

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**  
**January 13, 2025**



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; Walley, David; Young, Scott; Harten, Michael; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Samborowski, Len

**GUESTS:** Tom Young

**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 November 11, 2024**

**MOTION:** (Gronski/Folkerts) To approve the minutes of November 11, 2024. All voted Yes except Scott Young, who abstained. Motion passes.

**4. Math Update**

Along with Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten, Math and Science Department Chair Tom Young provided a comprehensive, ongoing plan to improve assessment performance. Specifics included daily SAT practice in all core courses and at every grade level; integrating SAT chemistry, probability, and statistics questions into curriculum when appropriate; and increased efforts to cross-combine math and science questions. Data comparing test results between and among grade levels was discussed. Opportunities for test practice are available for students during lunch block and some evenings.

**5. CABE Convention Recap**

Student representative Avery Gregoire described her experience attending the CABE Convention in November, saying she enjoyed networking with other students. Of particular interest was the topic of increasing community outreach. Discussion ensued about the Board joining the administration's efforts to share information with the community, parent groups, students, and staff. It was suggested that subcommittee chairs provide verbal updates at meetings of the entire Board.

**6. Course Proposals—Career and Technical Education**

**a. AP Computer Science A**

**b. Principles of Business**

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten described proposals to offer courses in AP Computer Science A and Principles of Business. The AP Computer Science A course could begin in fall 2025 and would encompass coding, program design, code testing, and ethical computing, among other things. The Principles of Business course is an introductory course set to cover management, marketing, operations, accounting, finance, and more. Course objectives and targeted skills were provided for each, and questions were asked and answered. By consensus, the committee supported both proposals.

**7. Daily Schedule Revision**

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten and Assistant Head of School Holly Singleton shared a revised bell schedule developed to address the need for increased passing time for student breakfast and travel between North

and South campuses in the mornings. This change has been well received by faculty and reduced excessive student tardies in the morning.

**8. Raising Voices Oratorical Contest**

Dr. Harten described the Raising Voices Oratorical Contest scheduled for March 14, 2025. Led by teachers Laura Maher and Denzel Washington, last year's successful event expanded to include students from other schools and cash prizes. The group was encouraged to attend.

**9. Other** – None.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Harten/Young) To adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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