

RAPT MEETING March 4, 2015

Minutes

Subject to Approval at Next RAPT Meeting

March 4th, 2015

Library

Council Present: Hanna Kamal, Co-Chair
Krista Sevdalis, Co-Chair
Brenda Yabrov, Co-Treasurer
Christine Shin, Co-Treasurer
Ayesha Harris, Executive Council Member
Ambreen Shah, Executive Council Member

Staff Present: Janet Ashberry, Acting Principal
Erin Miller, Classroom Teacher
Theresa Ryckewaert, Classroom Teacher

Daycare Staff: Denise Vuocolo, Daycare Director

Grade 6 Graduation

Parent Rep: Kim Proud, Grade 6 Graduating Committee

Absent: Kelly Pellegrino, Secretary
Reba Ormos, Teacher Representative
Susan Cooper, Staff Representative

RAPT WELCOME:

Call to Order at 6:07 pm

Minutes of January 20th, 2015 approved, motioned by Hanna K., approved by Krista S.

Principal's Report:

Ms. Lynn Chadder is off for 4-8 weeks, recovering from surgery. Ms. Janet Ashberry is the acting principal.

Class Representatives:

Class Reps have been selected. A letter that was approved by teachers and parent's council will be handed out to the children, informing parents about their class rep and giving them further instructions.

The Class Reps are as following:

Ms. Ryckewart- Vanessa Appleton email: vanessa_appleton@rogers.com
Ms. McManus- Diana Giannoulas-Michanos email: dianagia21@hotmail.com
Ms. Wilson- Jacqueline Ting email: jaqueline.ting@mercedes-benz.ca
Ms. Miller- Georgia Kapasouris email: georgiakap@gmail.com
Ms. Meijer- Kelly Pellegrino email: kallynla@hotmail.com
Ms. Buck- Tracy Chen email: tracy_xchen@yahoo.com
Ms. D'Angelo- Amran Abocar email: Amran.Abocar@thomsonreuters.com
Ms. Tam- Vanessa Appleton email: vanessa_appleton@rogers.com
Ms. Ormos- Helen Trigilidis email: Htriggy@gmail.com
Mr. Lott- Kim Proud email: kim_proud@hotmail.com
Ms. McIntosh- Frances Biernacki email: fran.kulis@sympatico.ca
Ms. Dafos- Randa Khatler email: rkhattar@csu.edu.au
Mr. Wu: Ayesha Harris email: ayeshaharris@gmail.com
Mr. Williams: Kim Proud email: kim_proud@hotmail.com

Technology Wish List:

On Behalf of the school, Ms. Tam has purchased the following items that are funded by RAPT, in the amount of approximately \$29,000. The items were requested by the teachers according to their individual needs:

4 – Laptops for the library Computer Lab (Currently the school has 27 computers in the computer lab. This will increase the number to 31, allowing larger classrooms to have one computer per student).

12 – Wall Mount Interactive Smart Boards: Many classrooms do not have a smart board; with this purchase, all the classrooms at Rippleton will now have a smartboard; (The purchase covers one Smartboard per following classes: Ms. McManus, Ms. Rykewaert, Ms. Meijer, Ms. Buck, Ms. D'Angelo, Ms. Ormos, Mr. Lott, Mr. Wu, Ms. McIntosh, Ms. Dafos, Ms. Tam, & Ms. Zahoor)

8 – iPad Air + “Grip” Casing: The ipads purchased will be used by teachers and students. They will be especially useful during outdoor activities and out of school field trips, to document educational material and events through writing and images; (The purchase covers one per following classes: Ms. Wilson, Ms. McManus, Ms. Rykewaert, Mr. Williams, Ms. Buck, Mr. Lott, Ms. Meijer, & Ms. McCormick)

6 – Laptops: The laptops are installed in the classrooms and will be used by teachers and students; (The purchase covers one per following classes: Ms. D'Angelo, Ms. Ormos, Mr. Wu, Ms. McIntosh, Ms. Miller, Ms. Tam)

6 - Documentation Cameras: The School currently has only one camera to document events and learning needs. Several new cameras were purchased to share amongst the staff. (2 Elmo Cameras: One for each: Ms. Zahoor & Ms. Dafos, will be shared by other teachers as well); (4 Epson Cameras to share school wide).

Rippleton's 60th Birthday:

Rippleton will turn 60 years old next year.

Awaiting Ms. Chadder's return to decide if and how to celebrate this occasion.

