

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**  
**May 10, 2021**



These minutes are for  
informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Child, Barbara; Paquette, Philippa; Harten, Michael; May, Val; Musko, Jason; Walley, David; Castle, Leah; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Samborowski, Len; Young, Scott; Ignacio, Joey; Michalski, Alina (alternate)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Paquette at 5:32 p.m.

**2. Community Participation – None.**

**3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of April 12, 2021**

**MOTION:** (Singleton/Child) To approve the minutes of April 12, 2021.

Unanimous

**4. Selection of Student Representatives**

Dean of Academics Dr. Harten provided a table listing the grades, sending towns and the answers to two different questions for various (current) sophomores and juniors who wished to join the Academic Committee next year as student representatives. To reduce any inherent bias, names and genders were not included. Committee members considered the group of extremely impressive applicants. After some deliberation, two students were selected. Dr. Harten revealed that Lennon Favreau (rising junior) had been selected as a full Academic Committee member and Thao (Stephanie) To (rising senior) had been selected as an alternate Academic Committee member for 2021-2022. Dr. Harten planned to contact all students and thank them for their thoughtful applications and interest in the committee.

**5. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Update**

Dr. Harten reviewed a handout which listed past and future events associated with Kevin Booker, Jr. Past events included faculty/staff focus groups, faculty/staff PLC focus groups and experience sharing, a faculty/staff presentation about pronoun awareness led by a student, and a 3-hour Bias in the Hiring Process training given to faculty/staff/administration/sending town partners by Valerie Davis-Howard. Future events include an in-person summer institute on June 23-24 and filling a newly posted Director of Equity and Inclusion position.

**6. Other**

A short, end-of-year celebration is planned for the next meeting.

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Child/Sandford) To adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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