WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, October 15, 2026

1. Welcome
   a. Reading of the board norms

2. Public Comment

3. Consent Agenda
   a. Principal's Report presented by Cotton Bryan
   b. Minutes from September 17, 2026

3. Reports & Presentation of Committee Charters
   a. Student Update –
   b. Faculty Update – Rachel Lawrence
   c. Finance Committee Report – Courtney Cabe
   d. Foundation Report – Jessica Oliver
   e. Communications Committee Report – Doreen Messick
   f. Personnel Committee Report –
   g. Board Development Report – Charmaine Terregino

4. Business
   a. Old Business -
      i. WCS Charter Renewal and goals for self-study, task assignments
   b. New Business -
      i. Presentation of Committee Charters and Annual goals

5. Closed Session
   i. Confidential Legal Matter: Petition for a Contested Case Hearing Involving Special Education.

6. Adjournment Session
   Action Taken/Voted
   Adjournment

Principal's Report
October 15, 2026

Senior Retreat at Chestnut Ridge

At the time of our last board meeting the senior class was away at Camp Chestnut Ridge for the Senior Retreat. We had two full days of good discussions, planning, playtime, and laughter. The structure of the retreat allowed the seniors to talk and interact with people outside their regular friend groups.

The three purposes of the retreat:

- to help the seniors feel even more connected/bonded to each other,
- to help the seniors realize their roles as leaders of the high school,
- to set goals for the remainder of the year.

Our rough schedule:

Thursday, September 17

9:00	Arrive and orient. Review goals. Explain rules/boundaries.
10:00	Moving, Talking, Laughing
	Group initiatives
11:00	Writing from prompts
	Purpose Work with Purpose Calling Cards
12:00	Lunch
1:30	S.W.O.T. analysis
3:00	Student-led workshops
6:00	Dinner
7:30	Campfire, S'mores, Singing, Talking, Star Gazing

Friday, September 18

8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Morning constitutional
9:30	What's the Vibe?
	If this . . . then what?
11:00	Student-led workshops
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Solo sit
	Letter to myself
2:00	Closing ceremony

Class Trips Off Campus

9th Grade to Triangle Training

Normally the 9th graders go off campus at the end of the second week of school to begin the work of integrating new and old members of the grade. That event was rescheduled due to extreme heat . . . and that allowed us a beautiful day with cooler temps and a steady breeze in the trees. Triangle Training specializes in group facilitation and uses a variety of low- and high-ropes activities to challenge the group.

We have always been impressed with the quality of facilitation they offer, and they are conveniently located just a few miles away.

7th Grade to the Coast

The 7th grade made their trek to the coast to study coastal ecology at the Trinity Center. Student and teachers gave the trip high marks. We normally run this trip in the spring, but we repositioned it to the fall to spread out the impact of trips and to get this group bonding early in the year.

Fall Faculty Retreat at Chestnut Ridge

The faculty retreated to Camp Chestnut Ridge in Efland last Friday. We had two main purposes for the retreat:

- To deepen our connections with each other. (The closer we are as a faculty, the more effective we can be in teaching and growing our kids.)
- To have conversations with each other that the normal school day doesn't afford.
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The outline of the day:

Faculty Retreat 2026

Friday, October 9th

The Morris Center ~ Camp Chestnut Ridge ~ Efland, NC

8:45	Arrive. Orient.					
9:00	Moving, Talking, Laughing.					
9:30 – 10:40 **Session I**	**Possibilities and Threats of AI**	**Autism Support**	**Learning and Grading**	**Student-Faculty Safety Norms**	**Differentiation in Desmos and CKLA**	**Critical Friend(s) Group**
10:45 – 12:00 **Recreational Workshops**	Hiking Rock Painting	Reading Journaling	Yard Games Card Games	Drawing, Painting, Coloring	Jigsaw Puzzling Cribbage	Walk & Talk Fishing
12:00 – 1:00	**Lunch!** Provided by Chestnut Ridge.					

1:05 – 2:05 **Session II**	**Possibilities and Threats of AI**	**Autism Support**	**Learning and Grading**	**The Tools of Tech**	**Shepherds of Culture**	**Critical Friend(s) Group**
2:10 - 2:30	Closing Circle.					
2:30	Depart.					

