

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. Aitken (Teacher rep)  
 Ms. Mirza (Staff rep)

**Call to Order at 6.05 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 June 2017 Meeting, seconded by Georgia & Tania

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

- Mrs Chadder welcomes everyone back to school.
- It's been a good start to the new school year.
- Really busy in the office – there have been some challenging situations – trying to get necessary supports in place
- Enrollment exactly where it was anticipated it to be – we have 323 students. A few students haven't returned from extended vacation
- The primary classes have 20 students or under
- Junior classes are 26/27 students per class.
- No realignment of classes is necessary

## RAPT Meeting 2017

- RAPT Staff REPS- Ms Mirza and Mrs Aitken – will continue to be the staff/teacher reps on RAPT this year. Ms McManus will be coming to meetings when she can make it.
- Staffing update: - Mrs Orr – now halftime contract teacher - ESL and primary support  
Ms Lucas now fulltime teaching grade 3  
Ms McManus returned from leave- teaching French and music prep  
Gained Special Needs Assistant - Nina Garcia (also fluent in Spanish)
- School connects – email distribution list, used to send out weekly updates
  - Mrs Chadder intends to get first one out this week
  - please make sure school has your email address
  - TDSB also uses school connects so it is important to provide a phone number and email
- Excursion policies and Concussion Protocol-
  - TDSB – all policies around sporting events, excursions and accidents are all being revised after devastating incident this summer
  - Every excursion – now will be link to documents – including updated trip form
  - Any field trip location must be an pre-approved vendor by TDSB
  - In future – moving towards two staff members will accompany a class on an excursion as well as parent volunteers.
  - For sporting events – will now need at least 2 staff
  - Graduation trip – will need 6 staff to go to Camp Muskoka (can take up to 8 staff – however can't afford this) – a minimum of 2 adults must be male.
  - Concussion protocol – has been updated. Teachers will be speaking to all grades about concussions etc
  - If your child bumps their head – school will contact you and provide a form with details of incident and protocol that was followed
    - Q- Are Staff trained in first aid?
    - R- Many of the staff have been trained in first aid. As well as, many of the lunchroom supervisors (they work in the childcare). Mrs Chadder has asked for approval to use curriculum and planning assigned time on a P.A.Day to instead be used for first aid training- half the course can be done then, and the rest completed after school one day.
- Volunteer Screening Check
  - All parent volunteers need a TPS volunteer screening check – please ensure it is done. Mrs. Reyes has the forms in the office and it is a one-time fee. If you've done it previous years you need to declare it annually– please see Mrs Reyes in the office.

- **Parking Safety Reminders**
  - Reminder – parking lot is closed to parents all day (especially important at drop off and pick up)
  - At the end of school day - parents please wait outside by the trees away from doors
  - Some children have challenges – finding crowding in school and outside doors a trigger
  - Kiss & Ride – is open daily in the morning. All kids K-6 can use. Staff on duty from 8.30 in bus loop to help your child. All kids will be directed to walk past the front of the school through the kindie play area to school yard – no children to be walking through the parking lot or school.
  - Rainy days are always a challenge – children (grade 1-6) will be directed from kiss & ride into the gym where they will be supervised by staff until school starts. On rainy days kindie students can enter their class from Kindie door.
  
- **Recent & Upcoming School Happenings**
  - Curriculum night was great turn out
  - Cross country is currently happening & Mrs McCormick is spearheading – close to 200 children have signed up. Large number of children will be going to meet on October 4<sup>th</sup>. There will now be 2 forms to fill out for sports meets – sports meets are now also considered an excursion so parents/guardians will have to complete necessary forms
  - For first cross country meet will need 2 buses
  - October 16<sup>th</sup> – second cross country meet - will see how many kids and then decide on transport.
  - Soccer Tournaments later in October.
  - All parent drivers will need to have criminal record check and need to fill out a form each time they drive.
  - Nitwits next Tuesday. Please send in \$6.00 if you haven't
  - Terry Fox next Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept (raindate Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept) Parents are welcome to walk/run
  - Graduation Fundraising Planning meeting 28<sup>th</sup> September – 6:30
  - Grad Trip Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Camp Muskoka Info Meeting October 17<sup>th</sup> 6:15. double cohort graduating all students will be going on the trip together
  - Many leadership opportunities for our graduating students this year
    - Student Council – will not start until later this school year – Mrs. Chadder and Teachers will meet with students to discuss this process
    - Eco-club starting soon – each class will elect Eco-warrior's.
    - Grade 5/6 – kindie helpers at lunch time – bathrooms, ice, band aids, equipment, recess doors and lunch room

- No snacks outside for the time being – loads of buried fruit under wood chips – wasps are terrible. Many children being stung
- The school purchased a significant amount of hands on math equipment and teacher resources to support math programming
- EQAO results are published tomorrow
  - Grade 3 did very well.
  - Grade 6s did well in reading and writing. Did not do well in mathematics.
  - These were similar findings across the province.
  - Once have official results have been released we will see a further breakdown of results to learn where our children need support.
  - Primary math instruction– focus on open ended type work
  - Math scores have been going down over time
  - Junior staff (grade 4-6) will be meeting with learning coach to work out how to best support students in areas they need to improve in.
- Online payments for school/RAPT –. Mrs. Reyes going for training for this process in October. You will no longer need to send in cash/cheques into school - Will be able to do online payments for everything later this year –Hoping to be fully set up and ready to go in the new year. Parents will need to register online.

