

Scattergood Friends School
School Committee Meeting
Open Session Minutes – 20 March 2020
Zoom Call

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: Laël Gatewood, Charlie Johnson, Bob Winkleblack, Lucy Marsh, Rebecca Bergus, Roy Helm (acting clerk), Debbie Galusha, Tom Wahl, Alex Lippitt, Ruth Hampton, Karen Greenler

Regrets: Bob Winchell, Dan Schlitt, Kent Tjossem, Ann Robinson, Ruth Hampton (clerk)

Staff Present: Thomas Weber

The clerk opened the meeting with the following quote:

“Money may buy you a fine dog, I said to the cat, but only love can make it wag its tail.”

~ Kinky Friedman

Covid-19 Plan

All classes are being continued, albeit with some adjustments. For instance, the ceramics class has become a general art class with students using supplies they have at home. The classes are being offered in a synchronous and asynchronous blend, but the school is maintaining its weekly schedule.

Community meetings and collection are being held through Zoom as well as advising groups. There is a possibility that some collections may be open to the larger community on occasion. Crew responsibilities are being urged, either helping around the house or in the community, as appropriate. Students are posting pictures and playlists to keep up the momentum. Communications with students, parents, and among the staff are regular.

There are concerns such as an excess of screen time (encouraging regular exercise and stretch times) and tech glitches (expected to decrease as everyone becomes more familiar with the platforms). There have been conversations with parents about financial concerns, which seem manageable thus far.

Staff are being reassigned if their jobs cannot be done remotely (e.g. dorm sponsors). Also, kitchen and eating protocols are being adjusted. Alicia is making sure our international students stay in compliance and the international students' hosts are managing fine. There are volunteers if respite is needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Greenler
Recording Clerk