Discussion Prompts for the Retreat Workshops:

The Possibilities and the Threats of Artificial Intelligence (Group led)
Which do you find most compelling: the possibilities of AI or the threat of AI? In ten years, how do you think we'll look back on the current time? Are you using AI in a way that's clearly a boost to student learning? Outside of Woods, who are the thinkers and writers that help you the most in making sense of AI? Are you using AI in any ways that free you up to more creative thinking? Is AI helping with any of the mundane managerial parts of teaching and/or your life? How do we keep our values of authenticity and integrity at the center of an AI-dominated world?

Autism Support (Group led)
What's working in our support of students on the autism spectrum? Where can we improve? How do we expand our capacity? What resources are most helpful? What's my/our next action step? What outside expertise should we partner with? Who might we invite to our February training day?

Learning and Grading (Group led)
In what ways do letter grades support student learning? In what ways are they an impediment, a distraction? When we're particularly wise and/or creative with our grading, what does that look like? How is your grading different now from when you started teaching?

Discussing and Finetuning the Student-Faculty Safety Norms (Group led)
The MS and HS faculties have been working on safety norms that attempt to more clearly define expectations for our interactions with students and former students. Let's spend some time with what's been drafted and discuss ways to improve.

Differentiation in Desmos and CKLA (Group led)
There's a general sense that we like what we get with Desmos and CKLA, but let's discuss what differentiation looks like using these curricula. Are we able to serve all learners from within the curricula? When and how are we going outside the curricula to make sure learners are challenged and supported?

Critical Friends Group (Group led)
A time to meet with a critical friend or a critical friends group to discuss where you are on your Trimester #1 personal goals. How are you progressing? What help do you need? What are your next steps?

The Tools of Tech (Group led)
What tech tools are you currently using that have yielded a big boost to student learning and understanding? What are you looking for and needing that you don't currently have? In the realm of technology what trends are you most excited about?

Shepherds of Culture (Group led)
Do we like the culture we're shepherding at Woods? What are the strongest parts of the culture? What most needs our attention? How do we try to change the parts we want to revise?

Vaccine Clinic

We had a steady stream of kids and adults at our vaccine clinic on October 6-7. Walgreens offered both flu and Covid vaccines. They administered 402 shots (up from 348 last year):

113 pediatric flu
121 adult flu
26 pediatric Covid
142 Covid 12+
402 total shots administered

Admissions, School Tours, Lottery Registration, Outreach

Registration for our admissions lottery opened last night at 12:00 and will remain open until January 15th. We'll run our lottery on February 1st.

We have recently posted these tour dates:

Thursday, November 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 7, 2027 at 6:30 p.m.

As last year, we are purchasing a list (names and addresses) of families of color who are within a ten-mile radius of Woods and have school-aged children. We will be sending a postcard invitation to these families with an appeal that they attend one of our tours. Admissions Coordinator Roz Grant will also be working with current Woods families to get the word out about our tours.

Walk to School Day

Once again, the walking wolves of Woods had a strong turnout for this year's Walk to School Day on October 7th! What a joyful and fun time it was! Thank you, again, to the Chatham Sheriff's Office for keeping us safe on the road.

Woods Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2026

Voting members present: Courtney Cabe, Mike McInerny, Doreen Messick, Amy Garrett, Alex Protzman, Michelle Pearlstein and Charmaine Terregino
Non-voting members present: Rachel Lawrence (Faculty Representative) and Cotton Bryan (Principal)
Absent voting members: None
Non-voting members not present: None

The meeting was called to order at pm and was held in person, with guests having the option to watch via Zoom.

- Public Comment: None
- Norms reiterated
- Consent Agenda: No Changes

Principal's report *Cotton Bryan*	Principal report highlights: • Reviewed new faculty: 3 in Elementary, 1 in High School, 1 new school counselor, and 1 new EC teacher • This year's retreat took place over 3 days at St. Francis Springs. Norms that were developed at the retreat were shared. • Community Workday was on August 15 and was very successful • Reviewed upcoming events and roster of current staff The full Principal's Report can be found on the school website in the board meeting packet.
Minutes from February Meeting	Additional Comments: None
Action Taken	A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alex Protzman, was seconded by Doreen Messick, and unanimously approved by all present voting board members.