### 3) RAPT Treasurer’s Report – Christine

- RAPT Budget Update from end of the year 2016-2017  
(please note – all amounts have been rounded)
- Bottom line – income (net) - \$63000
- Big fundraisers -
  - Direct donation           \$12000
  - Pizza & Sub net           \$28000
  - Dance-a-thon – net       \$5000
  - BBQ net                     \$14000
- Big spends (\$60000)
  - French technology       \$12000
  - Technology – including 36 ipads and computers \$22000
  - Scientists in school     \$8000
  - Art related program     \$3000
  - Supply teachers           \$4000

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

- **Update on current RAPT Activities**

- First day of school Welcome Coffee – lots of parents new & returning, ran out of reg. coffee
- Kindergarten Meet & Greet – well attended – 38 parents. JK/SK parents, teachers, ECEs, Mrs Chadder and some RAPT members helped to welcome families to Rippleton
- Sports Shirts – all ordered (113) – should arrive before cross country meet. Children all got a number of choice however some had to choose a 4<sup>th</sup> choice.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Dance – info should be out after Thanksgiving
- RAPT Information Package forms due this week (Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>)! Direct Donation due Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>
- Class Reps – still in need of class reps for Mrs Ryckewaert, Mrs Miller, Mr Williams & Mrs McIntosh classes– very easy job, to act as liaison between RAPT and parents of class.
- 2017-2018 Fundraising Plan – was sent out in RAPT welcome package

**5) Graduation Fundraising Committee Report -Krista**

- Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> at Breakout Studios was booked for after party
- Freezies sold last Friday – raised approx \$350
- Used Book Sale in November. Donate gently used books

**6) 2017-2018 Council Member Election**

Introduction of Nominees -

- ➔ Georgia Panagiotopoulos– has been on RAPT for 3 years and has 3 children at Rippleton
- ➔ Voula Zontanos– has been on RAPT for 1 year and has 2 children at Rippleton
- ➔ Christine Shin – has been on RAPT for several years and has 1 child at Rippleton
- ➔ Mary Lambiris-Marshall– new to the school, and has 1 child at Rippleton and 1 in the Roadsters.
- ➔ Tania Somerville– has been on RAPT for 1 year and has 1 child at Rippleton
- ➔ Jo Arbus– has been on RAPT for 1 year and has 1 child at Rippleton
- ➔ Krista Sevdalis – has been on RAPT for 5 years (4 years as cochair) and has 2 children at Rippleton (needs to step down as co-chair (she is now a TDSB employee), would like to remain on RAPT)
- ➔ Vanessa Appleton- has been on RAPT for 2 years (as cochair) and has 2 children at Rippleton.

Parents present decided not to vote for 7 spots but to take 8 council members. Council will meet separately to decide on executive roles and responsibilities prior to next the next meeting.

7) **Questions, Concerns, Ideas...**

- After school activities
  - Krista explained that if parents want these programs we need someone to coordinate them
  - Mrs. Chadder explained many the many Challenges with hosting them
    - Roadsters are flourishing – numbers have increased – this means that they have spread to one upstairs classroom. Caretaking can't clean rooms that are being used for daycare until after 6pm and then they also wouldn't be able to clean rooms being used for after-4 programs. Leaving too much cleaning that must wait until after 6pm. The school does not receive extra money for caretaking
    - Some programs do not adequately supervise students or leave space acceptable
  - to make these programmes work we need:
    - someone (parent) onsite to supervise vendors for the duration of the class and release of students at the end
    - Maximum 1 classroom per evening (previously used up to 3 classrooms, however this doesn't leave time for night caregiver to clean)
    - Lunchtime programs are another possibility however very limited for space - portable and library only spaces that could potentially be used for programs during lunch. might work if we only offer 1 fall, 1 winter, 1 spring vendor
  - Parents should be aware that Teachers will be running clubs indoors over lunches in winter – including Primary and Junior choir which will start soon.
- Ms Dafos is holding the scholastic book fair - December 11-15<sup>th</sup> – she will need lots of parent volunteers, if you can help please let her know!

8) Call for Meeting adjournment at 7.51 PM by Vanessa and seconded by Tania

**Next RAPT Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at 6pm, in the staffroom.**