

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
March 11, 2024



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Folkerts, Chandler; Gronski, Melany; Harten, Michael; Larrow, Jeff; Munroe, Heather; Musko, Jason; Nguyen, Cang—alt.; Paquette, Philippa; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Staples, Eli; Walley, David; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Rich, Matthew; Samborowski, Len Young, Scott

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Paquette at 5:31 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report – Minutes of February 12, 2024

MOTION: (Larrow/Folkerts) To approve the minutes of February 12, 2024, with an edit to the third bullet in item #7 of the minutes to read: *Japan Visit—Science teacher Melany Gronski has been working to coordinate a visit from a group of ~~seventeen~~ **nineteen** Japanese students. Students will stay with host families and attend classes with student guides.*

Unanimous

4. Summer Programming Overview – Beth Ten Eyck

Dean of Students Beth Ten Eyck described the many offerings planned for summer 2024. Signups for The Woodstock Academy College Immersion Program, Basketball Day Camp, and Future Centaur Summer Camps are well underway. Both local and international students are expected to participate. The Student Services Department will continue to offer the extended school year program. The goal of enhancing summer programming is consistent with the Theory of Action.

5. Class Size Report Update

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten provided the Spring 2024 Class Size Report Update. Comparing fall semesters (over the last three years) to this spring, the numbers were extremely similar. Targeted average class sizes are 18-22 students. Actual school-wide averages are slightly over 19 students. The number of students participating in study hall and senior privileges are also consistent.

6. Spring Testing Update

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten and Director of College and Career Counseling Dave Walley provided a spring testing update. Juniors have taken the science assessments in either February or May with good results. The SAT is now taken electronically rather than on paper, and our students are well prepared after previously taking the digital PSAT. This year's AP testing will be the last one on paper; next year's tests will also be digital. Other than October's school-wide testing day, The Academy has backed off from hosting the SAT on campus, choosing to work more regionally with other schools. SAT review sessions are still occurring during community lunch.

7. Review New Student Members Process

With two student committee members graduating, the group agreed on proposed application questions for the 2024-2025 school year. It was agreed to select new members at the next meeting, without names or genders attached.

8. April Meeting

It was agreed to cancel the meeting planned for April.

9. Student Presentation: Plagiarism

Discussion ensued after student member Eli Staples provided a presentation to the group about plagiarism.

10. Other – None.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: (Larrow/Musko) To adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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