- Reports

Student Update	A written report was reviewed with Student Updates.
Faculty Update *Rachel Lawrence*	Rachel Lawrence shared updates • High school held their annual club fair • Student Council elections were completed with new grade level

	and at-large members • Yearbook class and club won an award from the NC Scholastic Press Association. • Middle School Science is working on experimental design, The full Teacher Report can be found on the school website in the board meeting packet.
Finance Committee *Courtney Cabe*	Courtney Cabe shared budget, revenue, and expenses for August, 2026. Highlights include: • We are awaiting revenue to come in from first part of the school year, though it appears that we are operating with a deficit at the time. • Interest rates are slowly decreasing. • Financial standing is good.w The full Finance Committee Report can be found on the school website in the board meeting packet.
Foundation Report *Cotton Bryan for Jessica Oliver*	Jessica Oliver discussed events and financial summary including: • New members reviewed • Goal for this year is $585,000 • Annual Fund Week will have new events and prizes The full Foundation Report can be found on the school website in the board meeting packet.
Communications *Doreen Messick*	No written report.
Personnel	No written report.

Board Development
Charmaine Terregino
	Charmaine Terregino provided updates:
	• Reviewed Board Retreat
	• Three main tasks for WCS Board this year:
	  ○ Renewal of our WCS School Charter
	  ○ Re-financing loan this year
	  ○ Each committee to provide documents to be added to a Board guide book
	• Michelle Pearlstein will join Personnel committee
	• At next meeting, committees will present committee charters. Goal would be to have first meetings and provide written documents.
	
	No written report.

- Old Business:

	• None

- New Business:

Principal's Goals for 2026-2027	Reviewed Principal's Goals (included in Principal's Report
Action Taken	A motion to approve the Principal's Goals for the 2026-2027 school year was made by Amy Garrett, seconded by Alex Protzman and unanimously approved by all present voting members.
Committee Chairs and Member Appointments	• There will be 1 new subcommittee this year specifically for Charter renewal which will include all members of the Board 2026-2027 Board committees will be as follows: • <u>Finance</u> Chair: Courtney Cabe Members: Mike McInerney, Cotton Bryan, John Sheridan (faculty rep) • <u>Personnel</u> Chair: Michelle Pearlstein Members: Rachel Lawrence, Charmaine Terregino • <u>Board Development</u> Chair: Charmaine Terregino Members: Alex Protzman, Mike McInerney, Michelle Pearlstein • <u>Communications</u> Chair: Doreen Messick Members: Alex Protzman, Amy Garrett • <u>Ad Hoc Charter School Renewal subcommittee</u> Chair: Charmaine Terregino Members: All Board Members
Action Taken	A motion to approve the presented WCS Board Committee Chairs and members for the 2026-2027 School year was made by Courtney Cabe and Mike McInerney and unanimously approved by all present voting members.
WCS Charter Renewal Discussion	• Charmaine Terregino outlined timeline for WCS Charter Renewal • Initial charter from 1997 and amendment from 2007 was provided by DPI • One of the big components of the Charter Renewal are 5 goals to be articulated: o Directed goal: Academic

	○ Directed goal: Financial -Refinancing Loan, building improvements, going beyond the state schedule for salaries ○ Directed goal: Operational could be how the Board operates ○ Open goal: Building improvements – updating play structure and work on Butterscotch Basecamp ○ Open goal: TBD – brainstorming ideas. Diversify student body. Total expenditure of students. • Examine Board Bylaws to ensure operations align with bylaws
Action Taken	No vote taken.

Closed Session

Purpose of Closed Session	Review of a Confidential Personnel Matter
	A motion for all present members to move into Closed session at 8:17 pm for review of a confidential personnel matter was made by Doreen Messick, was seconded by Courtney Cabe, and was unanimously approved by all present voting board members.

- Adjournment of Closed Session

Action Taken	A motion to adjourn the closed session and return to regular session was made at 8:29pm by Alex Protzman, was seconded by Michelle Pearlstein, and was unanimously approved by all present voting board members.
	No action taken during closed session

- Adjournment Session

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:31 pm by Courtney Cabe, was seconded by Mike McInerney, and unanimously approved by all present voting board members.

Student Report

October for Woods is busy, busy, busy! Across all divisions, students find themselves engaging with work, now that the school year has kicked into gear, as well as extracurriculars, like sports and clubs. Earlier this month, Woods students got to have another Walk to School Day, students are settled into classes, and both clubs and sports are beginning to pick up the pace. Annual Fund Week is also getting students involved (e.g. the raffles, music class, and holding signs before school begins).

