

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
March 6, 2023



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Durga, Katie; Favreau, Lennon; Harten, Michael; Larrow, Jeff; May, Val; Musko, Jason; Nguyen, Cang—alt.; Paquette, Philippa; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Staples, Ethan; Woodland, Julie; Young, Scott
ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Rich, Matthew; Samborowski, Len; Walley, David

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Paquette at 5:30 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of February 6, 2023

MOTION: (Singleton/May) To approve the minutes of February 6, 2023.
Unanimous

4. Data Team Update: SAT and NGSS

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten shared two reports developed by the data team. The NGSS Science test was taken by 101 (out of 240) juniors on February 10. Based on the observations, students took more time to do careful work, making this early testing window a success.

In order to prepare for SAT testing, students have been using Canvas to prep for science (grade 9), social studies (grade 10), and English (grade 11), along with Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and geometry. This SAT prep work earns students a classwork grade. Eight to ten students attend a weekly math & English SAT review held during community lunch, and 18 students participate in an evening SAT prep class. When juniors take the SAT on Wednesday, March 22, all other students will attend regularly scheduled classes. Scores are expected in August.

5. Finalize Process for New Student and Faculty Committee Members

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten shared the description, responsibilities, and recommended composition of the Academic and Student Life Committees as printed in the faculty handbook. Associate Head of School Holly Singleton plans to email the faculty to request a new volunteer to replace Val May on the Academic Committee. After some discussion, Dr. Harten said he plans to replace Lennon Favreau as a student representative in a process similar to last year's.

6. Class Size Update

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten provided a handout that detailed class sizes by semester and subject, grouping the data by below, within, or above range. Overall, not much has changed since last year, and levels have stayed mostly the same from the fall to the spring semester. The discussion focused on which sections fell at or above 26-27 students in the classroom and why. In an effort to reduce class sizes within budget constraints, nearly every administrator is currently teaching at least one class section this semester. Dr. Harten and Mrs. Singleton were thanked for their work building class rosters each semester.

7. Other

Associate Head of School Holly Singleton asked for recommendations of students who perform approximately 100 hours of community service each year, or about 400 hours by senior year, to be honored with the Presidential Service Award at Class Night or Convocation.

Dr. Harten reminded the group that due to the upcoming spring break, the next meeting would be held on the evening of April 17, which is the third Monday of the month.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: (Larrow/Harten) To adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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