

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
March 11, 2020



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Asikainen, Samantha; McGinn, Walter; Samborowski, Leonard; Trivella, Joan; Sandford, Chris; Saucier, Bobbie-Jo; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie
ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Rhyhart, Hans; Rigney, John

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Trivella at 7:04 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of February 12, 2020

MOTION: (Samborowski/McGinn) To approve the minutes of February 12, 2020.

Unanimous

4. Consider Appointing Student and Staff Members to Committee

Associate Head of School Singleton explained the role and process used to select student members of the Academic Committee. Applications from eight students interested in serving on the Student Life Committee were reviewed.

MOTION: (McGinn/Samborowski) To appoint Stella Du (Grade 11) and Adeline Smith (Grade 10) as full members of the Student Life Committee. Unanimous

MOTION: (McGinn/Samborowski) To appoint Megan Preston (Grade 11) and Hailey McDonald (Grade 10) as alternate members of the Student Life Committee.

Unanimous

Director of Health Services, Bobbie-Jo Saucier volunteered to serve on the Student Life Committee as a staff member. Her offer was gladly accepted.

Julie Woodland was asked to send appointment letters to the selected students. Mrs. Singleton and Dr. Harten planned to onboard the students before the next meeting.

5. Approve Committee Charter

The edited Committee Charter was reviewed.

MOTION: (Asikainen/Samborowski) To approve the Committee Charter as presented.

Unanimous

6. Approve Meetings Schedule

The meetings schedule was reviewed.

MOTION: (Asikainen/Singleton) To approve the meetings schedule as presented.

Unanimous

7. Residential Life Update

Associate Head of School Singleton and Director of Health Services Saucier provided an update about how The Academy is handling the COVID-19 response planning. A PowerPoint presentation was reviewed.

Discussion included:

- We have been working with NDDH and other schools to share ideas.
- Assemblies and student gatherings have been canceled. Social isolation strategies are being used.
- Students are not allowed to travel out of CT with the school.
- International travel is to be avoided.
- Uncertainties about where all students travel during April vacation is a concern.
- Plans are ever evolving to keep the boarding students and families on South campus healthy and safe.
- One of the chemistry classes is planning to make hand sanitizer.

Distance learning:

- A proposed schedule has been created.
- Lists of responsibilities and expectations have been developed for students, families, teachers, support staff, paraprofessionals, and administration. The eLearning guidelines were attached.
- Meeting the needs of special education students is a priority (504s, IEPs).
- Plans are being made to ensure internet access for all students.
- The technology department has been helping to get the community ready to use Canvas and Teams for learning.
- Edu-Cademy sessions are widely available for staff.
- A school-wide practice day has been planned.

8. Reach and Ruvna Presentation

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

9. Other – None.

10. Community Participation – None.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: (McGinn/Samborowski) To adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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