

# RAPT Meeting 2016

Minutes Subject to Approval at Next RAPT Meeting

November, 23 2016

**2016-2017 Council:**

- Vanessa Appleton, Co-Chair
- Krista Sevdalis, Co-Chair
- Jo Arbus, Secretary
- Christine Shin, Treasurer
- Tania Somerville, Exec Council Member (absent)*
- Kim Proud, Exec Council Member
- Georgia Panagiotopoulos, Exec Council Member
- Voula Zontanos, Exec Council Member (absent)*

**Staff:**

- Ms. L. Chadder, Principal
- Ms. R. Ormos, Classroom Teacher
- Mrs. P. Aitken, Classroom Teacher
- Mrs. R. Mirza, ECE
- Miss. McIntosh, Classroom Teacher
- Pela Gardiner, Daycare Rep for Roadsters (absent)*

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**Call to Order at 6.02 pm**

**Location: Rippleton P.S. Staffroom**

**1) RAPT Welcome** -Vanessa and Krista

- a) Welcome to all the parents and staff. Thank you for joining us.
- b) Vanessa motion to approve Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. Kim & Jo approve.

**2) Principal's Report** - Mrs. Chadder

- Mrs. Chadder welcomes everyone in attendance
- a) Recent & Upcoming School Happenings
- Parent-teacher interviews- Great turnout, hopefully everyone had the chance to connect with their child's teacher. Next set of report cards will go home in February 2017 (interviews will be by request for this next term)
  - Girls basketball - tournament next week

- Boys Volleyball – tournament on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Denlow & Rippleton joint co-ed ice hockey team. Tryouts in the next week or so.
    - \* 5 or 6 games then playoffs
    - \* grade 6 team (grade 4 & 5s welcome to come try out)
  - Teacher run Lunch Clubs -Indoor winter time at lunch will begin in the new year. More information will come home from the teacher(s) leading the club
  - Holiday Craft Night Dec 14th
    - \* Grade 1-3 choir singing in the gym
    - \* Grade 6 Bake sale in the gym
    - \* Jr. Choir will perform
    - \* Mrs. Ormos's class playing recorder
    - \* Carolling in the gym by Charmaine's choir
    - \* Scholastic Book sale upstairs in library
- For Craft night - each classroom gets \$100 budget (from Roadsters & School)

b) School Budget

- available on TDSB website and attached to the end of these minutes
- total amount available form the board for whole school year \$57432 (343 students) \$167.00 per student
- this amount covers everything (for example: the photocopier, paper, learning supplies, textbooks, furniture, instructional materials, paper towel, band aids and first aid, addition computers, sports equipment, field trip buses, referee fees, supply teachers, etc.
- Some of the budget is designated funding and must be used for the specific allocation. Library, Parent Council, Professional Development, Special Education, and technology.
- Once the deductions from the areas mentioned have take place it only leaves \$135.50 left per student.
- Classroom teacher given \$25-30 per student to run classroom for the year – art supplies/paper/books/tissues etc.

-Mrs. Chadder thanked RAPT for their fundraising efforts. A lot of the school/student experiences can only occur due to fundraising money. RAPT last year contributed towards individual classroom budgets, French programming, the physical education department, the music department and special education resources, scientists and artist visits, Anti-bully programming, playground equipment, technology training and computer upgrades.

c) 2016-2017 School Wish List

- Board key areas school improvement:
  1. Mathematics - focus for student achievement
  2. Student well-being - healthy active lifestyles (mindfulness, eco initiatives)
  3. Equity of programming- not all children learn the same way- benefits of current technology
  
- Technology primary focus- specifically ipad/laptop sets for classrooms.
  - \*Some Grade 5s & 6s are bringing their own devices
  - \* Looking for 30 ipads on a cart - 1 for upstairs and 1 for downstairs
  - \* Ipad, cart and grips \$6000 for 10 (5 ipads per cart)

-Direct donations are significantly down from previous years (been steadily decreasing year after year)  
 -Discussed different options to increase funding available for further ipads etc in the future.  
 -Possibly next year only include 1 Science in School per class and instead if teacher decides they would like to charge per additional scientist in school/arts (like a field trip etc)  
 -re-allocate RAPT's designated scientist-in-the-schools fund to buy more technology-STEM equipment  
 -this will need to be decided in June for the following school year as it was already allocated for this school year

