kramer, Molly Browne, Sue Ellen Zollinger, Brenda Lamb, and Pamela Silva.

Visitors: Mrs. Szostak

October meeting minutes were not approved because there were not enough members who attended the last meeting present at this meeting to vote on them. Minutes will be on file for record only.

Committee updates:

Parent Communications-Pamela Silva: Reminded everyone to please provide timely information on upcoming events to our teachers so that they can fit events into their schedules and have a good turn out with optimal participation.

News articles for Dec/Jan newsletter must be submitted by the end of the week.

VAPO email is currently being routed to Laura. It is accumulating. We now have access to this email on the VAPO computer at: VAPO@ValleyAcademy.com. This is an email address that we've had for a few years. Not sure if it's being used.

Phone messages are to be checked by whoever is in the VAPO room & forwarded to appropriate person. Check with Lisa if you are unsure how to do this.

Best copy times for VAPO are 9:30-10 a.m. and 11:30-1:00 p.m. except Mondays.

Silver Apple Awards-we need to promote this really well so our teachers get nominated. Molly will send out note on Messenger this month and put it in newsletter each month.

Curriculum-Laura Nichols: Funds for Chemistry-Ms. Brasher is using a lot of her own personal money to fund science projects. Laura would like to appropriate \$1,000 to fund science projects. Jeff made a motion to give \$1,000 to science lab; Rachelle seconded the motion; motion approved. Laura will distribute the funds as needed.

Fundraising -Rachelle Kramer: Walkathon was scheduled for March 29th - April 2nd, but there is no school on April 2nd. We decided to move it to Mar 22-26th. Sponsorship packets will be sent out the first week of January to give a month & half to get responses.

Coach Crow had a booster club meeting with the parents of students involved in sports.

Library- Dawn Peabody: chairperson not available. Final book fair income will be discussed at the next meeting. It appears that the anticipated goal was exceeded.

Non-academic-Heather Loveless: chairperson not available. Spirit Day t-shirt sales are at a profit because we received extra shirts that were printed in error and have sold some of them.

Office support-Lisa Schulte: The school directory has been taken to the printer & should be done by November 13th.

Box Tops submission was sent to General Mills at the end of October. We will receive a check for it in December which will include the submissions made after the February deadline in the prior school year.

Student relations- Jeff Diesing: High School Night is scheduled for November 17th. Turkey Trot is scheduled for November 19th and 20th.

Recognition- Molly Browne: VAPO Dinner for teachers during parent/teacher conferences was a success. Teachers were very pleased with it. A Thanksgiving teacher lunch is planned for November 23rd.

Honor's Ice Cream for 252 students is planned for November 13th.

Honors Awards Night is planned for May 18th, 3-5 grades from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and 6-8 grades from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Sandra Day O'Conner High School.

Campus pride-Sue Ellen Zollinger: She asked about doing a community service project of Hoops for Hearts. Jeff advised that Student Council is planning to do Toys for Tots again this year as a community service project. Sue would like to have a special recycling week. She will find out when new phone books are distributed and try to plan a special drive to collect the old ones. Art teacher reimbursement request for shipping of art work to various contests will come from curriculum budget. Lock down kits-will be done by Thanksgiving.

Extra-Curricular-Donald Smith: chairperson not available. Need to make sure spelling and geography bees are being planned.

Special events-Brenda Lamb: Fall Family Night went well.

Spirit Day Ice Cream-volunteers don't like the ice cream card. We may go back to money only next year. Ice cream is disappearing and the lock on the freezer is broken. Brenda would like to get the lock replaced.

School support-Raquel Carroll: chairperson not available. She needs volunteers to help with the Caught Being Good program.

Treasurer report-Jeff Diesing: Last year's tax return is needed to get bids for a new accountant. Jeff can provide itemized budget reports for anyone who needs one.

Old Business: Sue Ellen will obtain 2 bids for shade screens for playground areas.

Coach Crow asked if VAPO is interested in supporting a Booster Club. We prefer not to support this venture due to the fact that fundraising would only benefit the sports program and not the entire school. If we decide to support it, it should go under extra-curricular. Laura will talk to Donald about it.

Mr. John is retiring and we want to have some kind of recognition for him. It was suggested that we make a banner for the students to sign.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 10th at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 p.m.