

Scattergood Friends School Committee  
Approved Minutes  
31 July 2012

**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.**

Present: George Bergus, Rebecca Bergus, Claire Cumbie-Drake, Ruth Dawson, Debbie Galusha (clerk), Lucy Hansen, Lorene Ludy, Callie Marsh, Dan Schlitt, Doyle Wilson, Bob Winchell, Allan Winder

Absent: Karen Greenler, Phil Henderson, Russ Leckband, Sylvia Sanford

Staff Present: Christine Ashley, Linda Bendorf, Cathy Chun, Joey Giffen-Hunter, Cindy Oliverius, Amanda Paul, Rüdiger Rückmann, Nicole Wolfe-Camplin

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

*"True silence is the rest of the mind; and is to the spirit, what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment."*

William Penn, 1699

We welcomed new staff members, and introduced ourselves.

Notebooks were distributed containing the ISACS report and the new handbook for the School Committee.

Minute: We approve the minutes of 12 May 2012 (open & closed meetings), and those of 30 April 2012.

Minute: We approve the change from the current three category grading system to a four category one as recommended by the Academic Committee.

Minute: We approve the expenditure of \$2500 for emergency repair of the water system at the farm.

Minute: We approve the Consultation & Finance Committee's proposal to lay down the application for the USDA loan.

Minute: We approve the Clerk's signing on behalf of the School Committee a certification for the auditors that our records are accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Minute: We approve the financial statement of June 30, 2012.

Minute: We approve reconvening the Long Range Plan ad hoc committee of Phil Henderson, George Bergus, and Debbie Galusha.

Minute: We recommend asking that the Yearly Meeting again contribute \$50,000 to the School for the current fiscal year.

Minute: We approve the following dates for our meetings during the 2012-2013 school year.

6 October 2012  
1 December 2012  
2 February 2013  
6 April 2013  
11 May 2013  
30 July 2013

Minute: We approve the Facilities Committee's proposed plan to move toward a reliable fleet of 3 mini-vans for student transport. The current fleet will include a leased van, the current Honda mini-van, and the VW bug. As money allows, the school will purchase or lease more mini-vans.

Minute: We approve the plan the Facilities Committee is proposing for renovations of the east Science Building basement classroom, up to and including \$3000.

The Facilities Subcommittee is asked to revisit the policy of there needing to be approval by the School Committee when capital expenditures exceed two thousand dollars.

We listened carefully and with appreciation to reports from the Academic, Admissions, Farm, Consultation & Finance, and Spiritual & Community Life Committees.

Minute: We approve the Head Report and the Farm Report to the Yearly Meeting.

Minute: We agree that the School Committee's agenda and minutes will be on the open website with a note to contact the clerk if access information is needed. Everything else will be in the closed portion of the web site. The clerk will send out access information for the closed site.

The sub-committees are to review and address the recommendations of the ISACS report that pertain to their discipline.

Minute: We approve the audit of the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The clerk reported that ISACS wrote us on 22 June 2012 that the ISACS Visiting Team Report was accepted, and the school has received its re-accreditation with ISACS and remains a member in good standing of the association.

Minute: We approve the slate of members and sub-committee assignments.

We appreciate and thank Lorene Ludy for her faithful service on the School Committee. We wish her well.

We went into closed session.

The clerk closed the meeting in a timely manner with a period of quiet worship. We look forward to meeting again, God willing, on 6 October 2012.

, recording clerk