

VAPO Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2009

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

Members in attendance: Audra Nuttall, Lisa Schulte, Diana Hernandez, Dawn Peabody, and Donald Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance, welcome, and introductions - guests present were Vicki Lowery, CEO Heidi Mitchell, & Asst. Principal Victoria Wilber.

We addressed a public comment made via e-mail from a concerned parent regarding raising the price of Spirit Day ice cream for the next school year. This parent was opposed to raising the price to \$.50 since we are not operating at a loss on sales currently and this project was never intended to be a fundraiser. The parent also expressed concern that younger students might have difficulty keeping track of 2 quarters.

As we discussed in the January meeting, the most requested ice cream costs \$.31. We currently purchase some less expensive flavors to offset the price of the higher ones. We discussed raising the price to \$.30 but that still doesn't cover the cost of the higher-priced ice cream. It was also mentioned that we would need a supply of other coins to make change and this in turn, would greatly slow down the line at lunchtime. Ultimately, we want students to be able to purchase the flavors they like the most rather than having to settle for flavors they do not like. In an effort to offer the most preferred flavors and continue to operate without a loss, the price beginning with the next school year will be \$.50 as previously approved by vote.

President report - Newsletter items are due today. The board/VAPO dinner is scheduled for April 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Audra's house. The March 26th Board meeting was rescheduled for April 2nd. Audra will attend this meeting. VAPO will be purchasing the stage directly from the company rather than through Mark Mettes. Audra wants to discuss fundraising ideas at the Parent Info Night in April. She would like everyone to consider substituting the Walk-A-Thon in place of Cookie Dough as one of our big fundraiser. New Parent Orientation meetings are scheduled for 4/15, 5/13, 6/17, and 7/?. The incoming president will need to attend the July meeting.

Construction Report - Heidi Mitchell reported that construction is still on schedule. She would like to have a grand opening celebration (sort of like a carnival) during the meet-the-teacher & see-the-classroom day in August. She also needs volunteers to help move all the classrooms into the new building the week after school is out.

Treasurer report - Committee budgets were handed out via e-mail and need to be reviewed in detail by each VAPO member.

Secretary Report - There were not enough members present to approve the February meeting minutes. Audra and Lisa are reviewing the summer VAPO mailings & first week of school handouts for updates and hope to have them ready by the end of March. We reviewed a few notes from the last Board meeting. Heidi said there is room in the new building for another fifth grade class if needed. Also, she is still planning to conduct a survey about the starting & ending dates of the upcoming school year.

Committee updates:

Fundraising - Spring Festival report:

Total income	\$10,924.00	(2008 income	\$10,654.44)
Total expense	\$ 4,983.27	(2008 expenses	\$ 4,118.18)
Total profit	\$ 5,940.73	(2008 profit	\$ 6,536.26)

Overall the festival went well.

Box Tops - Lisa reported that \$956 was sent to General Mills in the February submission. We should get a check sometime in April. Contest parties are being scheduled for the last week of April. The last day to turn in Box Tops for the contest is April 15th. We will continue to collect Box Tops through the end of the year.

Harkins Summer Movie Fun passes - Lisa presented the rebate program offered by Harkins Theaters where we can earn up to a 40% rebate from ticket sales. Everyone agreed this would be a good fundraiser. A note about this will be sent out by Messenger via e-mail and flyers will be distributed when students return from Spring Break. Orders are due by March 27th.

T-shirts for new building - Audra is working with May on this project.

Spring book fair - Dawn is working on this & will have a planning meeting the week after Spring Break.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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