

RIVA PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

Meeting No. 6/ 2022 – Tuesday 1st November 2022

1.0 Welcome and apologies

Present: Aaron Chaplin, Emma Brolly, Shrikant Tawani (Chair), Jodie Van Der Zwan, Scott Olney, Kristy Yew, Dianne Carlshausen, Cid Dare, Prateek Jain, DJ Wadson, Manpreet Kaur

Apologies: Michelle Berry, Harpreet Singh

Meeting opened at 6.00pm

Acknowledgement of Country

Confirmation of Agenda

2.0 Disclosure of interests

No conflicts of interest identified.

3.0 Minutes of Previous meeting

Review of previous minutes.

Minutes accepted – Moved Shrikant Tawani, Seconded, Cid Dare.

Actions arising – Children’s crossing papers were submitted. We had to get original documents with signatures. It is now with the Children’s Crossings & Road Safety Committee.

4.0 Voluntary Contributions, Fees, Charges and Personal Items Lists 2023

Voluntary Contributions – The *School Education Act and Regulations* gives us the ability to request families for voluntary contributions. The maximum we can ask is \$60. There was a question about adding the P&C levy to the list of contributions. There was some discussion about this. Decided to revisit for 2024, once the fundraising capacity of the P&C is established.

Motion: *That the Riva Primary School Board set the amount for voluntary contributions at \$60 per student in Kindergarten for 2023* **Moved Aaron Chaplin, Seconded Emma Brolly.**

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: *That the Riva Primary School Board set the amount requested for voluntary contributions at \$60 per Pre-primary – Year 6 student in 2023.* **Moved Aaron Chaplin, Seconded Prateek Jain.**

MOTION CARRIED

Fees and charges - are mostly the same as requested in 2022. Kindergarten students generally don’t do as many extra activities. The Fees and charges are the most that can be charged and will often be less than the nominated amount. We have tried to plan for everything that could happen, without being excessive. Charges will only be levied if an activity is going ahead.
Question – Will Year 5 be involved in a camp? Aaron explained that a camp may be more viable with Year 5 and 6 together particularly while our numbers are building in upper school. There is the possibility that we just do one camp every second year.

Question – Incursion cost – is \$40 the most that can be asked for? Aaron explained that money is for across the year. Some classes will only have one incursion or excursion.

Motion: *That the Riva Primary School Board approve the schedules of Fees and Charges for all extra cost optional activities which may be levied in 2023 for students in Kindergarten – Year 6.*

Moved Aaron Chaplin, Seconded Shrikant Tawani.

MOTION CARRIED

Personal Items Lists - Aaron explained that the lists were created for families to supply items that the students will need for their learning in class. We have tried to keep the requested items sensible and manageable, we have not asked for devices or subscriptions. The school has supplied devices for use in class.

Families can choose to buy their child's supplies from any business. Last year we used Ziggies as our recommended supplier. Ziggies has been bought out by Campion, so we are using Campion this year as a suggested supplier. Families can order through Campion and they will deliver to their house or school pick up.

The Board reviewed the personal items lists for all years, Kindergarten – Year 6 for 2023.

Motion: *That the Riva Primary School Board endorse the personal items lists as presented at the meeting of 1st November 2022 and that these be published.*

Moved Aaron Chaplin, Seconded, Cid Dare.

MOTION CARRIED

The Board were advised that the supply agreement with Campion (formerly Ziggies) was for 2022 and 2023 only. A competitive and open tender process will be conducted in 2023 to select the recommended supplier for 2024.