October 15th is a daunting day for many seniors, marking what is, for many, the first major college deadline: UNC's early action date. This necessitates a fully completed application; and so the senior class crosses the threshold from college (and college applications) being a distant dream to being a reality. From here on, more deadlines will arrive, and so too does the anxious, yet exciting, period between applications and decisions. I want to put extra emphasis on the excitement, however. It has been a joy to many to be able to reflect on our time together as Seniors, and also dream as to what the future may have in store. During the Senior Retreat, students had visions for the school, and they have been putting in effort to see it become a reality. There is more attendance to sports games, and more creativity regarding them (see 'white lies' t-shirts for soccer). Overall, this time for seniors is frenzied, but it makes for a much more meaningful experience.

Juniors, just yesterday, took the PSAT, preparing for tests later this year in addition to opening the doors to National Merit Scholarships. Juniors report that it went very well overall. In the next month or two, Juniors are also looking forward to their Tremont trip as a part of their Environmental Science curriculum, where they spend a few days in the Smoky Mountains surrounded by one another. On a smaller scale, Juniors are also bonding via things like advisory/grade-level breakfasts, where students can spend an extended advisory having a potluck-style breakfast.

The Sophomore At-Large says, "the sophomore family has finally gotten back into the swing of things and continues to learn and excel in their classes." He goes on to mention that there is special excitement regarding Halloween festivities (one of StuCo's busiest undertakings), with students already debating which advisory will win the door-decorating contest. The new freedom of electives has exceeded students' expectations, with many of them saying their elective is their favorite class. The sophomore class also has high attendance to sports games, and is looking forward to their Williamsburg and Jamestown field trip later this year.

The Freshman made their first high school field trip to Triangle Training Center earlier this year, where they engaged in team-building activities and group bonding to get a feel for the grade as a whole outside of the classroom.

Woods Charter School

Committee Name: Finance

Mission/Responsibility:
The Finance Committee is commissioned by and responsible to the Woods Charter Board. It has the responsibility for working with the Woods Charter school administrators to create the upcoming fiscal year budget; presenting budget recommendations to the Board; monitoring implementation of the approved budget on a regular basis and recommending proposed budget revisions; recommending to the Board appropriate policies for the management of Woods Charter's assets. The principal for Woods Charter shall assist the Finance Committee.

Job Descriptions

Chair	Members
Must be a member of the Board	Regularly attend committee meetings
Oversees the logistics of committee's operations including gathering information necessary for committee to work	Participate actively in committee work, including accepting assignments, staying informed and reviewing minutes of prior meetings
Reports to the full board on committee's decisions/recommendations	Builds a collegial working relationship with other committee members and works to build consensus
Assigns work to the committee members, sets the agenda and runs the meetings	
Initiates and leads the committee's annual goals and evaluation	

2026-27 Members

Name and Role
1. Courtney Cabe, Chair, Board Representative
2. Mike McInerney, Board Representative
3. Kim Rossi, Administrative Representative
4. Cotton Bryan, Principal (ex officio)
5. TBD, Foundation Representative
6. John Sheridan, Faculty Representative

Meeting Schedule:

The Finance Committee will meet once a month via Zoom (or other virtual meeting platform) during the week before each regularly scheduled Board meeting at 12:30pm. The scheduled meetings for 2026-27 are as follows:

Monday, September 14, 2026

Monday, October 12, 2026

Monday, November 16, 2026

Monday, December 14, 2026

Tuesday, January 19, 2026

Tuesday, February 16, 2026

Monday, March 15, 2026

Monday, April 12, 2026

Monday, May 17, 2026

Tuesday, June 1, 2026

Board Reporting Process:

The Finance Committee Chair will report to the Board at its monthly meetings.

2026-27 Annual Goals and Actions Items

Goal	Action Item	Assigned To	Target Date	Completion Date
1.	Complete the Annual Budget for the School.	Courtney / Cotton / Kim / Mike	1/31/27 (initial draft)	
a.	Present initial budget to the prior to contract negotiations	Courtney / Mike	2/15/27	
b.	Present the final budget to the Board for approval	Courtney / Mike	6/9/27	
3. Recruit and mentor new finance committee members.				

