

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE**  
**March 12, 2024**



These minutes are for  
informational purposes only.

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

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Lauren Brown at 7:02 p.m.

**2. Community Participation – None.**

**3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of January 15, 2025**

**MOTION:** (Quinn/Munroe) To approve the minutes of January 15, 2025. All voted Yes, except Leisl Langevin, who abstained. Motion passes.

**4. Community and Belonging: Reframing the Work (Guest—Denzel Washington)**

Director of Community and Belonging Denzel Washington reviewed the “Reframing the Work” white paper with the group. The Connecticut Code of Professional Responsibility for Teachers demands that professional teachers recognize, respect, and uphold the dignity and worth of students as individuals by treating students justly and considerately; The Academy concurs. Group discussion ensued. Updates to BOT Policy #0523, the student and faculty handbooks, several student and faculty organizations, and the school website are planned. The Policy Committee will review these updates at their next meeting.

**5. CNA Program and Health Dept. Update**

Dean of Student Affairs Karin Hughes shared that eighteen students are currently enrolled in the new Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program. Lessons are conducted Monday through Thursday, with a wide array of health professionals joining the class each Friday as guest speakers.

Director of Health Services Bobbie-Jo Saucier described plans to replace Dr. Xeller as the healthcare provider for boarding students on South Campus. She is still facing challenges finding a new athletic trainer.

**6. Chronic Absenteeism Data Overview**

Dean of Student Affairs Karin Hughes described an increase in general student tardiness, which has led to teacher frustration as they try to present quality lessons. Since detentions have not mitigated the problem, revoking parking passes and/or senior privileges will likely be next. Truancy and chronic absenteeism were defined and discussed as the data was reviewed. Strategies and approaches for dealing with the increasing number of families scheduling vacations during school sessions, often for students who already have attendance issues, were discussed.

**7. Other**

Dean of Student Affairs Karin Hughes reminded the group that the slate of student representatives would need to be selected at the next meeting. She planned to collaborate with Dr. Harten to collect applications for both the Student Life and Academic Committees.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Quinn/Langevin) To adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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