

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**  
**December 14, 2020**



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Child, Barbara; Paquette, Philippa; Young, Scott; Harten, Michael; May, Val; Musko, Jason; Walley, David; Castle, Leah; Ignacio, Joey; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie  
**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** 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 November 9, 2020**

**MOTION:** (Musko/Child) To approve the minutes of November 9, 2020. All voted Yes except Val May, who abstained.  
Motion passes

**4. School Goal Update (PLC Plan/Revision)**

Dr. Harten reviewed the school-wide goal of equity and inclusion. The role of PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) was discussed during this semester as well as plans for next semester. Discussion included:

- The reality of teaching during COVID has taken away from the typical depth of discussion of these topics as teachers try to manage meeting the challenges/needs of struggling students right now.
- Great quality discussions have occurred at these PLC sessions, but the topics deserve more time in the future.
- Teachers feel this training will make them better at their jobs going forward.

Some struggling students will be invited to return to campus for most of the week as part of program developed by Assistant Head of School for Enrollment Amy Favreau.

Student Academic Committee members said they particularly appreciated the efforts of their teachers to treat them as individuals, check on them and help them to handle their course load. They feel heard.

Past and future PLC topics include implicit bias, background growth mindset, growth mindset, identifying barriers of growth, asking for help, course leveling, international students and socioeconomics. We are waiting to hear if we have been awarded a \$5000 grant to fund an anti-bias summer program.

**5. PSAT Juniors Preliminary Results**

Dr. Harten provided a handout which compared and contrasted the results of the (current) junior class' PSAT in October of 2019 and October of 2020. Overall, fewer students took the test in 2020, but those who did scored higher. SAT tests have been scheduled for this group in April 2021.

Seventy-eight percent of the current freshman class took the PSAT, which is fewer than the percentage of freshmen who tested in 2019. Scores mostly reflect middle school performance.

The sophomore class will take the PSAT in February 2021.

**6. Plan for End of Semester 1**

Dr. Harten and Associate Head of School Holly Singleton reviewed the key events, dates and times of the school schedule as we wrap up the first semester.

**7. Other** – None.

Chair Paquette wished everyone a safe and healthy holiday.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Child/Ignacio) To adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.  
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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