

RAPT Meeting 2016

Minutes Subject to Approval at Next RAPT Meeting

September 21, 2016

2015-2016 Council Present:

Vanessa Appleton, Co-Chair
Krista Sevdalis, Co-Chair
Christine Shin – Co-Treasurer
Hanna Kamal, Exec Council Member
Georgia Panagiotopoulos, Exec Council member
Kelly Pellegrino, Secretary - not present
Jessica Tinkler, Exec Council Member – not present
Amran Abocar, Exec Council Member

Staff Present:

Ms. L. Chadder, Principal
Ms. Gerri Gershon, Trustee (6pm-6:45pm)
Ms. R. Ormos, Classroom Teacher
Ms. P. Aitken, Classroom Teacher
Mrs. R. Mirza, ECE
Ms. Pella Gardiner, Day Care Representative

Call to Order at 6:05pm

Location: Rippleton P.S. Staffroom

1) RAPT Welcome

1. Welcome to Trustee Gerri Gershon

Gerri Gershon's Report

- A presentation on TDSB's proposed change for elementary, middle/jhs and high schools
- PART: Program Area Review Team evaluating under enrolled and overpopulated schools based on long term program and evaluation study
- Part 1 of feasibility study: In 1998, decision was made to move all grade 9 classes from Junior High Schools to High schools, changing schools to Middle schools (grades 6-7-8) and High Schools (9-10-11-12)
- Also Windfields JHS and St. Andrews JHS remained as Junior High Schools because York Mills was overpopulated and could not absorb the grade 9 classes
- Now in 2016, York Mills is under enrolled and is in danger of closure
- Also Rippleton PS is overpopulated (as are many other elementary schools in the area) and is foreseen to have additional portables in the very near future; other schools such as Broadlands PS, Thorncliffe Park PS, and Fraser Mustard PS are also overpopulated
- Also Demographic shifts, closure of grade 13 making High Schools only a three year program, and full day kindergarten has made it necessary to look at changing the system to accommodate the situation

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- Part 2 of feasibility study: One delegate from each of the TDSB schools (parent) and the principals of all TDSB schools will form an advisory committee to the board of trustees, who make the final decision; they will meet on September 27
 - The primary focus is to keep all schools open, with reasonable numbers of students, and minimal transition disruption
 - On October 20, around 7pm, (at York Mills Collegiate, there will be a **public meeting** to hear everyone's concerns; meeting open to all *2nd meeting added Oct.17th 7:00pm YMCI
 - It is Gerri's understanding that Optional attendance will be grandfathered so that those students and their siblings are allowed to continue on the path they anticipated
 - Feedback from community and advisory committee will be included in report of board of trustees
 - On a separate note, you are all welcome to join Gerri and our superintendent monthly meetings at Longos cafe on Laird
 - There are also night forums with Gerri and various speakers that all are welcome to attend
2. Thank you to Gerri Gershon for detailed presentation
- Vanessa and Krista explained any questions and/or concerns regarding PART can be sent to RAPT. The Co-chairs are our community/parent voice at these PART Committee Meetings
 - *The instructions to access the PART DOCUMENTS
 - Go to www.tdsb.on.ca/accommodationreviews
 - Find program area reviews
 - 2016-York Mills CI cluster review
 - Then expand helpful information section
 - Presentation pdf
 - There are 3 scenarios being discussed; 1. Status Quo
 - 2. Middle School Model JK-5, 6-8, 9-12
 - 3. Senior School Model Jk-6, 7-8, 9-12
 - As well as a change to our feeder school boundary (pg 21). Rippleton would track into Windfields only
3. Welcome to all the parents and staff
4. Vanessa A. motioned to approve May 2016 minutes, Hanna K. & Amran approved

