

VAPO Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2008

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

Members in attendance: Audra Nuttall, Lisa Schulte, Dawn Peabody, Laura Nicholls, Angela Waite, Diana Hernandez, Tina Wigman.

Welcome and introductions- guest present was Vicki Lowery.

Sign Update-new school sign will be delivered in December or January.

Report from administration-Mrs. Szostak reported that the charter school conference on November 10th went well. Several staff members attended an awards dinner where Bill Hayo received the "Teacher of the Year" award. Our school is in the top 3 charter schools in Arizona.

Approval of Meeting Minutes-September & October meeting minutes were approved after a motion was made by Dawn & seconded by Tina.

Treasurer's report-Audra distributed current budgets. The following line items were changed:

Income: Unassigned donations of \$62 were moved; \$50 moved to Campus Pride -playground toys; \$12 moved to Income-cookie dough. Dawn made motion, Lisa seconded, motion approved.

School support: \$20 was moved from parent volunteer gifts to monthly volunteer gifts.

Audra discussed excel spreadsheets she is setting up for each committee. Each committee head should update budget & e-mail back to Audra when expenses are incurred.

Snow Cone machine-we reviewed bids, discussed probable income, uses & expenses. We decided not to buy the machine this year. We will continue to rent it from another company for the remainder of this school year.

Art Mirrors-a glass company donated all the mirrors to the art class. The art teacher received enough donations to purchase stands for the mirrors & a few other supplies.

President's report-Audra asked for volunteers to go to two meetings in her place. Lisa will go to the February 26th meeting & Angela will go to the March 26th meeting to give the VAPO report. The VAPO/Board dinner has been scheduled for April 24th.

Fundraising goal-we reviewed stage bids for new building, but no action will be taken until after Spring Festival. We discussed ideas for a construction t-shirt contest in

conjunction with Spring Festival & possibly a contest to create the t-shirt design. We also discussed selling bricks with students names on them to be used in landscaping around the new building as a possible fundraiser.

Book Fair Wrap up report-the financials have not been completed but preliminary numbers look good considering the economic climate. There will be more information about this at the next meeting.

Fall BBQ wrap up report-report pending.

Book Fair Art contest-report pending.

Box Tops Report-we have collected over \$1,800 so far. We are anxious to see how much we earned from the Target promotion. We should receive a check in December for our first shipment that was made in October.

Directory report-Audra should have the directories back from the printer & ready to be distributed the week of November 17th. Tracey Young helped with this project & has a plan for getting this done earlier next year.

Social Studies Curriculum report-Laura reported that the review period is coming to an end shortly & encouraged everyone to take time to review the material & complete a survey.

Spirit Day Shirts report-May reported the ordering went well with over 350 shirts ordered. Another order flyer will be coming out in mid-January 2009.

Caught Being Good program-volunteers are needed to work lunch shifts 1 time per month. Everyone was encouraged to send contact names to Audra.

Spring Festival report-Vickie Lowery has set up six sub-committees to prepare for this event. It is scheduled for March 7th, 2009 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Esperanza Elementary, 251 W. Mohawk, Phoenix, AZ 85027. This is only approximately 2 minutes from our school. She is working on getting some popular mascots to come to the festival.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 17th at 8:15 a.m. in the library.