

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
October 7, 2024



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Bessette, Mikayla; Folkerts, Chandler; Gregoire, Avery; Gronski, Melany; Musko, Jason; Rich, Matthew; Walley, David; Young, Scott; Harten, Michael; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie
ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Duvall, Nancy; Munroe, Heather; Paquette, Philippa; Samborowski, Len
GUESTS: Jude Essuman

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Matt Rich at 5:30 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary’s Report—Minutes of September 9, 2024

MOTION: (Singleton/Musko) To approve the minutes of September 9, 2024. All voted Yes except Scott Young, who abstained. Motion passes.

4. Fall Testing Update: October 9, 2024

Director of College and Career Counseling David Walley shared that approximately 225 freshmen and 525 sophomores and juniors planned to take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 9. An additional 70 or so students planned to take the SAT at that time. Student feedback praised the convenience and less stressful atmosphere when taking this test at The Academy rather than an unfamiliar high school.

5. Class Size Report

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten provided his annual class size report, saying the classroom sizes/number of sections per subject were very similar to what they were in 2023-2024. Associate Head of School Holly Singleton shared the challenges due to area-wide teacher shortages. A brief discussion ensued about the rationale behind various teacher/student ratios at lower and higher grade levels.

6. Update on Academic Goal #1: Monitor social and emotional support for staff and collect data

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten reviewed the many initiatives being coordinated by the health and wellness committee, as listed in their September and October newsletter. Grant funding has made this possible for a second year. Events have been well attended.

7. Other

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten shared the news that The Woodstock Academy earned the Bronze Level on the College Board’s AP School Honor Roll in 2023-2024. This recognition comes from “developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit and to maximize their college outcomes.”

Mikayla Bessette, Chandler Folkerts, and Avery Gregoire exited the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

8. Executive Session: Individual Student Request

MOTION: (Young/Singleton) To enter into an Executive Session to discuss an Individual Student Request, inviting all remaining meeting participants to attend at 5:50 p.m.

Unanimous

Jude Essuman left the executive session at 5:58 p.m.

The meeting returned to regular session at 6:03 p.m.

9. Possible Action Based on Executive Session

MOTION: (Young/Harten) To approve the request for early graduation as described in the executive session.
Unanimous

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Harten/Singleton) To adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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