**Concord Quarter/Delaware Valley Friends School Care Relationship Committee**

**January 10, 2022  3:15 P.M.    Via Zoom**

Present: David Calamaro (DVFS), Susan Brodesserm (Clerk, Birmingham), Ginny Sutton (Westtown), Serita Spadoni (Birmingham), Christa Harp (Board Member), Steve Kupferschmid (Willistown), Gray Goodman (DVFS)

**1. Worship**

**2. The Agenda was approved** with an additional item added regarding updates and changes

around the new COVID variant.

**3. The September 27th minutes were approved**.

**4. Reopening with COVID updates**

It was shared that there are day by day decisions for the Delaware Valley Friends School. The school has decided to remain in person but there is a hybrid option and many are logging in. They are only doing so from having COVID or exposed. This is the county’s requirement. They are continuing with weekly testing for both students and staff. The school continues to keep up with the changes in regulations.

Friends asked if there have been follow ups or support regarding the emotional impact and needs of the families and staff. The staff is aware of the increased uneasiness experienced amongst the students. They are more open and transparent about how this is impacting them rather than being “cavalier”.  Faculty and staff are stepping up to fill in teacher absences. The students have been discussing and voicing concern on what they “should” be doing. They want to be in person and the school is working diligently to keep it available.

Staff on campus are moving towards multi layered masks for all coming in person.  While school staff acknowledge the significant pandemic challenges with which they’ve been dealing, they also feel fortunate in having highly cooperative students, staff, and parents, which isn’t always the case in some public-school settings.

**5. Update on restructuring of Quaker Life Committee**  *David and Gray*

1. The Quaker Life Committee, which is a Board committee, has shifted to being more

query based. Student government leaders, with assistance from faculty advisors, will

create discussion queries that will be considered in a worship sharing manner by

students, faculty, administration, board members, and members of the care relationship

committee.

1. The recently developed strategic plan also places emphasis on the Quaker identity of the

school

1. Next year starts the 10-year self-study for the school. The Quaker Life Committee will be

involved in that process

1. David will share when the next Quaker Life Committee meeting will be.
2. Envisioning an annual report from the committee by students to get them more involved and have more of a presence within the quarter

**6. Information about individual meetings’ or Quarter activities that might be of interest to**

**DV students or families:**  *Committee members, Bianca*

1. It was proposed to invite students to attend quarterly meeting to observe and be involved and provide feedback. There is a lot of education in this upcoming program
   * + 1. Bianca can send a special invitation directly to the program
       2. She will send to Gray since he has the closest relationship with them
2. There is an active DEI committee at Westtown that could be an interest to students for the future. Ginny will forward information as programs are developed.

**7. Other**

* + 1. Meetings have been investing in more technology on site at the meetinghouses to accommodate for hybrid worship going forward even when COVID has been resolved.
    2. David will discuss committee members potentially attending meeting for worship via ZOOM
    3. Susan gave thanks for the service of those keeping things going and supporting the children and making time to speak and share with us

The next meeting will be Monday May 2, 2022, at 3:15PM.