4. Monitor legislation related to teacher salaries with particular focus on maintaining, or increasing from, the state standard at Woods. Review possibility of adjusting budget line items during the academic year based on increases in revenue sources.			
5. Communicate with Woods' community the Woods Charter School finances, goals, and challenges.			
6. Monitor and revise investment opportunities for cash reserves, as necessary.			
7. Refinance Building Loan (Spring 2027)			

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: OCTOBER 2026

ALL SCHOOL CAMPOUT

Yet again, our campout was a victim of the weather! "They" say bad things come in threes, and this was the third year without a full campout, so here's hoping . . .

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Our 6th Annual Walk to School Day was last Wednesday. This time, the weather was on our side – it was glorious! We don't keep official numbers of participants, but it felt very full, maybe even the best attended Walk to School Day yet!

ANNUAL FUND WEEK

Annual Fund Week is in full force! If you haven't watched our video, please find one of the emailed AFW daily updates, or go to our social media pages, for Woods' version of Dolly Parton's "9 to 5" – it is one of my favorite videos we have ever done! At the time of writing (Wednesday afternoon), we have received over $53,000 in donations since Sunday morning, with 42% of our school families donating or pledging. To put that in perspective, by Wednesday afternoon of last year's Annual Fund Week (which was financially successful and typical in terms of participation), we had received over $20,000 in donations and had a 20% participation rate! The daily raffles seem to be creating lots of energy around the week – and we'll see how far we get in the all school celebrations. Our first milestone to hit is 50% school family participation. Once we get there, everyone will receive an ice pop at lunch. After that, 60% means a "Woods Turns Up" DJ Dance Party at lunch.

We are looking forward to a packed house on Friday morning for Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day. We have 253 guests who have rsvp'd and we are busy rehearsing performances, making their itineraries, and getting ready to host them!

SPONSORSHIPS

Our sponsorship push is going really well and we have a number of businesses already on board!

5K: Access Paving (Presenting/$6000), Cornerstone Dentistry (Red Oak/$1750), New View Eye Care (Dogwood/$750)

Auction: Fidelity Bank (Presenting/$6000), Darren McKee Co (Venue Sponsor/$5000), Chapel Hill Dental Group (Raise Your Glass/$4000), Morgan Creek Dermatology (Maple/$2000), Cornerstone Dentistry (Read Oak/$1750), New View Eye Care (Dogwood/$750)

Of note, Carolina Brewery in an in-kind sponsor for both the 5K and the Auction, and both Morgenstern Orthodontics and IP3 are in-kind sponsors for the Auction.

Woods Charter School Foundation, Inc.

2026-27 EVENTS

SEPTEMEBER 10	NEW PARENTS WELCOME RECEPTION
OCTOBER 3	ALL SCHOOL CAMPOUT
OCTOBER 7	WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
OCTOBER 12-16	ANNUAL FUND WEEK
OCTOBER 16	GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY
DECEMBER 5	INTO THE WOODS 5K
DECEMBER 10	McINTYRE'S BOOKS SHOP-IN DAY
MARCH 18-19	BOOK FAIR
APRIL 23	BENEFIT AUCTION

2026-27 GRANTS TO WCS

Individual Teacher, Director & Dept Support	Up to $20,000.00
Faculty Appreciation Events	Up to $9,500.00
Curricular Materials	$11,601.82
Student Consumables	$46,570.34
Professional Development	$6,311.83

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

As of 09/30/26

Fidelity Bank Checking: $344,799 ($205,947 is designated)

Treasury Bill: $155,108

Woods Endowment: $91,450

LPL Financial: $55

Woods Charter School

Approved By WCS Board _____

Committee Name: Board Development Committee 2026-2027

Mission/Responsibility:
The Board Development committee will have the primary responsibility for developing Board policy and ensuring Board members comply with the bylaws and applicable law as it relates to their service on the Board. The Board Development committee shall consist of the Board chair and such other Board member(s), parent(s) or faculty, as the Board shall approve.

Job Descriptions

Chair(s)	Members
Must be a member of the Board	Must be a member of the Board (either elected or appointed)
Oversees the logistics of committee's operations including gathering information necessary for committee to work	Serious commitment to participate actively in committee work, including accepting assignments, staying informed and reviewing minutes of prior meetings
Reports to the full board on committee's decisions/recommendations	Builds a collegial working relationship with other committee members and works to build consensus
Assigns work to the committee members, sets the agenda, and runs the meetings	

Members

Name
1. Charmaine Terregino, Chair
2. Alex Protzman, member
3. Mike McInerney, member
4. Michelle Pearlstein, member
5. Cotton Bryan, ex officio

Meeting Schedule: The Board Development Committee will meet as needed to conduct the work of the committee.

