

# RAPT Meeting 2017

Minutes Subject to Approval at Next RAPT Meeting

January, 25 2017

**2016-2017 Council:**  
Vanessa Appleton, Co-Chair  
Krista Sevdalis, Co-Chair  
*Jo Arbus, Secretary (absent)*  
*Christine Shin, Treasurer (absent)*  
Tania Somerville, Exec Council Member  
*Kim Proud, Exec Council Member (absent)*  
*Georgia Panagiotopoulos, Exec Council Member (absent)*  
Voula Zontanos, Exec Council Member

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

Call to Order at 6.04 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 & introduced council members.
- b) Vanessa motion to approve November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting Minutes. Krista and Pam approve.

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

- Mrs. Chadder welcomes everyone in attendance.
- a) Recent & Upcoming School Happenings
  - Grade 6 currently at Camp Muskoka and having a great time. Not a lot of snow, so there is a different activity focus than usual. They come back Friday.
  - Girls volleyball (have both a grade 5 and a grade 6 team) and boys basketball (have a combined 5/6 team)

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- Last Friday was a PA Day for reporting and assessment. Report cards go home Feb 15th, with interviews by request of parent or teacher on Feb 16 and 17. Only JK students will get a report this round, not SK. Both will get in June. The new kindergarten report card template will not be used this time.
  - Feb 22nd is Kindergarten Registration for new students. Parents are encouraged to bring the new student with them to this appointment. Don't know what next year's projected enrollment at this time. Rippleton will remain closed to optional attendance for 2017-2018. Children living in area and children in full time preschool presently and they will remain enrolled in childcare for September will be accepted. Siblings of current Rippleton students will be assessed on a case by case basis if they are not enrolled in childcare full time.
  - Teachers have organized lunchtime activities for the winter. Information about these clubs was sent out via weekly bulletin email. No activities for kindergarten students as not enough time at lunch, they need that time outside to play.
  - After school activities in the winter are limited due to caretaking of the school. There is a lot more to tidy up in the winter time, and limited use of classroom due to childcare needs. We are offering computers and yoga.
- b) Lock Down Drill - We had a lockdown drill last week. Lynn can send out protocols to parents, if there is interest. Schools need to do 3 practice fire drills in the fall and in the winter. As well as, a lockdown drill. Daycare had a fire drill on the Friday PA day.
- c) Parking & Kiss n' Ride— city is changing parking on Grangemill, 1<sup>st</sup> street off of Rippleton. No parking from 8-9 am, 3-4 pm Monday to Friday —on east side. Parents are encouraged to walk to school or use kiss 'n ride. Kindergarten students can use kiss 'n ride. Lynn will put info in her email on protocols of the kiss 'n ride. Supervision begins at 8:30, until the bell rings.
- d) PART Meeting update- Vanessa, Krista and Lynn attended the implementation planning meeting last week at York Mills. Now that the TDSB has voted to change programming to our area schools we will now have transition meetings. We discussed what needs to be done between now and June of this school year. Examples from the discussion at the first meeting were: looking at whether we have Grade 6 materials to transition to the middle school, will next year's graduation trip be a combined

trip and do we need to book it now, will we need to have 2 graduation ceremonies but one party, what needs to be arranged, etc.

- Lynn will begin to put together an in-school transition team of teachers, staff, parents, and possibly students. Parents are encouraged to bring forth questions and concerns so we can bring them forward at the board meetings to encourage a smooth transition for our students. What we need to do as a school community and what we would like to see from the Middle Schools.
- Students living within Rippleton’s boundaries currently have the choice of attending either St. Andrews or Windfields. This will continue.
- Currently new students living in the Bridlepath boundary can go to either Denlow or Rippleton. As of September 2018, they will be directed to Denlow, instead of having the choice between Rippleton and Denlow.
- Out of district kids attending Rippleton have the option to apply to the middle schools (Windfields and St. Andrews) by the same process they do presently (won’t be grandfathered). They will be accepted on a case by case basis. There is no guarantee for Rippleton students who are out of district. However, they have typically been given priority so they can stay with their friends. And projected numbers at middle schools makes it look like they will have room over the next 10 years.
- Extended French will move from Dunlace to Denlow. Grade 4 students beginning the French Program in September 2017 will stay at Dunlace until the end of Grade 5.
- Gifted students will continue to go from Denlow to St Andrews.

3) **RAPT Treasurer’s Report** – Vanessa and Krista (on behalf of Christine)

a) Budget Update. Vanessa read Christine’s financial summary as of Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.

1. Direct Donation total collected \$12,305
2. Northern Karate Donation \$840
3. Pizza/Burrito Lunch – \$27,000
4. Movie Night (PreK-k-Gr1)- \$468.30
5. Grade 6 Grad - \$2,301

Spend Detail \$18,000

Commitments carried over from 2015-2016

Teacher Technology Training \$2,750 spend \$1,362

French Program-technology \$5,000 spend \$4,745

2016-2017 Spend

Scientist in the School – \$3,383

Art Related event (Grade 1 Classes)- \$900

School Shows- Prologue- \$3, 356

Transportation for X-country \$2,101

Grade 6 Graduation- RAPT Fund - \$500

Terry Fox & Halloween expenses - \$326

School Council Operating Budget- Gifts, welcome back coffee, Etc. - \$1,469

- Around \$200 was made at Gr. 2-3 movie night.
- Lynn – French material purchased is technologically based. Mrs. Stigas is off on medical leave (pregnancy) then mat leave. Mrs. C staying on as an LTO to teach French and music for rest of year. Kids love new French materials. Mrs. C will attend a training session in February to give her further insight on implementing the new programme. Mrs. C is working on a recorder program for grade 3 students and Orff instruments with the primary grades.
- Only grades 1 have used their artist credit for this year (\$300). Mrs. Aitken & Lynn will remind teachers to book an artist or a trip involving an artist. As well, Mrs. Chadder will ask about getting the mural in back stairwell completed.
- We've had one prologue performance in December. 2<sup>nd</sup> performance is schedule for May, Tribal Dance.
- Lynn made note that the Transportation spend is for both transportation and supply teachers for sports teams since September. Operating expenses should include external photocopying costs. Misstated on financial summary.

