

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
March 9, 2026**



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Cournoyer, Adelyn; Duvall, Nancy; Kyrlyluk, Danylo; Lusa, Peter; Munroe, Heather; Musko, Jason; Paquette, Philippa; Rich, Matthew; Walley, David; Young, Scott; Filippelli, Lawrence; Harten, Michael; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Low, Julia; Gregoire, Avery; Gronski, Melany

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 January 12, 2026

MOTION: (Musko/Young) To approve the minutes of January 12, 2026. All voted Yes except Peter Lusa and Addy Cournoyer, who abstained. Motion passes.

4. College and Career Fair Update

Director of College and Career Counseling David Walley provided a list of over 80 colleges, military recruiters, and area companies who attended WA’s recent college and career fair, saying he received great feedback from students and representatives all day. Putnam and Thompson Public Schools also brought over 80 students. Brief discussion ensued about automatic acceptances generated by some community colleges to students who completed the common app and have achieved a specific minimum GPA.

5. Spring Testing Update

Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten shared that we are in the middle of “testing season.” SAT’s for juniors are planned for March 26, with AP testing scheduled for May. Four students also planned to take the ELL test in March. According to a state assessment audit released at a recent webinar hosted by the state, we are (collectively) NOT over assessing students.

6. Academic Concentrations (Pathways) Update

Head of School Filippelli and Dean of Academics Harten provided an overview of The Academy’s upcoming Academic Concentrations Programs. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, students will be able to select from concentrations such as biomedical science, global affairs, music education, engineering, computer science, and architecture. Academic Concentrations offer focused coursework, real-world experience, and a culminating assessment. Advantages to participating in the Academic Concentrations program include exploring college majors/career paths, gaining real-world experience, and standing out to college admissions teams or potential employers. Future programs will probably include culinary, multi-media journalism, environmental science, world languages, business & marketing, and more.

7. Review the Process for Selecting New Student Representatives

It was agreed to stick to the process used last year.

8. Apple Distinguished Schools Visit for Friday, March 27

Dr. Harten described the plans in place for the upcoming Apple Distinguished Schools visit. He expects the student and staff led presentations, student-led tours, and classroom visits to occur on North Campus. Dr. Harten planned to ask the Apple team if any others (such as representatives from our sending towns) could be invited.

9. Other

Committee Chair Paquette wondered who, if anyone, would replace Dr. Harten on the Academic Committee next year. Head of School Filippelli said the restructure would be based on the strategic plan and more information would be provided in the future.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Lusa/Harten) To adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

The Woodstock Academy prepares all students by providing diverse opportunities through a rigorous curriculum and a variety of programs in order to cultivate the necessary skills to become lifelong learners and global citizens.