

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
September 12, 2022



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

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

1. Call to Order

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

Committee Chair Paquette congratulated Val May on her recent Kim Foglia AP Biology Service award and thanked her for her work as a committee member.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of June 13, 2022

MOTION: (Singleton/Young) To approve the minutes of June 13, 2022.

Unanimous

4. Review Goals:

- a. **Monitor social and emotional support for students and staff and collect data.**
- b. **Encourage BOT members to attend classes and events.**
- c. **Encourage mutual understanding of diversity, equity and inclusion within The Academy community.**

After some discussion, the group agreed that the stated goals were still valid for this year, although they wanted to add one more goal:

- d. **Monitor, assess results, and support plans to improve student assessment data, particularly in science, English and math.**

5. Class Size Report

Dr. Harten provided his fall 2022 class size report which compared class sizes during the fall of 2020, 2021, and 2022. Class sizes this year are about the same as last year. Discussion and comments included a significant jump in enrollment this past August, student feedback about class selection and class size, and comparing overall student behavior from last year to this year.

6. Academic Report

Dr. Harten reviewed his Fall 2022 Academic Report handout. Featured topics included the graduation rate and future plans of the class of 2022, AP placement and scores, ECE college data, biliteracy data, SAT results and comparisons, and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and comparisons. The Data Team's detailed plans to improve assessment performance were explained and discussed. Comprehensive steps to improve communication with caregivers and families were also reviewed and discussed. The role of the parent advisory group was explored.

Head of School Sandford stated this data highlights the need to have a department head assigned to individual departments.

Director of College and Career Counseling David Walley shared upcoming events such as a college boot camp, volunteer opportunities at the Palmer Arboretum, and field trips to Eastern, UCONN, and QVC.

7. Community Lunch Update

Dr. Harten and Mrs. Singleton commented that the implementation of community lunch has increased participation in clubs and improved student socialization without increasing poor behavior. Students have successfully navigated finding places to gather during variable weather conditions and managing brief, but sometimes long, lunch lines. Student feedback was positive.

8. Other – None.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: (Singleton/Rich) To adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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