

RAPT Meeting 2017

Minutes Subject to Approval at Next RAPT Meeting

October 23rd, 2017

2017-2018 Council:
Vanessa Appleton, Co-Chair
Tania Somerville, Co-Chair
Jo Arbus, Secretary
Christine Shin, Co-Treasurer (absent)
Krista Sevdalis, Co-Treasurer
Georgia Panagiotopoulos, Exec Council Member
Voula Zontanos, Exec Council Member
Mary Lambiris-Marshall, Exec Council Member

Staff:
Mrs. L. Chadder, Principal
Mrs. P. Aitken, Teacher (absent)
Mrs. C. McManus, Teacher (absent)
Mrs. R. Mirza, ECE (absent)

Call to Order at 6.07 pm

Location: Rippleton P.S. Staffroom

- 1) **RAPT Welcome** -Vanessa and Tania
 - a) Welcome to all the parents and staff.
 - b) Vanessa Introduces the 2017-2018 school council

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Jo Arbus as Secretary
Christine Shin as Co-Treasurer
Krista Sevdalis as Co-Treasurer
Georgia Panagiotopoulos as Executive Council Member
Mary Lambiris-Marshall as Executive Council Member
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- c) Vanessa motions to approve Sep. 19th 2017 Meeting Minutes. Approved by Tania and Mary

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

- a) Welcomes everyone.

Ms Chadder got names of school council from Krista for insurance purposes. Form to fill in if any accidents should occur during RAPT events.

b) School Happenings Update

1. Girls soccer played today in conference finals. They won their conference final but lost the crossover game to go on to cities. They won a conference banner for the gym.
2. Boys soccer team played last week also did well but did not advance
3. 5 students are going onto city finals in cross country
4. Girls Basketball and Boys Volleyball try-outs happening soon
5. Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday Nov. 10th. Many classes participating.

c) Progress Reports & Interviews

1. Reports will go home on Nov 15th (JK→6)- parent teacher interviews will take place on 16th and 17th November.
2. Teachers will be in touch with parents regarding setting up an interview time
3. *It will be first time Kindergarten students get the new progress reports centered around self-regulation and next steps for learning- both JK and SK students will receive.

d) Student and Traffic Safety Incident last Thursday – student hit by a car on cross walk- crossing Leslie after school

- There is a new community police officer – Officer Neil is retiring
- He should be coming in this week to meet Ms Chadder
- Ms. Chadder will ask him to do a refresher with each class about road and street safety
- The new community police officer is also responsible for crossing guard – if the crossing guard is not fully doing his job and ensuring safety – you must file a complaint: contact 33 Division directly
- All classes reviewed traffic safety last Friday and there will be more information coming
- The child involved in the accident returned to school on Friday– just a little sore, thankfully not severely physically injured
- Social Worker was here to speak to any students impacted by the accident

e) KevCash- Mrs Reyes went to KevCash training last week for new online payment system.

1. Each child needs to be registered for online payment
2. Info will be sent out in late November
3. Eventually everything (including things like Friday treat days) can be paid for this way
4. Will be next set up for parent council's future use

5. There is a 2% fee (3 ways in which 2% can be paid – rounding up which would cover 2%; portion of HST rebate could cover fee or charge parents 2% extra)
 -council decided to incorporate 2% into cost

f) **EQAO**- Junior staff met with learning coach – spent half day going through results and breaking down areas that need attention. Ability to show thinking and application of mathematical information seem to be the issues. Students do well on the actual math equations, but they can't break it down and explain how they come to the answer.
 Mrs. Chadder would like to defer the EQAO conversation until another meeting – for further reporting by teachers and herself, then we can discuss how to further support students. Staff is planning to do a Math night/open house in spring – where parents come with their kids to learn about math skills, application.

3) RAPT Treasurer's Report – Christine & Krista

Nothing new to report currently. RAPT requests that Staff make a Wish List for this year.

4) RAPT Report (Fundraising & Events)- Vanessa and Tania

a) RAPT Events & Happenings...

- It has been busy month for RAPT- doing start-up paperwork and setting up the new organization of roles within committee
- Fall Decorations and Planters done by Valentina and Krista. thank you.
- Sports shirts arrived in time for x-country, many compliments on how they looked– Still waiting on the kindergarten small shirts. The Small shirts have been backordered across North America. As soon as, they are in stock they will be printed and delivered. thank you for your patience. Students participating in sports (grs. 1 to 6) were given priority when it came to small sizes.
- Canopy Tent covers also arrived in time for x-country– they look fabulous. Unfortunately, one of the canopy legs broke- trying to get fixed. Mrs. McCormick is looking into it
- Pizza/Burrito days have been going well. Kids are reminded to bring a plastic plate to be more ECO conscience. New orders and orders that had mistakes have been corrected for

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next time. We are always looking for more volunteers – go to rapt.ca/volunteering to sign up. Lunch Fundraiser has raised \$42000 → \$44000

