

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
January 15, 2025



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Brown, Lauren; Greene, Kira; Le, Kenzie; Manning, Eli; McGinn, Walter; Munroe, Heather; Quinn, Eric; Dziedzic, Sara; Favreau, Amy; Hughes, Karin; Saucier, Bobbie-Jo; Sumner, Peter; Woodland, Julie
ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Langevin, Leisl; Samborowski, Leonard; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair McGinn at 7:00 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of November 13, 2024

MOTION: (Quinn/Brown) To approve the minutes of November 13, 2024.
Unanimous

4. Academic Club Competition Presentations

Dean of Student Affairs Karin Hughes welcomed Career and Technology Teacher Peter Sumner and Social Studies and English Department Chair Sara Dziedzic.

a. Model UN

Social Studies and English Department Chair Sara Dziedzic provided an overview of the Model UN Club and described the research and independent work students do to get ready for weekend competitions. Beyond building their writing and leadership skills, students are able to improve their life skills and travel. The Academy is hosting its own competition during the last week of April.

b. DECA

Dean of Student Affairs Karin Hughes explained that teacher Kelly Acedo has spearheaded efforts for the DECA Club to replace what used to be called the Future Business Leaders of America. The club emphasizes entrepreneurship, accounting, finance, and business. Student Representative Kenzie Le, who serves as club president, said the competition format involves individuals and teams competing through role-playing scenarios and short research presentations. State competitions will be in March, followed by national competitions in April. Right now, the twenty club members have been fundraising to help offset travel costs not covered by the Beagary Trust or private donations.

c. Robotics

Career and Technology Teacher Peter Sumner shared information about The Academy's Robotics Club, including the VEX robotics platform. Competition progresses from the local to the state to the national level. Competitions involving aerial drones, underwater devices (Seaperch), and multiGP school drones were also discussed. Students also have the opportunity to compete in a wide array of subject areas (coding, video game design, cybersecurity, engineering design, and much more) through the Technology Student Association. In addition to introduction to engineering classes, The Academy offers classes in engineering/robotics, aerospace engineering, architectural design, intro to computer science, and intro to manufacturing. These help provide the knowledge required to compete.

Peter Sumner and Sara Dziedzic exited the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

5. Residential Life Update

Associate Head of School Amy Favreau reviewed a handout describing the first semester of the residential life program. Students have been involved with a wide array of sports and music programs, offered their feedback/help with the food service program, and participated in countless trips and activities hosted by the residential life staff. An academic liaison, a robust duty team, and a transportation coordinator have also been put in place to support the students. Seventeen new students are expected in the second semester and can look forward to joining a welcoming and busy campus community. A flyer listing the many events planned for the last half of January was provided.

6. Raising Voices Oratorical Contest

Dean of Student Affairs Karin Hughes offered details about the Raising Voices Oratorical Contest planned for Friday, March 14. Its theme is “the power of the female voice.” Created and managed by volunteers Denzel Washington (Director of Equity and Inclusion) and Laura Maher (English teacher), the event will feature the recitation of original and suggested poetry. First, second and third-place prizes will be awarded. An event update will be provided at the May meeting.

Kira Greene, Kenzie Le, and Eli Manning exited the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

7. Executive Session—Campus Safety

MOTION: (Brown/Quinn) To enter into an Executive Session to discuss Campus Safety, inviting all present to attend at 7:50 p.m. Unanimous

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:54 p.m.

8. Possible Action Based on Executive Session – None.

9. Other – None.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Quinn/Brown) To adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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