

RAPT Meeting 2017

Minutes Subject to Approval at Next RAPT Meeting

March 8th, 2017

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

Staff:
Ms. L. Chadder, Principal
Ms. R. Ormos, Classroom Teacher
Mrs. P. Aitken, Classroom Teacher
Mrs. R. Mirza, ECE

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. No Alphabet Kids Presentation at this meeting. It will be rescheduled.
- b) Vanessa motion to approve Jan 25th Meeting Minutes. Kim & Krista approve.

2) Principal's Report - Mrs. Chadder

- Mrs Chadder welcomes everyone
- **Enrollment for 2017-2018** school year is approximately as anticipated. JK enrollment a little lower but overall consistent.

* TDSB announced this week children who turn four after the first day of school can wait another year to start JK (parents of children born in October, November and December now have a choice as to whether they delay the start of school). These children would enter in JK the following year and continue with this cohort throughout school. This should not affect many September 2017 starts, however Ms Chadder will follow up with the applicable parents.

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- * This is optional (not mandatory) - but may be a good option for children born prematurely or children that still need naps etc. Full day kindergarten is a long day for the littlest of children
- March 21st is school staffing allocation meeting – information will be shared at next RAPT meeting
- **Recent & Upcoming School Happenings**
 - * Boys basketball and girls volleyball finished
 - * Co-ed volleyball is in progress
 - * Hockey team - fun game tomorrow
 - * Almost time for track & field and soccer
 - * Lunchtime winter clubs end this week
 - * hip hop dance, coding, and both choirs to continue into spring
 - * Guitar club restart in April (this is an outside program and payment made by student)
- **Technology Update-** iPad Charging carts have arrived and Mrs. Tam has unpacked and organized them. Waiting for IT to load software (hopefully over March Break) and set up security measures. Already have 10 existing iPads so should have 40 fully functional. Carts can hold 6 iPads not 5 as originally thought so the school may want to purchase 6 more iPads to fill carts.
- **Spring open house/concert** was discussed last week at staff meeting
 - teachers have formed a committee - trying to work out logistics
 - First week of May is Education Week - planning for Spring Open House/Concert during this week
 - inside vs outside? gym can only hold 100 chairs
 - outside - chairs? tent?
 - inside - maybe children perform in their classrooms and do 2 shows. Then choir and dance perform in the gym at set times
 - potential possibility of having it on 2 nights?
 - parents must be respectful and follow "rules". At winter craft night not all families were respectful during performances in the gym (leaving in the middle of performances, and not making space for parents who had children performing) etc.
 - to encourage parents to stay until the end Mrs. Chadder would like to have a grand finale and have all students perform at it.

- **Play Scape and parental supervision after school.**

Plea to parents - you must supervise your own children on the play scape after 3.15pm. The play scape has the possibility to be extremely dangerous if children are not using it as intended (climbing up the slides, walking on top of the monkey bars etc.). Parents must take responsibility for their children - complaints are being made by parents about other children's behaviour and lack of supervision.

- **Kiss and Ride/Parking Lot**

- still not being used safely
- some people trying to drive around stationary car dropping child - this is dangerous
- Officer Neil to come after March Break to help and assist
- Parking lot is strictly for Rippleton, Roadsters and other TDSB staff use only. Even if pylons are not in place.
- Students and parents walking should stay on the sidewalk in front of the parking lot entrance/near the kiss and ride and not cut across until adjacent to the school
- City of Toronto has issued a "Guide to safer streets near schools"
- Mrs. Chadder will send out a reminder of guidelines in weekly bulletin.

- **Ministry Mathematics Initiative**

- need to inventory all current math equipment
- what do we need to support math in classrooms?
- hopefully help improve EQAO score
- Also PD math initiatives - money from the ministry

- **EQAO dates**

- Grade 3 - May 24-26
- Grade 6 - May 30-June 1

- **Track and field**

- school event – whole school on May 2nd
- city only Grade 4 & 5
- area meet Grade 4 & 5 on May 17th

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- **Other Spring dates**

- Jump Rope for Heart- May 26th
- Play day - June 20th

- **Pooling resources** - Tania heard that there is talk of all money raised by PTAs being pooled and split amongst all schools. Mrs. Chadder to send email to Kathleen Garner asking for clarification

RAPT Treasurer's Report – Christine absent (Vanessa Reported)

* She feels there is no money to spend at this time (all funds were spent on iPads) -this is without total of Dance-a-thon money input. We need to be careful on spending as we need money for our prior commitments.

