

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
March 8, 2023



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Asikainen, Samantha; Campbell, Jacob; Cording, Leisl; McGinn, Walter; Quinn, Eric; MacKinnon, Leila; Hughes, Karin; Sandford, Chris; Saucier, Bobbie-Jo; Singleton, Holly; VanderSwaagh, Shannon; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Garnsey, Arianna; Pandurevic, Nina; Marrow-Rivera, Danielle; Rigney, John; Samborowski, Leonard

GUESTS: Palmerino, Ian

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McGinn at 7:02 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of January 11, 2023

MOTION: (Sandford/Cording) To approve the minutes of January 11, 2023.

Unanimous

4. STRIVE Updates / Presentation

Dean of Student Affairs Karin Hughes introduced Director of Student Support Shannon VanderSwaagh to the group. Mrs. VanderSwaagh described the STRIVE Post-grad Program as offering a multi-tiered approach to learning that addresses social-emotional skills, academics, and life skills. Targeted learning is divided into (1) Emerging skills for the first two years (approximately grades 9-10); (2) Developing skills for the second two years (approximately grades 11-12); and (3) Pathways to Autonomy in post-grad years (grade 12+). Post-grad students complete any deferred course work, receive individualized transitional and vocational training, and develop scaffolded adulting and resource management skills. Community partnerships are established for work-based learning, including job development and coaching. Paraprofessional Jacob Campbell described the types of work he performs at The Academy and within STRIVE. Current STRIVE student Ian Palmerino described the types of projects and job experiences he has been experiencing. All present were interested in learning how to purchase Ian's custom-created dog biscuits. Discussion ensued as the group answered committee questions. Head of School Sandford thanked Mrs. VanderSwaagh, Mr. Campbell, and Ian Palmerino for their presentation and hard work.

Mrs. VanderSwaagh, Mr. Campbell, and Ian Palmerino left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

5. Health Services Update

Director of Health Services Bobbie-Jo Saucier provided a health services summary sorted by type of service provided, by grade, by the time of day, and by type of professional appointment required. Overall, total visits are down, student injuries are up (possibly due to greater activity), medicine administration is up, and general health screenings are up. Discussion ensued about the drug and alcohol services Project Courage offers and the possibility of optional group therapy sessions.

6. First Quarter Discipline Data

Dean of Student Affairs Karin Hughes compared and contrasted behavior dashboards from 19-20, 21-22, and 22-23. Discussion ensued about the types of incidents occurring during each year.

7. Other – None.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: (Quinn/Asikainen) To adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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