

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



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Cournoyer, Adelyn; Duvall, Nancy; Gregoire, Avery; Gronski, Melany; Kyryliuk, Danylo; Munroe, Heather; Paquette, Philippa; Rich, Matthew; Walley, David; Filippelli, Lawrence; Harten, Michael; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Musko, Jason; Young, Scott

GUESTS: Nicolae Velicico (student) at 5:58 p.m.

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 October 20, 2025

MOTION: (Walley/Gronski) To approve the minutes of October 20, 2025.

Unanimous

4. Course Proposals

a. AP Precalculus

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten introduced Tom Young, Mathematics Curriculum Leader. Mr. Young described the program, saying that modifying the current Precalculus class into one that can provide college credit for students will only require minor adjustments. The committee unanimously supported this change.

b. AP/ECE Statistics

Mathematics Curriculum Leader Tom Young said that due to course sequencing, College Board revisions, and overlapping content, it makes sense to combine Statistics ACC and AP Statistics into one semester. The committee unanimously supported this change.

c. Cybersecurity

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten shared that offering this new class will provide students with two quality courses to take after the initial Introduction to Coding course. The idea came from a suggestion from the Perkins Grant Advisory Board. The committee unanimously supported this change.

d. AP Business with Personal Finance

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten described this introductory, college-level business and personal finance course which has been designed to be the equivalent of a one-semester college-level intro to business course and a one-semester college-level personal finance course. The committee unanimously supported this change.

5. Presentation: Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics (Guest: Tom Young)

Mathematics Curriculum Leader Tom Young described the math department's initiative to increase the amount of time students spend thinking during class. Key components include assigning thinking tasks, creating visibly random groups, use of vertical non-permanent spaces, and using classroom space without a clear "front of the room." Both teachers and students described their experiences in this new learning environment with great enthusiasm, mentioning greater collaboration and engagement, while performing more meaningful work. Committee Chair Paquette hopes to see this type of learning extend to other subject areas.

Student representatives Adelyn C., Avery G., and Danylo K. exited the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

6. Executive Session: Individual Student Request

MOTION: (Duvall/Rich) To enter into an Executive Session to discuss an Individual Student Request, inviting all remaining attendees to attend at 6:09 p.m. Unanimous

Nicolae Velicico exited the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

The meeting returned to regular session at 6:14 p.m.

7. Possible Action Based on Executive Session

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

8. Other – None.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: (Harten/Gronski) To adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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