

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
August 23, 2021



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Asikainen, Samantha; McGinn, Walter; Quinn, Eric; Rhynhart, Hans; Samborowski, Leonard; Trivella, Joan; MacKinnon, Leila; Smith, Adeline; Hughes, Karin; Rigney, John; Sandford, Chris; Saucier, Bobbie-Jo; Woodland, Julie

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-chairman Trivella at 6:00 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of May 12, 2021

MOTION: (McGinn/Rhynhart) To approve the minutes of May 12, 2021.

Unanimous

4. Return-to-School Update

Karin Hughes, Dean of Student Affairs, described the measures in place for students as they return to school next week. The Committee can expect to see masking on campus and buses, daily screening, eight lunch waves, six feet of space between students eating, ten minutes of passing time (formerly 14 minutes) between classes, and students will be encouraged to eat outside. The rules for distance and contact tracing for students, adults, and athletes are complicated, but have been reviewed with the staff. Protocols for the boarding community were reviewed, which included staggered entry of vaccinated/unvaccinated students, quarantine periods, daily screening, rapid testing options, and vaccinations. The governor's executive order dictating distance, masking, contact tracing, etc. will be in place through at least September 30. So far, 40 students have signed up for our future vaccination clinic.

5. Residential Life Update

Assistant Head of School for South Campus John Rigney discussed recent Residential Life training, newly hired staff, the arrival of the students from the Liayuan and prep soccer programs, orientations, and quarantines. Football is already underway, and while most other fall athletics seem to be on track for a "normal" season, it seems teams who practice/play indoors will have to wear masks.

6. Committee Goals 2021-2022

It was agreed to table discussion of the 2021-2022 committee goals until the next meeting.

7. Other – None.

Committee members shared the following comments:

- Students in the Extended School Year Program (ESY, formerly called summer school) successfully completed missed work and/or credit recovery. The students who helped out were paid with grant money. One attendee reportedly described the program as the "best four weeks ever."
- Senior Addy Smith is thrilled to start her soccer season.
- Vicki Despres will assist with the STRIVE program this year; next year the program may be expanded.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: (Asikainen/Rhynhart) To adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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