

**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; Rhyhart, 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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