

RAPT Meeting 2017

May 18th, 2017

Minutes Subject to Approval at Next RAPT Meeting

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
Georgia Panagiotopoulos, Exec Council Member
Voula Zontanos, Exec Council Member

Staff: Ms. L. Chadder, Principal

Call to Order at 6:05 pm

Location: Rippleton P.S. Staffroom

- 1) **RAPT Welcome** -Vanessa & Krista
 - a) Welcome to all the parents and staff.
 - b) Vanessa motion to approve April 5th Meeting Minutes. Voula and Kim approve.

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

 - **Recent & Upcoming School Happenings** (Sports, Spring School Events)
 - *Track and Field was a good day with over 70 children participating. Competition was stiff and although results are not finalized we have only about 7-8 students moving onto the next meet.
 - *Freezie/Ice Cream Fridays are starting as part of the Grade 6 fundraising.
 - *Rinks and Rocks Curling program was successful although consensus was that more time is required than just the 25 mins this time. Going forward we would request 2 days of the programme so that each class could get 40mins.
 - *Kindergarten Orientation was on May 17th. About 20 parents with their children attended. Each child saw the classrooms, meet the kindergarten team and received a bag of welcome goodies.

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-All of the Kindergarten teaching team (Markus, King and Beckford) has been recalled from the surplus list. They will remain the Kindergarten team for September 2017.

*\$1700.00 of new outdoor equipment for Kindergarten has been purchased.

*we are following up on the extra sandpit, volleyball posts and pavement painting of games

*June 15th (rain date June 16th) - Joint - Parent Appreciation Breakfast (8:15am) & Outdoor School Concert (9am-10pm) A stage will be borrowed and chairs rented. RAPT asked that parents are informed ASAP so that parents can book time off work. Next year RAPT hopes we can have an evening concert to accommodate working parents. Mrs. Chadder is working on some options for this.

*June 22nd – Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony and Celebration

*June 26th- Awards Assembly in the morning

- **Technology Update**

*ipads that were purchased have yet to be paid by RAPT. (the money needs to be transferred from one account to the other)

*The school has purchased 6 additional ipads from the school budget to fill the existing carts.

Depending on how much surplus RAPT has the school would like RAPT to consider covering the cost of these additional ipads.

- **Wellness Day Re-cap**

*Mental Health & Wellness Day -May 10th -went very well and was a very positive event for the students. All Classes rotated through various activities from art, yoga, planting and nature walks. Every class did Tennis, Hip Hop dance, and saw Pawsitively Pets. It was a very busy day and next year possibly events will be spread out throughout the week instead of just one day.

3) RAPT Treasurer's Report – Christine (Absent) -Vanessa Reported from Christine's notes

- **RAPT Budget Update**

*Need money to be transferred so ipad purchase can be accounted for, then council will know what is left to be spent or carried over for next year

*won't know what we have to spend until this money is accounted for

*next meeting will have to finalize spending and make plans for next year

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

- Update on RAPT Activities
 - *Krista and Vanessa attended Kindergarten Welcome event on behalf of RAPT to welcome new families and invite them to the BBQ
 - Prologue Tribal Dance – Recap
 - *was our 2nd Prologue Performance of the school year. They introduced students to traditional native dances. it was interesting for students however consensus was that they didn't spend enough time explaining what the different dances signified nor did they involved the children enough.
 - Map Contest
 - *Demo B. from Miss McIntosh's grade 6 class won the BBQ Map Contest. Thank you signs and banners are being made by the runners up.
 - Bottle Bonanza
 - *Has started- Tania is overseeing this event. Forms have gone and bottles are arriving. A reminder to families to send new items only. There will be an ice cream party for the class that brings in the most bottles.
 - BBQ-Fun Fair Plans
 - *BBQ order forms have gone home. They are due on the 26th. Pre-sale table will be in the front hall the week of the 29th. Prices go up on the event date.
 - *Class Reps will be asked to remind parents to sign-up to volunteer for their class event.
 - *each class has a specific link to sign-up at however, there is a main link for anyone who wants to help <http://signup.com/go/cstFjVf>

5) Quick Bits

- PROGRANT- Tony Lee is applying for our Pro-grant for next year. There are different rules and regulations to follow. In the past, our parent speaker evenings have not had a great turn out. Thinking about doing a teacher-parent-student hands-on evening around the topic of MATH and STEM. Together Parents-Students and Staff would engage in various activities, with the guidance of an expert.
- Judy Rayman who has been a wonderful RAPT volunteer is in her final month as a parent at the school. Among the many, many things she has done for the school she has organized pizza lunches for many years. RAPT would like to do something for her at our next RAPT meeting.
- RAPT 2017-2018 Positions- In September there will be a RAPT election for positions. Positions like the one Judy has filled will be open. As well, Krista can not continue as Co-chair now that she

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works for TDSB. Any willing and committed parents will be welcome to put their names in the election.

6) Other Business

- Team Uniforms- A request for new school uniforms for sporting events has been made. Current uniforms although they are not preferable are not old. New uniforms would be a huge expense. Consensus from teachers is that going forward we offer a dry-fit option through our spirit wear provider. Students could purchase and wear their own shirt to sporting events. Other schools use this option and it works well. students would be able to order it with their name and preferred number on the back. RAPT will consider this option.

7) Grade 6 Graduation - Vanessa Reported (on behalf of Judy Rayman)

*Toonie Frozen Treats- Will start this Friday. Pre-order forms went home.

-there are 4 dates- May 19th, May 25th, June 2nd and June 15th

-\$2.00 should be sent with students on these dates

*still looking for grade 6 parents to help serve on these days -the grade 6's will help too

*there is \$2170.27 in the Grad Account to date

*this year's graduation event is at Breakout Studios on June 22nd from (7pm-10pm) invitations have gone home. The event begins following the ceremony in the gym and reception at school

-Ticket for Graduating Students is \$25.00 and includes dancing/pizza/sundaes/photo booth

- Parents are welcome to stay their ticket is \$10.00

8) Questions, Concerns, Ideas...

*Is the school doing anything to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday? -Mrs. Chadder-there are some ideas been thrown around. Ms. Tam is teaching students some Canadian theme songs for the concert. Possibly have kids sing Oh Canada by Flag Pole, wear RED and White. Georgia will look into Nut Free Canada Cupcakes for students.

* Fundraising Meeting will take place at next RAPT meeting. As well, at the next meeting we will thank Judy R for her volunteer service and celebrate Mrs. Ormos' retirement, she has been the staff RAPT represented for a number of years. We will serve some treats at this meeting.

Call for Meeting adjournment at 7:56 pm by Vanessa and seconded by Kim and Tania

Next RAPT meeting is scheduled for Monday June 19th, 2017 at 6pm, in the staffroom.