1) Principal's Report - Ms. Chadder

1. Welcome to parents and staff: Introduction of Staff Representatives Rahila Mirza, ECE, Reba Ormos, Teacher, Pamela Aitken, classroom teacher, and Pela Gardiner, Rippleton Roadsters rep
 - Rippleton Roadsters Childcare has over 200 students at Rippleton and over 120 students at St. Bonaventure school
2. Rippleton student numbers are as projected; but we have reasonable numbers in classrooms: Kindergarten classes have 28 students each with an ECE in each; Junior classes are around 25 students in each
3. First three weeks were very eventful, possibly due to our very young majority population; as a result, administration is reinforcing rules for play scape, enforcing schedules for soccer field and baseball diamond
4. A child broke her arm at lunchtime recess earlier in the month, Staff, teachers and daycare are working on safety and reinforcing consistent expectations
5. Roof work is ongoing, TDSB installing solar panels
6. Terry Fox is next week; hoping to raise \$3000 – Toonie Tuesdays children are encouraged to bring \$2
7. Leadership opportunities at school are being given to grades 5 & 6
8. Overnight Grad trip will be for 4 nights this year, from January 24 till January 27; It will accommodate grade 5s if they are to graduate this year – Grad Trip Info meeting Oct 19th 6:00
9. Opportunities for parents if interested to coach or assist in coaching staff; if interested in becoming a coach, you must attend community coaching session; forms can be picked up from office
10. Criminal record check is obligatory for all parents interested in coaching, and parents volunteering at the school; if parents are to volunteer more than three times throughout this academic year, then they must have a criminal record check; this includes scientists in school, coaching, outings, pizza lunches... Forms are in the office; fee of \$20 paid by parents to Toronto Police Services
11. Ms. Chadder, Ms. Reyes and one of the RAPT co-chairs will attend a TDSB seminar to learn the system so all money related collections can be made online

2) RAPT Treasurer's Report

1. Budget report by Christine S. attached
2. For sports related outings, RAPT will pay for one supply teacher so one teacher to accompany the students; and teachers will rely on parents to accompany them to assist. There will always be enough supervisors for the number of students but RAPT will sponsor one supply teacher per event

3. The supply teacher support fund will also apply to teachers wishing to take students to ARTS, STEM related activities/conferences as well.
4. Vanessa A. motioned that an additional \$100 to be given for teachers' Classroom recess bin (increased from \$200 to \$300 per class); Georgia P. and Christine S. approved the motion

3) RAPT Report (Fundraising & Events)

1. Thank you to Valentina for decorating our school entrance for the fall season
2. RAPT Funded School Activities
 - Thank you to all parents who attended welcome coffee on the first day of school
 - Thank you to all parents who attended the kindergarten meet & greet; 45 parents attended
 - Halloween Dance is scheduled for October 31; Thanks to Sergio who will be donating his time and DJ company all day; Please volunteer online <http://signup.com/go/2cKexW>
3. RAPT Information Package & Forms
 - RAPT forms (pizza, email/volunteer, direct donation) are now past due, return outstanding forms ASAP
 - Need class reps for Ms. Meijer and Ms. Wakabayashi classrooms -filled as of Sept. 30th
4. 2016-2017 Fundraising Calendar
 - Please see attachment of fundraising calendar, decided upon in an open meeting at the end of last academic year
5. New RAPT Website is www.RAPT.ca; check it out for all RAPT news
 - School information
 - Activities links
 - Calendar
 - All about us
 - Volunteer links
 - Shop for spirit wear -not a fundraiser, to promote community and school spirit
 - Events, messages & contacts listed
6. After the Bell Activities:
 - A few activities are planned to start in this fall session, including art, coding and Karate
 - forms were sent home September 26th
 - programs begin Oct. 11th

4) **Grade 6 Grad Fundraising Committee**

- Committee has not been formed yet
- Please contact RAPT if you'd like to be a part on the graduation planning

5) **Other Business, Comments & Questions**

- A parent raised concern regarding safety of Leslie/Rippleton intersection; Next Steps: to bring up issue to trustee (possibly a city issue) re: the possibility of traffic light at that intersection
- Prologue performance choices to be decided upon at the next RAPT meeting

6) **Support for a Rippleton Family**

- A Rippleton Kindergarten student has been taken ill with a brain tumor
- Her Kindergarten class is preparing a basket to send to her at the hospital
- RAPT will donate to the family from the Goodwill RAPT fund that was established in previous years
- Possible ideas to support parents include asking her nurses for what she needs, supplying a hospital parking pass, and donating meals for the family
- RAPT will reach out to the family and figure out a way to best support them- follow-up at next meeting

7) **2016-2017 Council Members Election**

- 8 members were nominated and therefore no voting required, all 8 members are elected
- Members are:
 - Krista Sevdalis (Co-Chair)
 - Vanessa Appleton (Co-Chair)
 - Christine Shin (Treasurer)
 - Georgia Panagiotopoulos
 - Kim Proud
 - Tania Somerville
 - Jo Arbus (Secretary)
 - Stravroula Zontanos

8) **Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm. Next RAPT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 26, 2016 at 6pm, in the staff room**