

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School Board Meeting

Tuesday 23 Aug 2022 7pm

The Board is legally responsible for the school. Our role is to watch the far horizon, to support its direction as a Steiner school, and to ensure it arrives safely within the law. The Board provides guidelines within which the staff manage the school.

Present :

Danny Fridberg (Outgoing Presiding member), Clare Ridout (Board Secretary), Helen Thomlinson, Emily Czibere, Chris Bay, Cassino Doyle (CD), Board (BoT), Emily Czibere (EC), Danny Fridberg (DF), Helen Thomlinson (HT), Michelle McGrath (MM), Natalie Bartonova (NB), Chris Bay (CB), Jerry Hsu – New Presiding Member (JH), Anna Noble (AN)

Apologies : Pene Johnstone

Minutes	Action by Who
<p>1. Introductions from all.</p> <p>DF gave brief introduction to the work of the Board. Annual calendar for Board meetings – 9 or so meetings a year, excluding holidays, with a set agenda. Pointed out the close relationship to the Proprietors Trust as it is a special character school. Cassino is representing that Trust.</p> <p>DF highlighted that Board members will take on portfolios, and that there will be handover to the new portfolio holder from the former one.</p> <p>Hope to have a social gathering in December to handover the torch.</p> <p>2. Appointment of Presiding member</p> <p>First item is to appoint a presiding member – ie a chair. They are the person who can speak on behalf of the Board. Asked for nominations to this position. Described a bit the responsibility of the chair. At times of ERO visits there was more work.</p> <p>No-one put themselves forward. Possible that two people could share the role for a while. HT spoke of how she took on the chair role after only a few months of being on the Board.</p> <p>3. Co-opting other members</p> <p>Co-option of HT and DF. Existing Board members offering to join the Board meetings until the end of the year to help with transition. CD moves , MM seconded and all approved.</p> <p>4. Meeting dates</p> <p>Monday agreed as the day at 5.30 Generally doing a mixed model. Perhaps we can continue this way. Meeting with Janet Molloy noted as being on the 8th September. All invited – she is the CEO of SEANZ – the Steiner Federation in Aotearoa/ NZ and she plans to speak about governance so it will be a useful meeting.</p> <p>Monday 5.30 pm 19th September is first meeting of the Board.</p>	All

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<p>5. Joint meeting – forum where governing members and staff come together and look at strategic work. Suggested date is 24th September. Moved to 29th October instead.</p> <p>5. Principal Recruitment Group. A group has been established of Kussi, Clare, Julie, Pene, Danny, Helen and Emily. Does a member of the new Board want to join the group – really this will be the decision-making/selection. Michelle offered to be on the group. CD moved and DF seconded and all agreed.</p> <p>6. Induction of new Board members Pene has already scheduled a special character meeting for new members. Then the manual needs to be read through – there is a new copy on the website. This includes descriptions of the portfolios.</p> <p>Can the props have info on what is provided in the special character talk, so that this can be understood as part of how the special character is safeguarded.</p> <p>Board honorarium can be claimed and can also be donated back if not required. Please be in touch with CR about this</p> <p>Clare will email link round after meeting to give link to Board manual.</p> <p>7. Social event In December we plan for a social event. Will fix this nearer the time</p> <p>8. Presiding member Jerry offered to take up the Board presiding member role. DF moved and EC seconded. All approved.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CR</p>

Meeting closed 8.07 pm

Dates

Thursday 8th September – c 5.30pm SEANZ CEO to meet/ speak on governance

19th September – Monday 5.30-7.30 Board meeting

29th October – Saturday 10am to 1pm Joint Meeting

Key to Initials : Pene Johnstone (PJ), Clare Ridout (CR), Cassino Doyle (CD), Management Team (MT), Proprietors Trust (Props), Board (BoT), Emily Czibere (EC), Danny Fridberg DF), Helen Thomlinson (HT), Michelle McGrath (MM), Natalie Bartonova (NB), Chris Bay (CB), Jerry Hsu (JH), Anna Noble (AN)