

RIVA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting No. 1 / 2022 – Tuesday 8 March 2022

1.0 Welcome and apologies

Present: Aaron Chaplin, Emma Brolly, Harpreet Singh, Hope Skidmore, Kristy Yew, Michelle Berry, Shrikant Tawani, Prateek Jain, DJ Wadson, Dianne Carlshausen, Jodie Van Der Zwan. Cid Dare.

Apologies: Scott Olney

Meeting opened at 5.00pm

Aaron welcomed everyone and thanked them for their willingness to contribute to the school. The board is structured so that there are more community and parent members than staff. Members are here to provide their input and ideas and represent the community.

Acknowledgement of country

2.0 The Journey to here

- Aaron provided a history of where we started.
- We are the fourth new school in the area in the last 5 years and there is another school currently being built – Piara Waters Secondary College. The Piara Waters suburb is a growth area. We started out last year with the pilot group with the first meeting in February.
- We started with three documents – one for the community, one for the staff and one for Aaron.
- A plan for Aaron's vision of the school, a prospectus for parents and community and prospective staff information. From the beginning the school would be an inclusive school where all students are included in every classroom. Students are our "Why".
- The pilot group were instrumental in choosing the name for the school combined with community responses. The community supported becoming an independent Public school which was accepted by the Department of Education and acknowledged in a ceremony in December.
- We decided not to go with a motto however we acknowledge the importance of our three values – Respect, Inclusion and Achievement.
- We went to the community to get their input into what kind of staff they would like to see at Riva, this was woven into the job add.
- The community was consulted regarding uniforms and the supplier. The community were also consulted on the timing of the school day.
- Aaron explained the complexity of achieving a school crossings / crosswalks. It will be a long process and a long-range goal for the community.
- The pilot group steered us through the initial decisions for our school and are acknowledged for their leadership.

3.0 Why are (you) we here?

Aaron asked members to answer the question – "Why are you here?" "Why do you want to be on Riva's board?" Members were provided with sticky notes and textas to write down their answers. The members came to a consensus of "WHY"

- Community
- Support
- Inclusion

- Involvement
- Service
- Support
- Relationships
- Leadership
- Shaping the future

As a group we formed the following “Why” sentence.

“We will shape the future of the Riva PS community and its students through inclusion and cultural diversity by showing leadership, relationships, service and support.”

This will become the purpose statement of the Riva Primary School Board.

4.0 What does a Board do? – and how will we do this?

Members read through the Terms of reference to identify what the school board can and can't do. The role of the school board was discussed. The board can establish and review school objectives, priorities and policy directions. The planning of financial arrangements to support the priorities and evaluating the performance in achieving them. The board has input into codes of conduct and approves charges and contributions.

Board members were asked to provide their ideas of how we want to work together as a group. Members wrote down their ideas and then as a group the ideas were summarised as follows.

Respect – listen respectfully

- Accept diversity
- Decisions of board

Commitment – contribute

- Engage
- Be present
- Be involved

Open minded – open communication

- Understanding
- Positive mindset/regard
- Fair
- Equity
- Contribute

Accountable – prepared

- On time
- Reliable

Snacks!

The terms of reference will be drafted, along with our agreed standards and code of conduct for meetings and our interaction as Board members. These documents will be reviewed at the next meeting.

5.0 Road Map

Aaron asked members to provide their ideas of what topics they would like to address during board meetings over the year. Aaron will put these ideas together around the essential functions of the board to address at future meetings. Members wrote down their ideas to be collated.

6.0 Future meeting dates and times

There was general agreement that Tuesday 5pm was suitable. Some members were interested in web-based meeting, most were happy to meet in person.



Members were asked to email Aaron to confirm that they would like to continue as a board member and interest in becoming the board chair. If there is more than one person interested in becoming the board chair, there will be an election.

Roundtable Reflection

DJ – provided a summary. We went through the history, sharing of what people would like to contribute, we read through the terms of reference and planning for what we would like to do for the future.

7.0

Meeting Close

There being no further business, Aaron thanked all members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 29th March 2022, 5.00pm

