

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
March 18, 2019**



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Child, Barbara; Musumeci, Joseph (5:50); Paquette, Philippa; Young, Scott; Harten, Michael; May, Val; Musko, Jason; Singleton, Holly; Walley, David; Eaton, Mackenzie; Pan, Jingy

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paquette at 5:27 p.m.

2. Citizen's Comments – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of January 14, 2019

MOTION: (Singleton/Young) To approve the minutes of January 14, 2019.

All voted Yes except P. Paquette, who abstained. Motion carries.

4. AP Capstone Course Proposals

Capstone courses are designed to prepare students for college-type work, and there is no prerequisite to enroll. The AP Seminar course culminates in the AP test, and the AP Research course involves research and a presentation. The Academic Committee approved both courses. WALT's survey to assess student interest resulted in the following:

- 12/60 would like to take it
- 37 wanted to learn more
- 11 would have taken it, if given the chance earlier in their high school career

5. Liaoyuan High School Partnership

Dr. Harten is meeting with the Liaoyuan team in a week. Materials have been shared and they will adapt a new curriculum in line with WA rather than Canada. The first students, around 40 in all, will arrive in Summer 2020.

6. ACT Magnet School Partnership

EastConn has taken over the ACT Magnet School in Willimantic, which offers an intensive study in the performing arts. We are exploring a possible association where interested boarding students from The Academy will have the opportunity to take core courses at The Academy in the morning followed by afternoon courses at the ACT school.

7. AP Update

405 AP tests have been paid for. Next year, AP registration will be in the fall (for fall classes) and spring (for spring classes).

8. 8th Grade Recruitment & Registration Update

Mr. Walley shared that sending town numbers for next academic year is 276 students at this time.

9. Next Generation Accountability System Results

The gap between high-needs students and all other students has been reduced in both math and English language arts.

10. Other – Val May said college planning night was excellent, and congratulated Mr. Walley on a job well done.

11. Citizen's Comments – None.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: (Harten/Child) To adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Philippa Paquette
Paquette, Philippa
Academic Committee Chair

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