5.0

NAPLAN Data Analysis

- For us it is a starting point, we don't claim credit for this as all of the students have come from other schools.
- The assessment was in May of this year. We will look at how they have performed and use this to set our progress targets.
- Aaron explained the concept of "like schools" – what they are talking about is ICSEA. This comes from demographic information collected at time of enrolment.
- There is an alignment with the level of advantage with the level of performance. We would expect the average school (ICSEA of 1000) sits around decile 3. The most privileged school is at decile 1 (1200) Riva sits around 1100 (decile 2). Like schools may not seem very like. We do have some of the schools in our area. High schools look a bit different. On the whole we would expect the students in our school to be performing well. Our ICSEA might change as we are new, so as enrolments continue we may end up going up or down. Like schools based on ICSEA. There is no other school like Riva as we are fully inclusive, and we have all of our students sit NAPLAN.
- WA public schools – there is a distribution of top 20%, middle 60% and bottom 20%. In Riva and like schools we would expect more students in the top, few in the middle and less in the bottom.
- Our results for maths show that we have more students in the top 20%, less in the middle than like schools and then more in the bottom. What will be our doing is to improve all of the students over time.
- Some discussion about addressing the needs of some students who may not be able to complete the test due to the type of test it is. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the assessment, there are limited adaptations that can be made.
- Reding showed performance similar to like schools, again, we had more students in the top 20%.
- Question – about what schools the students have come from. Aaron said that majority of Riva students came from Aspiri and some from Harrisdale and then we have a wide area of other schools due to our inclusive model.
- Aaron went through the data for Mathematics, Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.
- For most we seem to have more at the top and bottom and less in the middle (compared to WA Public Schools).



- Noted that we might have more students at the bottom – we are a diverse school with students with a range of abilities.
- NAPLAN data should be used to support the students and put in place. Next year NAPLAN will be in Term 1. We moved to online, however it still took several months for the results to come through. There was no NAPLAN in 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19) so the current Year 5 students did not do NAPLAN in year 3.
- Discussion about supporting the students to be familiar with the test. Aaron explained that the evidence shows there is little value in teaching test taking.
- What we want to concentrate on is teaching the students the skills so that they are able to read, write, spell and do mathematics. We are trying to provide them with support and balance with expectations. Planning what we can do for the students who are very able.
- Comment – lots of parents put pressure on the test. Remember that it is one test on one day and the teachers have a broader understanding of what the students can do.
- It is different for everyone, some students are focused on achieving a particular band and we are willing to support students with their goals.

6.0 Review of Clubs and Activities Data

- This time we received 106 responses from parents.
- Athletics, Digital technology, Lego club, Martial Arts and Science were the top choices, Dance was just outside the top.
- There were a variety of sports suggested and range of other ideas, such as Punjabi language.
- Most people were willing to pay a fee. Most were willing to pay up to \$20. And most thought an hour would be best.
- Some of the parents provided some of their own abilities that they were willing to share.
- Lego sessions are run in lunch time. The art club and choir have waitlists, and will look to add junior versions alongside the current senior versions in 2023.
- There is a maths extension group in school. PEAC testing has just been carried out.
- Discussion about outside providers. Parents may be restricted with their ability to run clubs. Discussion around tutoring, the companies have a vested interest and as a school we want to support students to develop a love for learning and developing broad interests.
- School will pursue options for expanded offerings in 2023, in line with the survey data.
- Request for contact details for Punjabi language school.

7.0 School Development Days 2023

There are 6 School Development Days in 2023. Three are fixed dates and cannot be moved, being the 2 days before students commence, and the day after students conclude the school year. There are three dates which can be scheduled by the school. The school proposes and seeks endorsement from the Board for the following School Development Days in 2023:

- Monday 24th April 2023
- Friday 2nd June 2023
- Monday 17th July 2023

Motion: *that the Riva Primary School Board approve the three scheduled School Development days for Riva Primary School in 2023 as presented at the meeting of 1st November 2022.*

Moved Shrikant Tawani, Seconded Cid Dare.

MOTION CARRIED

8.0 Reports and Operational Matters

8.1 – **Financial Report** – Financial reports were provided. Report was noted.

8.2 **Staffing** – We have just interviewed for Science teacher, School officer, and will be completing our 3rd run of Education Assistants pool. We are also in the recruitment process for a school gardener.

We have appointed 9 new teachers for next year. We are planning classes.

Currently we have 632 enrolments for next year. There will be 250 students in K and PP next



year. Our maximum, expanded capacity is approximately 800, which includes up to 10 transportable classrooms. Question – is there a percentage of out of area students that you take – Aaron explained that it depends. We have to take all in-area students.

8.3 Buildings and Grounds – There are 4 new transportable classrooms that have been put in the Early Childhood area. Three sheds are being installed tomorrow.

9.0 Other Business

No other business

10.0 Round table evaluation

We came together, we powered through, we agreed and we're going home!

11.0 Meeting Close

There being no further business, meeting closed 7.18pm
Next Meeting Tuesday 29th November 2022, 6.00pm.