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- Next year RAPT's donation to graduation will be doubled because of the double co-hort. Something we need to keep in mind.
  - Lynn –There is insurance for school council- parents assisting at school while at school through TDSB. That is another expense to include in operating expenses.
- 4) **RAPT Report (Fundraising & Events)-** Vanessa and Krista
- a) Vanessa – thanked staff for their assistance with programs/clubs this winter. Students are really enjoying the extracurricular activities at lunchtime and the sports teams.
  - b) Had 2 movie nights since our last meeting- preschool-grade 1 and grade 2-3. Next year we will return to preschool/kindergarten and 1-3, due to number of children and parents in the gym. Need more volunteers to run these events.
  - c) Mitten tree was a success. Donations were taken to New Circles and they were greatly appreciated.
  - d) Holiday potluck luncheon was also a success. About 100 people attended. Left overs were donated to local charity.
  - e) PRO Grant speaker coming Feb 9 @6:30, she will start speaking at 7. Beverley Cathcart-Ross, same speaker as last year, different topic "setting limits" Flyer went home with students. Babysitting provided for school aged children.
  - f) Valentines Dance a thon- Dancers and DJ have been hired. More interactive than Halloween dance. Sergio same DJ as Halloween but will coordinate music with dance routines. Looking for \$25 gift card donations that would excite kids in the school. For every 10\$ raised they get 1 raffle ticket. Top class gets ice cream party. Pledge form can be downloaded on [www.rapt.ca](http://www.rapt.ca) Lynn will send out dance schedule to parents. We are starting the dance later in the day to avoid delay in starting if set-up takes longer. Website is set up for volunteers, link can be accessed on [www.rapt.ca](http://www.rapt.ca) Grade 2's will dance upon returning from their field trip.
  - g) Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> is Literacy Day students are encouraged to wear spirit wear/colours or dress as a favourite book character

5) **Quick Bits...**

- a) Mrs. Aitken – Mental Health and Wellness week. She was at school where they did a lot for it – yoga, wellness, spa... Brought website ideas from previous school. Suggesting doing here the week of May 8-12. Tribal Dance is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> but could tie into the week of events. All in attendance at the meeting were interested in holding a wellness week. Mrs. Aitken will need parent volunteers to help coordinate. Vanessa will send email to class reps. Mrs. Aitken will research experts and let us know at the next meeting if she needs financial support.
  
- b) Hot lunch program – Tania mentioned that parent, Trish Orzech, would like to invite Alphabet Kids to our next meeting. The group looked over the sample menu. Mrs. Chadder stated that the delivery person from the company will need to be here until all lunches delivered and no lunches to be served on our fundraising days. Extra lunches for regulars in case they forget. Lunches need to be labeled with the student’s name and school would like a kickback like the one LL provides. Mrs. Chadder cannot be responsible for the lunch delivery at lunch time, she has too many things going on. We will need to advise parents, specifically those parents who regularly use LL that Alphabet kids are coming to the next meeting.

6) **Grade 6 Grad Fundraising Committee** -Vanessa (on Behalf of the grad committee)

- a) Vanessa read the minutes from the last Grad meeting that were sent to her by Judy R.
  - they have 2,823.70 minus the 500 deposit for breakout
  - breakout will cost \$1,695 plus the photo booth (600 plus hst)
  
  - they’re thinking April 13 as our grade 4-6 Movie Night, must change the date as this week is Passover, Easter and Greek Easter
  - possibly looking at Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>?– Date TBD
  - the committee will work the movie night and grads will help as well
  
  - they will send out a letter asking parents for a print photo of their child as a baby for a guess who wall at the grad ceremony-letter to go out in Feb

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- grad ticket letter-decided they won't charge parents if they want to come and/or possibly making the party kid only? There was discussion that they could change the ticket price from \$25 to \$20 and maybe less as fundraising is going well-will re-evaluate after Movie Night.
- Keepsake- Suzy will price out and get back to us (some collage of all the kids on a plaque that kids can sign), discussed that this could be done instead of a yearbook and the paddles.
- Reviewed the decorations for the ceremony (a few of us should go to put the order in-they deliver the day of)
- b) parents at the RAPT discussed Freezie Fridays- parents would like less of them (1 or 2 Fridays May-June) and offering an alternative to the freezie. Pre-order form so that kids aren't bringing money.

## 7) Other Business, Comments & Questions

- Krista -BBQ – will hold a meeting soon, after March Break. Need new entertainment company. Looking for someone to take on responsibility of silent auction.
- Vanessa- Loveable Labels- Jessica will check account and order more flyers to be sent home at kindergarten registration. Vanessa will do a reminder email to class reps. Lost and found is growing rapidly.
- Mrs. Chadder – Spring concert/open house is in discussion. Possibly an outdoor informal concert is being considered. Looking at things like: renting of chairs, sound system, etc. If any parent can help access this equipment let Mrs. Chadder know.
- Krista – asked if there would be student council this year? Mrs. Chadder not sure. Students are being giving leadership responsibilities.
- Lynn – School needs alternate lunchtime supervisors. Vanessa suggested Lynn send out a message to parents in weekly bulletin or through parent reps. It is a paying position.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm.**

**Next RAPT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 8th 2017 at 6pm, in the staffroom. Following meeting which will include staffing will be on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**