Virginia Beach Friends School
School Committee Report
Meeting for Business
05/08/22

School Committee met on 4th Month 19th Day, 2022

After the confidentiality reminder was read, minutes from the last meeting were approved.

The School Committee has a new parent representative, Beck Cervenka who introduced herself and gave the committee a little background information. We were very impressed and excited about her future involvement with the Board.

Committee reports were received and accepted.

The Head of School report was discussed and with much enthusiasm Mike's campus update letter was reviewed and approved with compliments about its substance and style. We were all reminded that Founder's Day is coming up (Saturday, May 21) and discussed what Fundraising ideas we might have.

We are aware that in person meetings help us retain a sense of continuity and connection. The time and location of future board meetings was discussed. Next meeting was scheduled for 14 June at 11:30 (in person) at the school.

By-laws change was discussed. It is proposed to change the name of School Committee to Board of Trustees. Joanne volunteered to draft specific language and bring it back to the next meeting of SC.

Recruitment to SC was a topic of discussion. We became aware of the concerns about the recruitment process being too complicated. The concern was that it might discourage further growth in the Board. Chris Dotolo volunteered to draft changes and present them at the next meeting.

The Spiritual Life committee responsibilities were addressed with the idea that Dee Talbert was already doing many of the responsibilities and it was initially suggested to lay down the Spiritual Life Committee. The need to have such a committee was strongly defended by Candice and Mike. Candice volunteered to draft a simplified version of the committee description and present it at the next meeting. Patrick volunteered to continue as the Board member on this committee.

Strategic Long-Range Planning document was discussed. The word “equity” has been addressed with the VAIS advocating to include this in our language. Discussion was open, vigorous and frank. Action was postponed to give everyone time to do some more research as to the meaning and its impact.

The draft budget for 2022-2023 was approved.

Jean Crawford,
Clerk