

Scattergood Friends School Mission

Through a strong academic program, a cooperative work program, and community based on Quaker values, Scattergood Friends School prepares students with recognition of self worth, sense of global citizenship, growing spiritual awareness, commitment to life-long learning, ability to live constructively in a community, and skills to attain future academic and vocational success.

Approved Minutes
Open Meeting
Scattergood Friends School Committee
15 May 2010

Present: George Bergus, Ruth Dawson, Debbie Galusha (clerk), Frank Griffith, Lucy Hansen, Phil Henderson, Russ Leckband, Lorene Ludy, Callie Marsh, Sylvia Sanford, Dan Schlitt, Steve Tamari, Doyle Wilson, Allan Winder, Bob Winchell

Absent: Dan Treadway

Staff present: Margie Figgins, Joey Giffin-Hunter, Ginny Winsor, Steve Wolf-Camplin

Guests: Christine Ashley, Head of School, effective 1 July 2010; Jennie Schmidt

The clerk opened the meeting with a time of quiet worship. She then read the following quotation:

Should not we Quaker educators seek to educate our students to live a life of inner certainty and authority that comes from the development and transformation of the self from an end into means for goodness? By encouraging a youth to be educable and reflectively open to the inward word, to develop an unassailable personal and ethical integrity, to find his [sic] identity within a community of value, could we not better prepare our students to live lives of intense passion, religious devotion, and corporate commitment?

Douglas Heath
Why a Friends School?
Pendle Hill Pamphlet 164

We welcomed Christine Ashley and introduced ourselves to her.

- We approve the minutes of the meetings for April 3, 18, and 22, 2010.
- Dan Treadway is resigning from his membership on the School Committee after many years of service. We appreciate his good work and dedication to the School. The recording clerk will write him a thank you note. Dan Schlitt will take over Dan Treadway's responsibility for our website, for which we thank him.
- We listened to reports from the Academic, Admissions/Enrollment, Development, Facilities, Farm Committees with much interest and appreciation.
- Jennie Schmidt reported on the results of the ISACS survey. She reminded us that the survey is an 18-month process. We appreciate Jenny's expertise and willingness to work with us in this area.

Ginny Winsor reported that all the graduating seniors have been accepted at accredited four-year colleges, thus maintaining our requirement for accreditation from the state of Iowa.

- We approve the financial reports as presented.

We reviewed the proposed Strategic Plan. Suggestions were heard by the Strategic Planning Subcommittee, and the revised version will be considered for approval at the next meeting.

- Ruth Dawson,* Debbie Galusha, Sylvia Sanford and Steve Tamari will continue work on the mission statement, which they will present to us for the July meeting.

The Head will ask the staff their preferences for dates to share discussion on the state of the School. We will establish a regular date on the School Committee calendar for this event.

- We thank Ginny Winsor for her year with us as Interim Head. She has risen to many challenges, for which we are grateful.

The clerk closed the meeting with a period of quiet worship. We will meet again on 27 July 2010 at 9 a.m. at Scattergood Friends School.

Callie Marsh, recording clerk

* denotes convener of the committee

Coming events:

30 May 2010 – Scattergood Friends School Graduation

12 June 2010 – Bob Winchell and T.C. Rush will be married at Bear Creek
Meeting at 4 p.m. All are invited. There will be a reception in Des Moines
at 6 p.m.

27 July 2010 – Scattergood Friends School Committee meeting

27 July 2010 - 1 August 2010 – Iowa Yearly Meeting annual sessions

18 September 2010 – Scattergood Friends School Committee meeting