

**Concord Quarter/Delaware Valley Friends School Care Relationship Committee Minutes
January 13, 2020 (approved April 14, 2020)**

Present: Susan Brodesser (Birmingham Mtg, Clerk), Tom Ceresini (Middletown Mtg), Lynne Piersol (CQ Coordinator, Steve Kupferschmid (Willistown Meeting), Gray Goodman (DVFS Faculty), Christa Harp (DVFS Trustee), Elizabeth Kriynovich (DVFS Faculty, Service Coordinator), Kirk Smothers (Head of School)

Excused: David Calamaro (DVFS Admin), Ginny Sutton (Westtown Meeting),

1. We introduced ourselves to welcome Elizabeth Kriynovich, DVFS Faculty and Service Coordinator to the meeting.
2. The agenda was approved
3. September 23rd, 2019 minutes were approved with a minor typo changed.
4. Review of school/Quarter interactions since last meeting
 - 10/27 Quarterly Meeting - The presentation was very good and went well. Concord Quarter is much better acquainted now with DVFS. The questions asked were thoughtful.
 - 11/14 Tour and worship at DVFS: This was great. It was wonderful to be at meeting for worship with the students and to visit classrooms where the relationships between students and teachers are so caring and positive. Susan and Tom got to visit lower school which they had not done before. The school is planning another one for April. The school appreciated our presence amongst them.
 - Steve Kupferschmid and Will Scull visited several weeks earlier and had an excellent visit, attending worship and touring a bit.

Note was made of the positive impact on the school by having younger students; they are more aware of the impact of their behavior on the community which now includes the younger students.

- No DV people were available to participate in the Friendly Beast Procession/music event at Birmingham Meeting on December 22, but were interested.
5. Quaker Life Committee (Board Committee) — Susan has attended 2 meetings of this rejuvenated group which includes heads of all the student committees, plus their faculty advisors, plus some Board members, and Susan as member of the Care Committee. It is clerked by David Calamaro. The first one included an exercise about the SPICES testimonies and where they saw the school on a continuum. At the second one some students asked about having more education about Quakerism to inform their work on committees. Are there big picture questions we might want them to consider? Is presenting reports the best use of time? Gray will be following up with David about this.

There are regular grade group meetings, and clerks are chosen for these. In October 2019 some faculty attended a clerking workshop by Arthur Larrabee at Friends Council on Education and came back energized to implement Quaker practice here. Some students have also attended a clerking workshop (with another leader) and Arthur has come to DVFS. Ideas? Meeting with other student Quaker leaders from Westtown or PYM Young Friends?

6. First annual school and committee report for Quarterly Meeting on January 26: Susan drafted a possible report, which we liked. It will be sent out by email for further comments and sent to Lynne by January 22-25 for copying. Susan will present it at Quarterly Meeting.
7. CQ Nominating Committee will need to consider the membership of the Care Committee since one term is up as of July 1, 2020. Terms were initially staggered so that all members did not come up for renewal or rotating off at the same time.
8. Ongoing plans/ideas at DVFS: CQ visits are appreciated and make the school feel visible to Friends.
 - CQ meetings have suspended children's programs to encourage families to go to Quarterly Meeting where we now have more children attending. Lynne will send information about Quarterly Meeting children's program to DVFS people, especially Elizabeth Kriynovich.
 - We revisited the Idea of a particular meeting invite the DVFS school community to meeting for worship on a particular day. Birmingham or Willistown or Middletown would be the best since they do not have another school affiliated with them. Steve will talk with Willistown about dates and share that with DVFS. His concern is that there might not be many kids on a Sunday, but it can be publicized in the meeting as well as at DVFS. And after the publicity, it will be what it will be!
 - A coffee at DVFS for parents of students at DV to find out more about Quakerism could have people from the Quarter present to talk.
 - Service projects? CQ has some small projects that could accommodate smaller groups, but not a big group.
 - Inviting some from Concord Quarter to be present when the seniors present their internships. Usually it is just trustees and junior parents, but could include others
9. Nature of the relationship: positive, great to have interaction with the Quarter, appreciated having opportunity for DVFS to present at QM.
10. Next meeting - April 6 (if David can do it) at 3:15. Kirk will let us know if that works for David.

Minutes by Lynne Piersol