



THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
NOTICE OF MEETING

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE  
AGENDA

**Date:** Wednesday, November 11, 2020  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Zoom and the Fireside Room on South Campus

**Option #1: Join Zoom Meeting (use the link to the conference):**

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**Meeting ID:** 236 068 7302

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—OR—

**Option #2: Join Zoom Meeting by Phone**

**Dial:** (646) 558 8656

**Meeting ID:** 236 068 7302

**Password:** 862710

1. Call to Order
2. Community Participation—please email your comments before 6:00 p.m. to [jwoodland@woodstockacademy.org](mailto:jwoodland@woodstockacademy.org)
3. Secretary's Report – Minutes of October 13, 2020
4. AIM—Hybrid Learning Recap
5. Residential Life Update
6. Committee Goals 2020-2021
7. Other
8. Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE  
October 13, 2020**



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Asikainen, Samantha (6:40); McGinn, Walter; Rynhart, Hans; Samborowski, Leonard; Trivella, Joan; Du, Stella; Smith, Adeline; McDonald, Haley (alt.); Hughes, Karin; Rigney, John; Sandford, Chris; Saucier, Bobbie-Jo; Saucier, Sean; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie  
**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Preston, Megan (alt.)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Trivella at 6:31 p.m.

**2. Community Participation – None.**

**3. Secretary’s Report—Minutes of September 9, 2020**

**MOTION:** (Samborowski/Singleton) To approve the minutes of September 9, 2020.  
Unanimous

**4. Athletic Update**

Dean of Athletics Sean Saucier provided an overview of the status of athletics in our area and within our program. Adjustments have been made to football, cheerleading, and soccer with regard to contact, the number of games, and the number of teams played. While the CIAC continues to roll out various plans for winter sports, The Academy is committed to keeping kids active even if that means only “in-house” competition. Co-chair Trivella remarked that what The Academy has been able to provide is “as good as it can be” and “better than (she) thought.” She thanked the administration for their phenomenal and admirable efforts, along with their creative thinking.

**5. Boarding Program Break Schedule**

Head of School Sandford and Associate Head of School Singleton described the letters that Assistant Head of School for South Campus John Rigney sent to students and families about Thanksgiving and winter break. In short, students will choose whether to remain on campus through Thanksgiving until the start of winter break or leave at the start of Thanksgiving break. All will return in January. The prep team may go home at Thanksgiving and return in January, but this is all still a very fluid situation with regard to domestic and international travel. Providing nursing care to sick students is stressful, even for routine illnesses. The Student Life Committee will be kept up to date with the status of the basketball program.

**6. Committee Goals 2020-2021**

It was agreed to craft 2020-2021 committee goals early in the next meeting’s agenda, incorporating the school goal as an overarching theme.

**7. Other**

Stella Du shared the thoughts of other day students with the Committee, saying most international students have mixed feelings about returning to in-person classes. They are concerned about safety, social distancing, and travel during the coronavirus epidemic. Many worry about how sports, recreational travel, and off-campus work will affect the South Campus “bubble” and feel safer while doing eLearning exclusively.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Samborowski/Asikainen) To adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.  
Unanimous

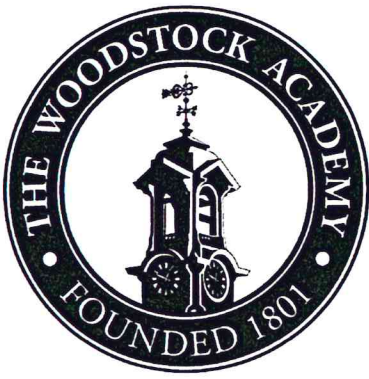
Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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## 2020-21 School-wide Goal: Equity and Inclusion

**School Goal (2020-21):** By employing a growth mindset, the faculty and staff will work together to gather data and expand our knowledge in order to develop a plan to improve equity and inclusion and reduce bias.

### Procedure:

- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) will meet twice a month to guide and anchor the work.
- The Woodstock Academy Leadership Team (WALT), with input from faculty and staff, will oversee the topics and materials for the PLCs.
- PLC topics and discussions will include, but not be limited to:
  - Completing personal inventories/written self-reflection
  - Participating in conversations within and across departments
  - Learning about the history of systemic bias in the U.S.
  - Developing strategies to proactively communicate in a culturally responsive way
  - Developing instructional strategies and curriculum to improve equity and inclusion and to reduce bias for all WA students and staff
- Individual faculty members will reflect in writing on their progress towards the school goal as part of their mid-year and final evaluation meetings.
- The focus on the year will be gaining individual and collective knowledge around these topics.