

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**ACADEMIC and**  
**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**  
**COMMITTEES**  
**April 17, 2023**



These minutes are for  
informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Blackmer, Robert; Carabeau, Garry; Favreau, Lennon; Harten, Michael; May, Val; Morse, David; Musko, Jason; Paquette, Philippa; Quinn, Eric; Staples, Ethan; Walley, David; Young, Scott; Durga, Katie; Sandford, Chris; Susi, Michael

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Larrow, Jeff; Nguyen, Cang—alt.; Rich, Matthew; Samborowski, Len; Singleton, Holly; Swenson, Christine; Woodland, Julie

**GUESTS:** Allard, Marc; Mugagga, Shaun; Papineau, Will

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Paquette Paquette at 5:31 p.m.

**2. Community Participation – None.**

**3. Secretary's Report – Academic Minutes of March 6, 2023**

**MOTION:** (Musko/Young) To approve the minutes of March 6, 2023.

Unanimous

**4. Secretary's Report – B&G Minutes of March 6, 2023**

**MOTION:** (Morse/Quinn) To approve the minutes of March 6, 2023.

Unanimous

**5. Studio Presentation**

Head of School Sandford welcomed attendees to The Academy's dynamic studio space made possible after a donation from NBC CT.

With the support of students Shaun Mugagga and Will Papineau, Marc Allard spoke about the curriculum and student experiences of the sports communication program now being offered. Multiple questions were asked and answered. The group thanked Mr. Allard, Mr. Mugagga and Mr. Papineau for their interesting and engaging presentation.

**MOTION by Buildings and Grounds Committee:** (Quinn/Carabeau) To adjourn the Buildings and Grounds portion of the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Unanimous

Bob Blackmer, Garry Carabeau, David Morse, and Eric Quinn exited the meeting.

**6. Academic Integrity Policy Revision (with AI language)**

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten described the current academic integrity policy published in the student handbook. A handout which added proposed language to address the use of artificial intelligence (AI) was discussed. While the school does not encourage the use of AI, if used, it must be cited properly. He added that Turn It In now has an AI detector. Teachers are beginning to think differently about ways to teach and learn that reduce the ways AI can be used.

**7. Mastery-Based Diploma Assessment Update**

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten shared that of the 319 seniors who were assigned to complete this assessment, 299 have completed it. Students who received failing marks lost senior privileges. The entire

administrative team assisted in scoring the essays and most gave positive feedback about the quality and content of student work.

### **8. NGSS Assessment Overview**

Dr. Harten provided an informational handout about the Next Generation Science Assessments. Testing time/schedule, test design/item types, and the online aspect of its administration were discussed. Sample assignments and sample test questions were provided to better illustrate the composition of the test.

Lennon Favreau and Ethan Staples exited the meeting at 6:26.

### **9. Other**

Due to some extraordinary circumstances, a student request for early graduation was granted.

### **10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Harten/Musko) To adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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