

RIVA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting No. 2 / 2022 – Tuesday 29 March 2022

1.0 Welcome and apologies

Present: Aaron Chaplin, Emma Brolly, Michelle Berry, Shrikant Tawani, Dianne Carlshausen, Jodie Van Der Zwan, Cid Dare, Scott Olney

Apologies: Harpreet Singh, Hope Skidmore, Kristy Yew, Prateek Jain, DJ Wadson

Meeting opened at 5.00pm

Confirmation of Agenda

Acknowledgement of Country

2.0 Disclosure of interests

No conflict of interests identified.

3.0 Minutes of Previous meeting

Review of previous minutes. Minutes accepted – Moved, Shrikant Tawani, Seconded, Cid Dare. No actions arising.

4.0 Objects of the Board

Review of:

- Purpose statement and meeting norms - Taken from discussions at our last meeting. This is how we will work as a group.
- Draft terms of reference - There are 14 members and there is a position kept for a community member, however the community member is not an elected position. If the board decides that a community member is needed, a suitable person can be approached.
- Code of conduct - How we will behave and how we will conduct our business. You can't lobby the Minister for Education in your capacity as a Board Member.
- Scott – if we are approached by community member then direct back to the school.
- Aaron – if it is in the terms of reference it is within the board members' scope to discuss.

Board members pre-read the documents for discussion and review at the meeting. The documents were looked at last meeting.

Motion: That the Riva Primary School Board endorse and adopt the Terms of Reference of the Riva Primary School Board.

Moved Cid Dare, Seconded Emma Brolly.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion:

That the Riva Primary School Board endorse the Code of Conduct for Board members

Moved- Shrikant Tawani, Seconded – Michelle Berry

MOTION CARRIED

Motion:

That the Riva Primary School Board endorse and adopt the statement of purpose and meeting norms

Moved – Michelle Berry, Seconded Emma Brolly

MOTION CARRIED

5.0**Election of School Board Chair**

Shrikant Tawani is nominated to the position of School Board Chair. He has a child in Pre-primary and another who went through Harrisdale PS, as well as being a member of the Forrestdale South East Primary School (planning name) Pilot Group that helped to shape Riva Primary School. He has demonstrated ties and involvement in the local community.

ELECTED UNOPPOSED**6.0****Approval of the Riva Primary School 2022 Cash Budget**

- Aaron – explained that some of the costs were carried over from last year as some of the ordering from last year didn't come through and delivered until this year.
- We ordered a lot of resources last year, however with shipping delayed there were extra costs at the beginning of the year. We have a large cash budget, due to having to start from the beginning with resources. The cleaning budget is quite high, and we are encouraging students to practise hygiene with washing hands etc.
- Utilities costs – we are guessing at this point as we are not sure how much they will be.
- As part of Covid response – we have to run our air conditioners all day, before and after school.
- Shrikant – mentioned that water consumption may be up due to Covid hygiene
- Advertising and promotion cost centre – is signage, car park line marking, website and so on. Any costs about our school profile.
- Question re Piara Waters SS. – Dianne explained that this is an in and out budget – we are hosting the high school and we provide some funds for them however they will pay us back when they get their funding at the end of the year.
- Question regarding the maths resources. Suggestion that at the next meeting we have a tour of the school to see all of the resources that we already have.

Motion: *That the Riva Primary School Board approve the 2022 operational cash budget for Riva Primary School*

Moved – Shrikant Tawani, Seconded – Cid Dare

MOTION CARRIED**7.0****Inclusion at Riva Primary School**

- Aaron provided some statements about inclusion from various organisations.
- DET – “all students coming in to school in age-appropriate settings and are supported to learn, contribute and participate in all aspects of school”
- UNESCO – statement – “affirms that inclusive regular schools are the most effective places for students to learn”.
- Disability standards for Education. – Aaron explained that all children have the right to go to their local school.
- The Disability standards for Education provide guidelines that include
 - All children can learn.
 - Every child has the right to a high-quality education
 - A safe and stimulating environment
 - Reasonable adjustments should be made.
- In the funding agreement – there is a targeted initiative providing our school with funds to provide our inclusive programs.
- AITSL – Australian teaching standards – teachers should provide for all students through differentiation and strategies to support full participation of students
- Australian curriculum – provide students with opportunities to learn
- Aaron showed an infographic explaining the different models of schooling for students with additional needs. Exclusion, Segregation, Integration and Inclusion. Our school philosophy is one of inclusion where are children are included in the school.
- Question – *are there resources for parents to explain and understand the concept of inclusion?*
- Aaron explained that there are different parent expectations. Our school is trying to do something different as we believe that it is the right thing to do.



- Research shows that children with disabilities, do better in “mainstream” schools, - achieve more than expected, better social relationships, fewer behavioural problems. Children without disabilities don’t do any worse and possibly provide them with opportunities to become more accepting.
- Aaron finished this session -with a video created for Down Syndrome Awareness Day.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_QGlbwwCy4

8.0 Crosswalks / Traffic and School Zone Signage

- Introductory discussion – near misses
- Vehicle speed
- Congestion

School zone signs

Aaron sometimes get comments from parents that there are no school zone speed signs – Mainroads have created a large school zone so that from most places that you come from you would have come through a school zone sign, however they are not close to where the school is. Aaron can write a letter to ask for some “repeater” signs. Aaron asked whether the board thinks it would be of value. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea.

Children’s crossing

WA police manage the process. The Education Department / school do not establish crosswalks. A crossing needs to be applied for. There is a committee that makes the decisions. Three types of crossing

1. No crossing – current situation
2. Type A crossing – warden provided by WA police
3. Type B crossing – warden provided by the parent body.

At the moment – Aaron, and the Deputy Principals support families crossing on Riva Entrance. We don’t have authority to direct or manage traffic on public roads.

To get a “Type A” crossing

In the hour immediately before and after school there must be a verified count of at least – 20 primary school students crossing the road; and 200 vehicle movements.

We need to do the initial survey and then they will verify it.

To get a “Type B” crossing

In the hour immediately before and after school there must be a verified count of at least – 10 primary school students crossing the road; and 100 vehicle movements

We can apply for an A or B – or apply for A and be willing to accept B.

Aaron posed the question – which road? – some discussion about looking at where our students are living to determine the road.

Next step – map the students and bring that back to the next meeting.

Investigate “friendly” speed radar for community education and awareness.

9.0 Reports and Operational Matters

9.a – **Financial Report** – Today we have already looked at the Cash Budget. At future board meetings, members will get the One-line budget statement. Aaron explained some of the items in the one-line budget. This budget includes the salary budget. Our one line – salaries and cash. We can allocate it across those two areas. Aaron explained Student centred funding –



which is how we are allocated funding according to our student population. Funding Agreement – Aaron explained what the agreement is about.

The Riva Primary School Board notes and endorses the 2022 Funding Agreement between the Department of Education and the School

Shrikant Tawani and Aaron Chaplin signed the funding agreement.

9.2 Staffing – Nothing to report

9.3 Buildings and Grounds – Nothing to report

10.0 Other Business

Scott – mentioned the possibility for solar panels. Aaron said we do have a small bank of panels on some of our buildings. There is something to look into. Until we end the defect period we can't really do anything else. After 12 months we can certainly look into installing more solar panels.

11.0 Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th May 2022, 5.00pm

12.0 Round table evaluation

Emma provided today's evaluation.

13.0 Meeting Close

There being no further business, meeting closed 6.29pm