* Danceathon - raised close to our target! \$5952, 00, Not Sure Total After expenses -

RAPT Report (Fundraising & Events)- Vanessa and Krista

- Pro-grant with Beverley - she was good, however attendance low. Notes will be printed on bulletin board
- Next ProGrant - March 29th.
 - Primary (JK-G2) assembly concert - Superheros for respect. Junior (G3-G6) Healthy resilient mind matters. Parents at night - 3 habits of resilient families - 6-7.30pm
 - Songs for teachers to share with students
 - Mrs. Chadder to send flyer to other schools & Flyer was included in JK package at registration
- **Valentine's Day Danceathon**
 - * great success. Kids really enjoyed. Dancers and DJ worked well together- saved money
 - *21 gift cards donated to raffle (kids across the school received the cards)
 - * top fundraisers got \$50 gift card to Indigo
 - * top class got an ice cream sundae party.
 - * only 37.5% of kids participated in fundraising (ie/ collected any money)- aiming for increased participation next year
 - *next year- top fundraiser incentive be an experience vs. gift card to save \$200.00
 - *Suggestion--- if participation is 100% - maybe reward each class?
 - *Comment- staff engagement/promotion is important to increase participation

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* important to note however higher participation rate than last year.

- **Lovable labels Campaign** - \$176.80 in that acct. as of February 2nd
 - * Lovable label flyer will be included for JK gift bag at Welcome to Kindergarten night (no date for that evening yet - likely late May or early June)
- **BBQ/FUN Fair** planning meeting was held last week.
 - * Ecco Jay to pay for entertainment -\$4.5-5k
 - * A family donated \$1000 for photo booth.
 - * Burrito guy donated \$500 (maybe \$1000)
 - * looking for further \$500 donation (family or business) for ice cream/slushy machine
 - * no café with baked goods, just water and coffee, popcorn, and cotton candy
 - * Volunteer website will be set up- Simone and Voula in charge of volunteers on the day of BBQ
- **Silent Auction**
 - * when to do silent auction?? last year it wasn't very successful at BBQ Because those organizing it were also in charge of BBQ and got too distracted trying manage other things.
 - *Possibly do it at the spring open house or fair bbq very busy. (to decide at next meeting)
 - *-need someone to take charge of it.
 - *-print donation letter on letter head, for people to begin to collect donations.
 - *need to start canvassing businesses for donations
- **Quick Bits...**
- Mrs. Atiken- TDSB Children's **Mental Health and Wellness Week** - May 8-12th
 - * day full of healthy events and activities – Still working out details
 - * rocks and rinks curling - \$195 (gr. 1 -6)
 - * prologue native dance 6th (Jk-6)
 - * Mr Yee -to do yoga
 - * Mrs Ryckewaert - do something outside with nature and outdoor space
 - * Northern Karate - grade 2 and up self defence etc.
 - * Positively pets - bring in animals - have 15 classes -
 - * 5 x 3 staff with 3 animals (\$595 & HST) 40 mins time slots
 - * Krista Motioned to approve funding by RAPT for Positively Pets- if the Mental Health Committee decides to go ahead with them – It was approved by Georgia, Voula

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- * role of therapy dogs? sensory touch
- * tennis and rugby component
- * parents would like to see a mindfulness component

- **Grade 6 Graduation** Vanessa Reported (on behalf of Judy Rayman)
 - Movie Night 20th of April for Gr.'s 4-6 - School of Rock (PG) -Drop-off event
 - At spring open house/ concert - asked to do cupcake sale- Mrs. Chadder approved
 - Graduation Keepsake – will be a paddle, they have been ordered.
- **Lunch Time Meal Provider**- Alphabet Kids Presentation- POSTPONED

Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm by Georgia and seconded by Voula

Next RAPT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 5th 2017 at 6pm, in the staffroom.