

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**  
**September 8, 2025**



These minutes are for  
informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Cournoyer, Adelyn; Duvall, Nancy (5:38 p.m.); Gregoire, Avery; Gronski, Melany; Kyryliuk, Danylo; Munroe, Heather; Musko, Jason; Paquette, Philippa; Rich, Matthew; Walley, David; Young, Scott; Filippelli, Lawrence; Harten, Michael; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Paquette at 5:31 p.m.

**2. Community Participation – None.**

**3. Secretary's Report— Minutes of May 12, 2025**

**MOTION:** (Musko/Gronski) To approve the minutes of May 12, 2025.  
Unanimous

**4. Welcome New Members**

Committee Chair Paquette welcomed the new members. Current and new members introduced themselves to each other, both in the room and on Zoom.

**5. Perkins Grant**

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten reviewed a handout describing the pros and cons of The Academy's experience of applying for Perkins Grant funding as part of a consortium through EastConn. This year, after creating our own advisory board which will meet twice per year, WA has decided to apply on its own in October. Advisory board members include a wide array of community members along with faculty and staff. Beyond the thought that we could receive this year's funding as early as November, partnering with members of our greater community will undoubtedly benefit our overall programs.

**6. Academic Report**

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten provided his annual Academic Report, noting that the class of 2025 had a 100% graduation rate. Improvements were seen in statistics related to chronic absenteeism (fell from 26.1% to 16.8%), advanced placement testing (86% scoring a 3 or higher and 82 students named as AP Scholars), 120 additional UCONN credits were earned over last year, and seniors meeting the CT College & Career Readiness Benchmark jumped up to 95%. The class of 2026's English and Math SAT scores were compared to the State and to surrounding districts, as were the statistics from the Next Generation Science Assessments. All areas showed improvement over previous years.

**7. NGSS Assessment Overview (Gronski)**

Science Curriculum Leader Mrs. Melany Gronski led an in-depth, robust discussion as she reviewed a handout describing how well the school is doing in providing an education in science rather than how individual students are performing. The data indicates improvements from last year. Many questions were asked and answered, with Dr. Harten saying that these standards have transformed learning for students in great ways.

**8. Review 25-26 Academic Committee Goals**

Survey data was used to evaluate the success of the last year's committee goals. Discussion ensued. It was agreed to keep the same committee goals for the current year.

## Academic Committee Goals 2025-2026

- A. Monitor social and emotional support for staff and collect data.
- B. Encourage BOT members to attend classes and events.
- C. Encourage understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within The Academy community.
- D. Monitor, assess results, and support plans to improve student assessment data, particularly in science, English, and math.

### 9. Other

It was agreed to change the next meeting date from October 6, 2025, to October 20, 2025.

### 10. Adjournment

**MOTION:** (Young/Gregoire) To adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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