Dishwasher:

Our school dishwasher does not sanitize or clean effectively, hence making it difficult for staff and students to use efficiently. RAPT and Rippleton Roadster Daycare plan to split the cost of new dishwasher.

Special thanks were shared to the daycare as they are not in need of the dishwasher; they have a separate dishwasher for their personal use; they are sharing the cost as a generous gesture. Concerns were raised on whether RAPT / parents should be paying for the dishwasher. After the discussion, it was decided (majority of parents present at the meeting) that students and staff would both benefit from a sanitizing & efficient dishwasher.

Motion to approve, buying the dishwasher by Hanna K., seconded by Christine S., voted yes by Ambreen S., Ayesha H. and Krista S. from the RAPT committee.

Refrigerator:

Office freezer is not freezing the ice packs that are needed for student injuries.

Current freezer is a manual defrost rather than frost free.

Ice packs needs to be easily acceptable by school's secretary. New Mini fridge freezer is required in the office area.

The purchase was discussed by all parents present at the meeting; it was decided (majority of parents) to approve the motion.

Motion to buy a fridge for the office by Hanna K., approved by Krista S., Ayesha H., & Ambreen S.

Budget / Treasurer Report:

We would like to welcome our newest member of RAPT, Christine Shin. She will be acting as a co-treasurer along with Brenda Y.

Detailed treasurer report will be shared at the next RAPT meeting.

Social / Fundraising Calendar:

Past

Valentine's Dance-a-thon

A big thanks to all our Parents sponsors for making our dance-a-thon a success.

We managed to raise over \$5400.

The donations of the \$25 & \$35 gift cards came from the following families:

Judy Raymon	Frances Kulis
Effie Tilelis	Teresa Triantafyllos
Argi Dimacopoulos	Leeann Gallant
Bonita Bonia-Vrontos	Chris Rodrigues
Maria Katsargiris	Alicia Yim
Kim Butler	Jacqueline Ting

And 5 more families who prefer to remain anonymous.

Pro-Grant

Our evening with Dr. Karyn Gordon was a success.

We paired up with Norman Ingram PS and held our event at Winfields J.H.S.

Dr. Gordon was professional and informative; the time limitations did not allow for many question/response period;

RAPT is considering a parent workshop for the PROGrant event in 2015-2016 academic year;

Rippleton had around 45 parents attend the event;

Norman Ingram P.S. had about 25 Parents attend the event;

Around 50 parents were from other schools in the area;

The event raised around \$200 that is paid by TDSB directly to our school.

Rippleton purchased Karyn Gordon's USB-Format presentation.

Ongoing

Sub Lunch concerns

Previous concerns with the sub lunch timing were addressed;

The past two sub lunches have arrived on time;

Lunch and after school programs

We need volunteers to organize these programs; current organizers would like to hand over the responsibility to new willing parents;

The spring afterschool programs will be handed out to students after spring break;

Big thanks to Director Michael Walsh at Northern Karate for donating \$1000 to Rippleton from the winter lunchtime Northern Karate Schools program;

Future

Art Auction

The Art Auction event is not taking place this year due to lack of volunteers & organizers;

Family garden Day

The family Gardening Day is planned for the beginning of May.

We still have to decide what to do on that day;

Ambreen S. has volunteered to lead the event and will contact parent volunteers after the March break;

Grade 6 Fundraising

So far grade 6 has raised over \$1200. More options for future fundraising are, Freezie Fridays, Movie nights and French Café;

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart will take place on May 29.

RAPT will provide water and oranges for the students.

BBQ

The Annual BBQ date is June 13th and rain date is June 20th, from 11-3 pm.

Day care will not be joining Rippleton this year in hosting the BBQ; due to their increased numbers between Rippleton Daycare enrolment and St. Bonaventure daycare enrolment, they need to organize a separate event for their families; they plan to promote and support our event; Lead organizers for the event will be emailing parent volunteers who indicated they wish to volunteer for this event;

A Volunteer E-Spot will be emailed to all parents encouraging additional volunteers to sign up for the event; the BBQ event will require over 100 volunteers for this event to happen!

Other:

Fraser report concerns were discussed. Parents shared their concerns about the declining rankings and speculated about the results; Rippleton ranks at 54 in 2014 versus in the top 10 in previous years;

This concern was raised and addressed at the beginning of the academic year (see September 2014 Minutes) by our principal, Ms. Chadder, who at that time, explained the results in detail; there are many components that determine the Fraser report scores and we need to consider all aspects before we determine the next steps.

The discussion was tabled as Ms. Chadder needs to be present when such a concern is addressed.

Next RAPT Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14, 2015, 6 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm