

VAPO Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:16 a.m.

Members in attendance: Andrea Johnson, Audra Nuttall, Lisa Schulte, Dawn Peabody, Donald Smith, Laura Nicholls, Diana Hernandez, Raquel Carroll, Beverly Woodhull, Pamela Silva, Angela Waite.

Welcome and introductions-several guests were present including Vicki Lowery & Blanca Toya.

Sign update: Christine Shupe presented four bids for the new sign. Everyone was able to review the designs & ask questions. She is getting an alternate quote for a sign that most council members liked & will e-mail it to everyone for review.

CEO Update-Heidi Mitchell discussed the need for the recycle bins to be picked up more often. She said the new Messenger Phone System should be up & running in a month. We received the grading permit for the construction site. She would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new building in May. The website is continually being updated with construction progress. The doors on the portable bathrooms have been repaired.

Holiday craft night-Essie Learn discussed ideas for a family craft night. Tickets will be presold for a number of crafts. This will be held on December 5th. It is not intended to be a fundraiser. We need donations of money or supplies for this event.

Fence, gates & traffic control-Mrs. Szostak discussed the ornamental fence & gates that will surround the campus. The main purpose of the fence is to promote safety. She discussed various options for drop-off & pick-up, as well as, traffic flow patterns. We need volunteers for traffic duty until patterns are established. She wants to have periodic Parent Information Nights to keep parents up-to-date on school related issues.

Picture day-Kathy Gant discussed picture day with the option of dressing in non-uniform clothing or a second picture day in the spring where students could choose their dress within guidelines. The Fall picture day will remain as uniform dress only for yearbook photos. It was suggested that she petition parents to see if there is enough interest in a second picture day. Audra will talk to Mrs. Szostak to see if we can do this or not.

Art teacher mirror request-the art teacher requested that VAPO purchase mirrors needed in her class for drawing self-portraits. VAPO unanimously voted "no" due to the fact the mirrors are part of the class curriculum & should be purchased by the school. Motion to deny was made by Dawn Peabody, motion seconded by Raquel Carroll.

New council members-Three new council members were voted into office. Beverly Woodhull was voted in as Fundraising Chairperson; Don Smith motioned, Raquel Carroll seconded. Pamela Silva was voted in as Special Events Chairperson; Audra Nuttall

motioned; Don Smith seconded. Angela Waite was voted in as Student Relations Chairperson; Don Smith motioned, Lisa Schulte seconded.

July minutes-Don Smith motioned to approve June & July meeting minutes; Audra Nuttall seconded.

Budgets-Audra Nuttall motioned to approve May Ho's budget of \$3,700 for the Non-Academic Committee (most of which will be reimbursed through sale of spirit t-shirts). Dawn Peabody will e-mail Student Relations budget to council members for vote. Pam Silva motioned to move Honors Reception from Special Events Committee to the Recognition Committee; Raquel Carroll seconded. Motion granted. Both budgets will be revised to reflect this change.

Board/VAPO dinner-We discussed some possible dates for this dinner of March 27th, April 3rd, 17th or 27th. The board will pick one of these dates & advise us of which date they chose.

Committee updates-

Fundraising-Beverly Woodhull-discussed Box Tops. There will be monthly updates on class totals in the school newsletter. A meeting is scheduled for September 2nd with the volunteers to discuss collection, tracking & contest rules.

Cookie dough-committee meeting August 26th. Sales start September 4th & end September 16th. Distribution will take place on October 7th & 8th. It will be divided into to groups by last name A-L & M-Z.

School support-Raquel Carroll needs volunteers for DIBELS testing.

Curriculum-Laura Nicholls will send an announcement to parents when the curriculum is ready to be reviewed by the parents.

Campus pride-Diana Hernandez has contacted the recycle company several times to come for pickup. We are in need of new sand toys for the first & second graders. More water bottles are needed on campus. Diana will talk to Heidi Mitchell about the costs of the campus AED program. She will also talk with school nurses regarding AED training needs.

Office support-Lisa Schulte contacted Tony Wilson to get the website up & running for data entry of the school directory.

Parent communication-Andrea Johnson will be scheduling a homeroom mom breakfast in September.

Non-academic-May Ho has had no response from the spirit day t-shirt vendor.

Library-Dawn Peabody said the Fall bookfair theme is Soma, Ota, Kira. It means Read, Dream, Grow sort of like the Lion King.

Reminder-Day 5 is open for meeting in the library per Mrs. Gan. The library is also available on Day 4 until 10:00 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.