

RAPT Meeting 2017

June 19th, 2017

Minutes Subject to Approval at Next RAPT Meeting

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

Staff: Ms. L. Chadder, Principal
Mrs. Ormos (teacher rep)
Mrs. Aitken (teacher rep)
Ms. Mirza (staff rep)

RAPT Celebration for Mrs. Ormos & Judy Rayman

-thank you for your commitment to RAPT over the years

Call to Order at 6.25 pm

Location: Rippleton P.S. Staffroom

- 1) **RAPT Welcome** -Vanessa
 - a) Welcome to all the parents and staff.
 - b) Vanessa motion to approve minutes from May 2017 Meeting
Georgia and Tania second
- 2) **Principal's Report** - Mrs. Chadder
 - Mrs Chadder welcomes everyone
 - **Recent & Upcoming School Happenings** (Sports & School Events)
 - both breakfast and concert were well attended

- Kindie playday today
- Gr 1-6 playday tomorrow
- Report cards out next Thursday (29th June)
- PA day Friday 30th June
- Staffing update:-
 - * Di Cesare – leaving for Blake PS
 - * Ms Lucas – becoming a fulltime teacher at Rippleton
 - * ESL/Sp Ed 0.5- looking to fill position
 - *Mrs. Ormos retiring
 - *Mr. Yee on year of leave for 2017-2018
 - *Mrs. McManus returning to Rippleton
- Staffing will go home in report cards, may change over summer right up until the first day
- Child’s class will be posted on first day of school in the yard -potential for call-out from school connects Friday before labour day
- Mey & Lynn busy wrapping up year end administrative tasks
- Potentially losing portable – down one class so now there is classroom space inside the school for French & Music, though board may keep on property from next year
- If students returning from vacation late into September – please let school know. it can affect staffing and re-arranging of classes, as only those students present the first week of school count in our official numbers for the board.

3) RAPT Treasurer’s Report – Christine

- **RAPT Budget Update**
 - still waiting for final numbers – will be finalized during summer after office admin. have settled the accounts with Christine. It is hard to know the exact numbers now as BBQ donations have been given to school Direct Donation account for a tax receipts however RAPT has been paying BBQ expenses out of our account.
 - *approx. \$10 000 clear from BBQ.
 - Mrs. Chadder and Mrs. Reyes will attend a workshop in the fall to get our school set-up for online payment

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

- **Update on current RAPT Activities**

- thank you to the staff for the wonderful Spring Concert and appreciation Breakfast. It was well received throughout the community. Still Parents would like it to be held at a more accessible time for everyone, however, everyone in attendance felt it was fabulous. As well, students would have liked to see each other perform at “Dress Rehearsal” so they can see the other class performances.
- RAPT provided the Bottle Bonanza winning class with an ice-cream sundae party.
- RAPT provided sliced watermelon for the kindergarten playday
- RAPT is providing freezies for Gr.’s 1-6 playday tomorrow
- RAPT year end wrap up
 - need someone to do the Silent Auction donation and BBQ vendor thank you letters – Georgia, Jo and Tania volunteered
 - Jo and Tania volunteered to do a Thank You letter to parents for their donations this year it will state the purchases that RAPT made with the fundraising money- this will go home in Report Cards.
 - RAPT Welcome Package for 2017-2018 needs to be revised and copied (Krista, Vanessa, Georgia and Tania will do this)
 - 1st day of School Welcome Back Coffee (all Parents welcome - in school Yard)
 - Kindergarten Meet & Greet (First week of school on Friday) a chance for Kindie parents to meet each other, RAPT members, the teachers, and administration
- Krista- there is a demand for Sports Shirts in performance material (dry-fit) and number on the back It was decided this should not be a RAPT expense, students can wear pinnies and they are not that old. however, it was agreed sports shirts look nicer when representing the school. If parents want to purchase a customized sports shirt they can. Rippleton logo on the front and Kids last name (safety reasons-not first name). Vanessa will see if our spirit wear provider can do this. with kids last name (safety reasons-not first name)
- BBQ-Funfair Re-cap- raised \$11,000 silent Auction Raised \$4100
 - It was a great day, weather was perfect. Next year, no ice cream machine stick to freezies and popsicles. Assigning classes to an event worked well, still need more parent volunteers. Set-up was well- organize. PA day before hand helped. Next year, flyer should clearly state what is included in the wristband purchase and the white tickets. Silent Auction could still do better, ideas on how to improve it. Perhaps a different event than bottle bonanza, class baskets or something, the bottles are not being filled correctly because Classes are getting overly competitive.
- Tony Lee working on Pro grant application- we find out approved amount in the FALL

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- **RAPT's Fundraising Calendar for 2017-2018**
 - The group discussed fundraising ideas for next school year and completed the plan
 - See attached calendar
- **RAPT's Financial Commitments for next school year**
 - the group revisited a previous meeting discussion where it had been suggested not paying for as many SITS visits next school year and using that excess money to purchase other Wish List items. **Can save roughly \$3000 by changing from 3 → 2 sessions per year.** The group in attendance decided the value of these visits was important and the council approved the same number of visits as 2016-2017
 - **Scientist in the School – 3 visits per class, 4 visits for split classes** (14 classes next year, 4 split classes) - 1 visit could be used for Logics Academy, a STEM workshop
 - \$1000 towards **graduation costs** (double cohort year)
 - 1 x **Arts based (drama, dance, visual arts) activity** for classes -in or out of school (up to **\$300 per class X 14 classes**)
 - **Supply Teachers** for sports/arts/STEM events (**amount based on last year costs**)
 - **Technology** – up to **\$5000 on computer upgrades**
 - **Prologue type performance**– Costs around \$3400 this year. 2 performances of each performance twice a year - allocate **\$4000 for 2017-2018**
 - **Anti Bullying/Self-esteem/Mindfulness Presentation -2017-2018 allocate \$1000**
 - based on previous year costs. -Sara Westbrook – (\$1000)- Her total cost was \$1500 (\$500 was used from Pro-grant for parent's workshop) & Previous year we used Concerned Kids (\$500)
 - Other financial commitments for 2017-2018
 - **Canopy covers** for existing metal tent frames (we need 2 x covers **\$495 each**)
 - **Outdoor volleyball playing area with net and sandbox (\$2000**-previously approved)

*All RAPT Council members unanimously voted to approve these commitments for 2017-2018

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5) **Grade 6 Graduation** - Judy Rayman

- Thursday 24th June, 2017. Graduation ceremony at school and reception at school to follow
- Following school reception the Graduation party will take place at – Breakout Studios
- All students and parents are invited to the party (no siblings)- Every student purchased a ticket and about 10 parents have paid for themselves

6) **Questions, Concerns, Ideas...**

- Canada 150. Red and White day. Thursday 29th June, 2017.
- Awards Assembly June 26th, 2017. Teachers will invite parents to come if their child is receiving an award.

Call for Meeting adjournment at 8:23pm by Vanessa and seconded by Georgia and Tania

Next RAPT Meeting and Council Election is scheduled for September 19th 2017 at 6pm, in the staffroom.