

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**  
**September 9, 2024**



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Bessette, Mikayla; Duvall, Nancy; Folkerts, Chandler; Gregoire, Avery; Gronski, Melany; Munroe, Heather; Musko, Jason; Paquette, Philippa; Rich, Matthew; Samborowski, Len; Walley, David; Harten, Michael; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Young, Scott

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Paquette at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Community Participation – None.**

**3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of June 10, 2024**

**MOTION:** (Samborowski/Sandford) To approve the minutes of June 10, 2024. All voted Yes except Nancy Duvall and Matt Rich, who abstained. Motion passes.

**4. Educator Evaluation Plan**

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten reminded the Committee that it endorsed this year's educator evaluation plan at its last meeting. The plan was then sent to the State, which provided the feedback used to create the edited version included in the packet. The state has now approved this corrected version. Dr. Harten said the changes added detail, increased clarity, and made the document more transparent. Discussion ensued, and the Committee unanimously endorsed the new plan.

**5. Review Data on 2023-2024 Goals**

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten and Academic Committee Chair Paquette led discussion as data about each of the Academic Committee goals was reviewed.

- A. Monitor social and emotional support for staff and collect data.  
Wellness committee activities (funded via grants) and staff survey results were discussed.
- B. Encourage BOT members to attend classes and events.  
Committee Chair Paquette shared the results from her informal Board survey, praising improvement over last year.
- C. Encourage understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within The Academy community.  
Dr. Harten listed past, present, and future training and AI learning opportunities for staff. Permission has been granted to share the AI presentation recently given to employees with the BOT.
- D. Monitor, assess results, and support plans to improve student assessment data, particularly in science, English, and math.  
Tables listing historical data about student performance in the SAT math, SAT English, and NGSS science tests were discussed.

It was agreed to keep each of these goals in place for the 2024-2025 school year.

**6. Apple Distinguished School Update**

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten shared The Academy's recent honor of being an Apple Distinguished School. Beyond the announcement, this honor will be marked by an October celebration, site visits, and more. Mrs. Singleton and Mrs. Gronski are traveling to Florida to represent The Academy in the coming year.

**7. Other**

None.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Samborowski/Gronski) To adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.  
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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