

VAPO Meeting  
September 10, 2009

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

Council Members present: Pamela Silva, Jeff Diesing, Lisa Schulte, Laura Nicholls, Dawn Peabody, Rachelle Kramer, Mindy Rupley, Heather Loveless, and Raquel Carroll.

Visitors: Fourteen visitors were present.

August meeting minutes were approved by email vote. Jeff made a motion to approve; Rachelle seconded the motion; motion approved.

Committee updates:

Parent Communications: Homeroom Parent Breakfast is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45 a.m. in the VAPO Parent Room.

Curriculum: Book reviews will start on now that library is open. Laura is trying to get more books for boy on the Recommended Reading List; Dawn will order books from Scholastic based on RRC. Laura explained procedure for how books are reviewed. We will be buying classroom sets for 7/8 grade classes.

Fundraising: Talent show committee meeting is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. Audra had handout outlining how the talent show will be conducted. October 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 p.m. show is for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 7:00 p.m. show is for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Auditions are scheduled to be held October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Cookie dough sales are underway. The Quick-start contest ended and prizes were awarded. Pickup dates are October 7<sup>th</sup> for last names A-M and the 8<sup>th</sup> for N-Z.

Spring Festival raffle baskets-we discussed increasing the percentage of the proceeds that goes back to teachers for their class from 20% to 50%.

Jamba Juice is available to come to any event if we choose.

Walk-a-Thon thank you notes with tax receipts need to be sent out.

Acrylic box for donations-per Mrs. Szostak, it is not a good idea to have a visible money collection receptacle because it invites a multitude of problems. We will research setting up an account with a bank where donation deposits can be made.

Labels Collection meeting was held September 10<sup>th</sup>. Collectors were assigned and Kick-off Contest label submissions will be counted to determine the winning class. The ice cream party will be scheduled with the teacher of that class. We will not collect Capri Sun juice pouches

because they are too labor intensive and messy for the minimal amount of income we would receive from them.

Library: Book Fair theme is “Reading Around the World”. Planning meetings are scheduled for every Tuesday beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup> through October 27<sup>th</sup> in the library at 8:15 a.m. The library will be open this week, but will be closed next week for DIBELS testing. Library volunteer training meetings are scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.

Non-academic: Order forms have been sent out for the Limited Edition Spirit Day T-shirts. We discussed selling the traditional t-shirts as well and decided that both should be offered. Heather will check with Tim Crow about the price for the regular Spirit Day t-shirts. We may use the same vendor as last year. If changing vendors, we need to get three competitive bids & vote on whether to change vendors.

Used uniforms-we will accept trade for payment. Two items of good quality may be traded for one item rather than donating items and paying for other items. Heather will put this in the October newsletter.

Office support: Lisa is working on a program for the family directory.

School support: Raquel needs volunteers for DIBELS testing next week to escort kids from their classes to library. She has entered all the volunteer forms & will print lists for each committee by next Thursday.

Student relations: Great Skate was a huge success with approximately 200 participants. The proceeds from this event will go toward 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation and dances. The fall dance is scheduled for Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

Recognition: a planning meeting is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:15a.m. Mindy will send out a note on Messenger explaining what the Recognition Committee does.

Parent comments:

Parent No. 1 stated that she was not in favor of the class contest for Cookie Dough. She felt that her child was being pressured to sell so the whole class can get a popsicle party. Audra explained that this contest was designed purely to increase sales and has been proven to work in the past. No one in the class will know who did/did not participate in the sales. She suggested that parents who prefer to simply make a donation rather than buying/selling cookie dough can donate \$4.40; the amount of pure profit the school receives from each item.

Parent No. 2 asked about getting “do not enter” signs on one-way roads. Per Mrs. Szostak, they are on order and are awaiting approval from city before they can be installed.

Parent No. 3 asked about the Albertson’s grocery store cash for schools program. Rachelle said we have not received the cards. She will find out if they can be ordered.

Dawn Peabody asked if the administration needed help loading & unloading kids in the pickup/drop-off areas. Mrs. Szostak said she would prefer parents not do this job.

Parent No. 4 inquired about the amount of money we get from Fry's grocery stores for purchases. Per Rachelle, we earn 3% of purchases from Fry's. Per Jeff, we made approximately \$2,000 from purchases made at all grocery stores combined.

Lisa Schulte asked Mrs. Szostak if there is provision for emergency exit in pickup lanes. She said she would move traffic to clear lanes if needed. She is trying to work out several traffic issues over the next few weeks.

Old Business:

Vapo room guidelines-no comments were made.

Conflicting calendar scheduling dates-Dawn will move book fair meetings into the library.

Pam is waiting to hear from Heidi about computer software license agreements for MS Office and Publisher.

Budget:

Fundraising budget updated to add a line item for talent show.

School support budget increased to \$350 to pay for ink cartridges & cards. A parent is donating \$5 per month for volunteer gift.

Campus pride-someone asked whether the budget should be increased for more playground balls for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Per Mrs. Szostak, we have plenty of balls; behavior issues are why they are not getting to play with them.

Laura motioned to revise budget; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn, motioned approved.

New business:

Hopscotch striping-the company who is striping the basketball courts will also take care of this.

A new Arizona flag not needed; Mrs. Szostak found one that is in good condition and is currently being used.

Articles of Incorporation-Heidi may know where these are filed.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15a.m. The location may be changed due to Cookie Dough distribution.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.