- Krista motioned to approve RAPT allocating \$20000 technology - for 30 ipads *and 5 computers for computer lab*  
 -Christine noted that \$5000 had already been allocated for the 5 computers in the lab
- Committee approved unanimously the spending on technology purchases

3) **RAPT Treasurer's Report** – Christine

- a) Spending- No major spend to report at this time. The 2015-2016, spend was about 70K. If we decide to commit to the 20K ipad purchase, we need to be careful about our spending as it is tight from our budget planning perspective in 2016-2017. however we should be good enough.
- b) **Direct Donation**- At that time, the DD total was not confirmed. Krista mentioned about 13K or 14K.

4) **RAPT Report (Fundraising & Events)**- Vanessa and Krista

- a) Halloween -It was great day, DJ set up took a little longer, the kids didn't start dance until 9:15  
each class decorated a pumpkin, students and parents really liked the school spirit of the carving display
- b) Movie Night(s)
  - o Preschool-grade 1 December 9<sup>th</sup> – Finding Dory 40 families so far signed up, need many more volunteers – Popcorn, pizza and drink will be served
  - o 2nd movie night Jan 19th grade 2-3's
  - o 3rd movie night grade 4-6 in spring Date to TBD
- c) Mitten Tree - will be up all of December starting the 1<sup>st</sup>. Please donate NEW mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks (new & gently used boots and snowsuits are welcome too)  
-Donations will be given to TDSB students as well as taken to New Circles Community Services
- d) Holiday Potluck Luncheon this Wednesday 7th December- great school community event  
\* need parents to volunteer and sign-up for a potluck dish

5) **Quick Bits...**

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Prologue Performance- tentatively booked (in April) a 2nd performance - Tribal Dance – Mrs. Aitken recommended we go with this performance group based on teacher feedback.
  - Krista puts forward motion
  - Kim and Christine approve

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-1<sup>st</sup> Prologue Performance will be December 19<sup>th</sup>- Duffle Bag Theatre Group

b) PRO-Grant Speaker(s) – Kim

-Beverley Cathcart-Ross from last year will speak on a new topic Setting Limits - hopefully beginning of February (Topic- Setting Limits)- Parents really enjoyed her last year.

-Sarah Westbrook- speak to students during the day and parents at night (Antibullying)- March 29<sup>th</sup>

c) Valentine's Dance-a-thon- Georgia & Vanessa

-Magen-boys so late last year-totally had to reschedule all day - it became very challenging.

-Do we give them another chance?? anyone have other options? open to suggestions.

6) **Grade 6 Grad Fundraising Committee** -Vanessa/Krista – Miss McIntosh

a) Events- Used Book sale was November 17<sup>th</sup> - raised approx. \$1100

-Bake Sale Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

b) Grad Trip – January 24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> (4 day trip) to Camp Muskoka.

-An Information night was held and forms were handed out.

-26 x Grade 6 students graduating. Cost per student \$410 meals, transportation.

c) St. Andrews and Windfields will be hosting information nights/open houses in the new year.

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

- Pizza Lunch - Parent brought up concern regarding the recycling of juice boxes on pizza lunches. Parents supervising pizza lunch will be asked to remind students to empty box, throw out straw in the garbage and recycle juice box  
-Kids should be reminded to bring in reusable plastic plates for pizza lunch. (teachers in agendas, eco club announcement, school call out system) Parents delivering lunch to not automatically put pizza on paper plates to get all organised before students are ready. Wait to see how many have their own plate. Possibly buy class sets of plastic plates.

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- Family Literacy Day - Jan 27th. The Parent community would like to see would it recognized at school. (ie: dress as book character, parent invited to read to the class, author visit etc.)
- Sports Field – Parent concern that soccer field is an absolute mess. (\$50,000 given several years ago)
  - soccer field has been re-sodded and seeded
  - gym classes use lower field
  - Mrs Chadder still fighting to get pavement games painted (which was paid for already)

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 pm.**

**Next RAPT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 25th 2017 at 6pm, in the staffroom.**