

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
January 12, 2022



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Asikainen, Samantha; Livernois, Jay; McGinn, Walter; Quinn, Eric; Rhynhart, Hans; Rich, Matthew; Samborowski, Leonard; Trivella, Joan; MacKinnon, Leila; McDonald, Haley (alt.); Smith, Adeline; Hughes, Karin; LaChance, Raymond; Marrow-Rivera, Danielle; Resnick, Sam; Rich, Craig; Rigney, John; Sandford, Chris; Saucier, Bobbie-Jo; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-chairman Trivella at 7:00 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of November 10, 2021

MOTION: (Singleton/Samborowski) To approve the minutes of November 10, 2021.
Unanimous

4. DEI Update

Director of Student Affairs Karin Hughes informed the group that Denzel Washington and Danielle Marrow-Rivera will be presenting this update at the next meeting in March.

5. QVCC Partnership Program

Director of Student Affairs Karin Hughes is currently working with the CEO at QVCC to offer students classes under the QVCC umbrella this spring. Of particular interest is partnering on classes which will benefit students in special education.

6. Campus Health and Wellness Update

Head of School Sandford stated that The Academy's Crisis Team, which includes members of the senior administrative team, school psychologists and counselors, has been working well together help our community navigate through several significant and unexpected losses.

COVID seems to be surging again, with numbers of positive cases rising considerably among day and boarding students. With somewhat confusing messaging coming at the national, local, and regional sports association levels, The Academy has been consulting even more frequently with school physician Dr. Xeller. Although contract tracing is no longer required, significant spread and exposure has resulted in several winter sports teams needing to "pause" their seasons. Director of Health Services Bobbie-Jo Saucier reported seeing one case of COVID-flu and one case of back-to-back COVID infections so far. More free rapid tests and N-95 masks are expected to arrive on Friday. Overall, our employees have a very high vaccination rate and Bobbie-Jo is still collecting updated copies of vaccine cards that reflect booster shots.

7. Winter Sports Update

While the CIAC allowed optional masking for fully vaccinated athletes for a short time, now masks are required for all sports except wrestling, swimming, and gymnastics. Student representatives Leila MacKinnon and Hailey McDonald reported seeing positive COVID cases in both vaccinated and unvaccinated athletes. It has been challenging to acquire COVID testing and medical clearance documentation ahead of meets and games.

8. Executive Session - Security

MOTION: (Asikainen/McGinn) To enter into Executive Session to discuss Security matters, inviting all present to attend, at 7:26 p.m.
Unanimous

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:51 p.m.

9. Possible Action Based on Executive Session – None.

10. Other

Associate Head of School Holly Singleton shared the following:

- WA Alum Simon Becher was recently drafted at #16 to play professional soccer and is heading to Vancouver.
- The Academy celebrated Founder’s Day today, although without the usual cupcakes.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: (Singleton/Rhynhart) To adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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