

Mission Statement

Scattergood Friends School challenges students with a college-preparatory curriculum, farm experience, a shared work program, and community living in the spirit of Quaker faith.

Scattergood Friends School Committee
Approved Minutes
22 January 2011

Present: Claire Cumbie-Drake, Ruth Dawson, Debbie Galusha (clerk), Lucy Hansen, Phil Henderson, Megan Knight, Russ Leckband, Lorene Ludy, Callie Marsh, Sylvia Sanford, Dan Schlitt, Bob Winchell, Allan Winder

Absent: George Bergus, Frank Griffith, Steve Tamari, Doyle Wilson

Faculty Present: Christine Ashley, Matt Brown, Margie Figgins, Dana Foster, Bob Gutwein, Shelly Hughes, Nicole Wolf-Camplin

Guest: Bob Yeats, from the SFS Foundation Trustees

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

A Friends school hopes to offer a community that cares deeply about what kind of persons its members, young and old, are becoming, what goals and motives are effective in their lives, what their response is to the high calling of being human. They hope to be communities of those who have, not only techniques and knowledge, but also a vivid relationship to reality, a hunger for worship, a passion for truth, and the experience of growth in the Light.

Friends Council on Education

We welcomed Bob Yeats, the representative from the Foundation Trustees. It was good to see him again.

The clerk announced that Keith Shahan of ISACS who was scheduled to be with us today, had to postpone his visit until our May meeting.

The School Committee congratulated Debbie Galusha upon her receiving her ED.D degree in December. We admire her tenacity and hard work.

Minute: We approve the minutes of our Conference Call meeting on 21 December 2010, and the minutes of our last meeting on 6 November 2010, with the correction of two typographical errors.

Minute: We approve changing the mission statement, removing the words 'its,' 'relevant,' and 'academic' to read as follows:

Scattergood Friends School challenges students with a college-preparatory curriculum, farm experience, a shared work program, and community living in the spirit of Quaker faith.

Minute: We approve instituting an English Language Learners (ELL)/international student fee of \$1800/year.

Minute: We approve the financial report as recommended by the Consultation & Finance Committee.

Christine shared with us a change in policy for the use of the Berquist House. Guests will be asked to make a donation to the school. Suggestions for such donations will be posted in each guest room. School Committee members, as well as other guests, are welcome to donate something for the costs the school incurs for such services.

We reviewed the appointments of School Committee members to faculty committees working on the self-study for the ISAACS accreditation.

Local communication—Ruth Dawson
Advancement & Alumni—Steve Tamari
Farm—Dan Schlitt
Equity & Justice—Bob Winchell
Personnel—Russ Leckband
Business & Finance—Claire Cumbie-Drake
Administration—Debbie Galusha
Governance—Lorene Ludy
Facilities—Sylvia Sanford

The ad hoc committee on the strategic plan suggests that the School Committee take responsibility for writing the preamble of the long-range plan. The staff is responsible for the section of the Goals and Actions to accomplish the goals. The School Committee will include a section on the strategic plan after the preamble. The committee's goal is to finish its work for the March meeting.

Claire Cumbie-Drake has agreed to act for Christine as counsel, but not as her legal representative.

Allan Winder and Lorene Ludy will work with a committee of staff members, convened by Dana Foster, to plan the State of the School meeting with staff during our meeting on 5 March 2011.

The ninth grade Global Issues class shared their Power Point presentation on the quality of life at Scattergood. We enjoyed the show, and were much impressed by the data they had collected and interpreted. We thank them.

We appreciate the good work of the staff, as evidenced in their thorough and helpful reports. We heard good reports from the Head of the School and the Dean of Students, as well as from the Academic, Admissions, Consultation & Finance, Development, Farm, and Facilities Sub-committees.

We moved into a closed meeting.

Callie Marsh, recording clerk