

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
May 11, 2026



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

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

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Young, Scott

GUESTS: Laura Maher

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 March 9, 2026

MOTION: (Musko/Duvall) To approve the minutes of March 9, 2026. All voted Yes except Avery Gregoire and Melany Gronski, who abstained. Motion passes.

4. Curricular Guide Review (Guest: Laura Maher)

English Curriculum Leader Laura Maher shared a PowerPoint presentation that detailed the procedural guidelines for the review and development of curriculum. Guided by the State's K-12 Universal Curriculum Design Principals, the document provides "a starting point for a continuous cycle of reflection, reexamination, and improvement" to allow Academy students "to develop their capacities as successful learners, self-assured individuals, responsible citizens, and effective contributors to society." Core values include community and belonging, practical relevance, culture of inquiry, coherence, and rigor. The review process incorporates a curriculum audit (phase one), writing (phase two), and implementation and monitoring (phase three). Considerable detail was provided, and questions were asked and answered. Ms. Maher was thanked for an excellent presentation and for her contributions as part of the WALT team that crafted this comprehensive guide.

5. Recognize Departing Committee Members

Committee Chair Paquette began by thanking Associate Head of School Holly Singleton and Dean of Academics Michael Harten for their countless contributions and dedication to the Academic Committee for so many years. She then thanked Addy Cournoyer and Danylo Kyryliuk for sharing their valuable insight and student perspective with the Committee for the past year. Both students shared their choice of colleges and fields of study as the group enjoyed some celebratory desserts together.

Laura Maher, Avery Gregoire, Addy Cournoyer, and Danylo Kyryliuk exited the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

6. New Student Member Selection

Blind applications (without names or genders) of new and returning members were considered. After some discussion, it was agreed to invite the following students to serve on the Committee in the 2026-2027 school year. Avery Gregoire will return as regular committee member. Grette Zheng will serve as a regular member, and Nathaniel Drake will be invited to serve as an alternate member. Dr. Harten will notify every applicant of the group's decisions.

7. Other – None.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: (Harten/Gronski) To adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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