- **Class Reps-** Every class has a REP or 2 now. You should have received a first email from them. If you still want to be added to the class list, email them directly or raptrippleton@gmail.com and we will put you in touch with your REP
- **Direct Donation** -was \$ 9185. Lower than in the past. Though we have not looked into specifics it is possibly due to double co-hort graduating.
We will resend out a notice form once KEV Cash is up and running so parents can donate online (Hopefully in November.)
The Curic Family was the winner of the PIZZA/BURRITO LUNCH MEAL FOR THE YEAR prize. Krista has been in touch with them.
- **Halloween Dance Party** - is Tuesday October 31st. We have enough decorations and candy now. Thank you to everyone who donated.
Sergio has volunteered to DJ for us again this year.
A schedule has been made- students in pre-school and kindergarten have 20-25mins, Grades 1-2's will have 30mins and Grades 3-6 will have 35-40mins of dance time.
The schedule will be made available to parents via Mrs. Chadder's email and posted at school. Parents are welcome to come dance with children.
We need lots of help setting up Tuesday morning even if you can't come early please come help after drop-off from 8:45 to 9:20.
Dance will begin at 9:25. Please sign-up online. If anyone wants to help put the candy bags together we are doing them tomorrow morning after drop-off.
Each class was given a pumpkin by RAPT to decorate/carve for the annual Pumpkin Display.

b) **PRO-Grant** – based on our application done in the spring by Tony Lee we were given \$1000.00 for pro-grant this year.

- Proposed Speaker - Steve Chapelle – Communications and Internet Expert \$750 +hst
- He would come on Wednesday Nov 22nd
- He will speak to kids grades 3-6 about internet use/bullying/social media safety in the afternoon

- at 6.30pm he will speak to parents/community member about monitoring kids social media accounts and how to protect kids from the risks involved
 - he was recommended by other TDSB schools
 - more information to follow -babysitting provided and refreshments for attendees
 - *because this only covers upper grades RAPT will host a community speaker for the younger grades in the new year
- Council voted to approve this speaker unanimously.

c) Anti-Bully, Wellness, Character Building -Speaker/Programme

- We are looking for a speaker/performer to come around PINK DAY or wellness week to speak to students about mental wellness or character building.

d) Social Nights

- in the spring the council decided to look into doing social nights outside the school this year. It is a lot of work for the council to set-up, organize and clean up these events (late at night)
- These are to be community building events, less fundraiser. Can be for kids (family) or just adults.
 - i. Georgia checked -Extreme fun – hold 70 people max (inc parents) - \$300 to rent
 - ii. Tania checked -Skyzone – very expensive – 150 jumping approx \$3500
 - Movie nights (for older grades)?- at school
 - Magic Show (for younger students)- at school
 - Skating? – skate night or could do it on PA day – family skate- TDSB rate?
 - Bowling?
 - Rent a movie theatre– need 150 people - 20 or more people \$9 concession
- More thought is needed on how to make these nights work, we will revisit this at next meeting.

e) Future RAPT meetings: Tentative dates for 2017/18 RAPT meetings (subject to change)

- Wed. Nov. 29th
- Tues. Jan 16th
- Thurs. Feb 22nd
- Wed. April 18th
- Tues. May 15th
- Mon. June 11th

5) Quick Bits...

- **Prologue Arts Performances**- Miss McManus has tentatively booked 2 performances for this school year dependant on council vote.
 1. Cadance – Capella Time Machine – tentatively booked for Wednesday Feb 7th – 2 shows – one in morning (K-2) and other in afternoon (3-6)
 2. TorQ- Percussion Quartet - Everything and the kitchen sink – making music -tentatively booked Tuesday May 8th. 2 shows. 1 in the morning (K-2) and 2nd in afternoon (3-6)
- Council voted to confirm both performances

6) Grade 5/6 Grad Fundraising Committee –Krista

- a. **USED Book Fair Fundraiser**- From Nov 1st-10th we will be collecting book donations –place in the box in front of office.
Need Graduation Parents to volunteer from 1.30-8pm on 16th and then on the morning of the 17th. We also need parent volunteers to price books and set-up the week of the sale and the Morning of the 16th. Graduating Students will help too.
Books will be priced between \$1-\$5 and all classes will have a chance to visit the sale during school hours.
- b. **Samko-Miko Toy Sale** – SHOP between Nov 20th- December 3rd – group code RIPPLETON– 10% goes to Rippleton. You must keep the receipt and submit original to school. More instructions will follow closer the 20th.

7) Other Business, Comments & Questions

- a. **Holiday Potluck Luncheon** –Save-the-Date December 6th.
- b. **Parents concerned with traffic by school** – They are Parents that want to get traffic light at Leslie and Rippleton, for better traffic flow and safety. Apparently, there is petition from people living on BOND (north of Rippleton) regarding traffic congestion/speeding and a need for a traffic light. This could be a possible start to a solution, or something look into further.
- c. **Safe and Caring Schools Team** – now required by TDSB. Mrs. Chadder is looking for a parent representative to meet once or twice a year with her, Denise from Daycare, a Staff member, a teacher and a non-teacher/support staff to address various community concerns. Meetings would take place either before/after school. If you are interested in this role please contact Mrs. Chadder.

Meeting Adjourned at 7.25pm.

Next RAPT meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday November 29th, 2017 at 6pm**, in the staffroom.