Board Reporting Process: The Board Development Committee will report to the Board at its monthly meeting.

Annual Goals and Actions Items

Goal	Action Item	Assigned To	Target Date
1.	Write school policies to comply with new state laws governing charter schools if needed.	Committee members	May 2026
2.	Submit Charter Renewal Self Study	Committee members	November 2026
3.	Prepare for Charter Renewal site visits	Committee members	January 2027
4.	Assist Finance Committee with Loan Refinancing if necessary	Committee members	May 2027
5.	Review Board Handbook and make revisions	Committee members	May 2027
6.	Redesign Google Workspace files and groups to maintain perpetuity of information	Chair, Committee members, IT	May 2027

October 2026 Faculty Board Report
Prepared by Rachel Lawrence
October 15, 2026

Middle School Science



Ms. Walden-Gray took the seventh grade class to experience the Sound to Sea Environmental Education program at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores. This is our fifth year running this trip and it was our first year taking the 7th graders in October instead of in late April. It was a success! Kelly Norris, Jon Moist, and Coach R accompanied as chaperones. Kathi Shaw was instrumental by running the logistics of collecting forms and finances. This is an exceptional opportunity for our students and it is an experience they won't forget.



8th graders are working to understand the periodic table by investigating the properties of individual elements. They've created superheroes and supervillains based on the characteristics of their elements. They will then use these characteristics to visualize trends on the periodic table and start to parse out how scientists have organized our understanding of matter into the iconic (and confounding) periodic table.

French students in levels 2 and 3 have been exchanging letters with a 9th grade English language class in the Paris area in France. On October 15, they will have a Zoom meeting with the French group and meet their pen pals in person. They will continue the pen pal exchange throughout the year and see them again for another Zoom call in the spring.



In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Ms. Knight-Pass and Ms. Costa combined their elementary and Spanish 2 classes to learn 4 popular Latin dance styles : Merengue, Cumbia, Salsa & Bachata! The BIPOC Student Union is also planning a Spanish Dance this Friday.

Juniors had a grade level breakfast this morning. Grade level breakfasts are a fairly wide spread tradition amongst high school advisories and usually happen

once a trimester. They give students a chance to be together and build community in a more relaxed environment than more structured activities. Other advisories were getting ready for the Halloween door decoration contest and meeting with Little/Big Buddies pairings.

Mr. Carlson had some guest speakers for Economics and Personal Finance: Dr. Ed Preston, Dr. Bob Healy, Dan Oldman, Ambassador Bob Pearson. These gentlemen came once to speak to the class and then were generous enough to come back again and talk to the students in smaller breakout groups.







The first big college application deadline is today, which is a waypoint in a very busy season for our Seniors, their Advisors, and teachers as they write letters of recommendation. Special thanks to John Sheridan, Craig Carlson, and Karen Hawkins as they support our students through this stressful process. As senior advisors they write the counselor letters for each of their advisees as well as gather and up load a variety of information about our school and the students individual accomplishments to the CommonApp and other application portals.

WCS BOARD MEETING

Public Comment Sign-Up

Time allowed per person: 3 minutes

Date: 10-15-26

Name	Topic
Daphne Earley	Booster Club

Woods Athletics Booster Club

Proposal for Board Approval

The Need

Woods has students who are eager to participate in athletics, coaches who dedicate their time to developing those students, and families who want to see our athletic programs succeed. To sustain and grow these programs, we need a more organized way to connect those resources.

Athletics requires more than coaching. Equipment, uniforms, game-day operations, concessions, fundraising, sponsorships, and volunteer coordination all require time and resources. When these responsibilities are organized informally, the burden can fall on individual coaches and a small number of parents, and support can vary from team to team.

A schoolwide Athletics Booster Club would address this gap by creating a central structure for parent involvement, community fundraising, and supplemental program support. Rather than asking each coach or team to organize these efforts independently, Woods would have one coordinated organization working to strengthen athletics across the school.

The objective is to give coaches more time to coach, make it easier for parents to contribute, and create a sustainable source of supplemental support for all Woods athletic programs.

Proposed Structure

Establish the **Woods Athletics Booster Club** to support all athletic programs through three core functions.

1. Fundraising and Community Partnerships

- Coordinate athletics fundraising and local business sponsorships.
- Raise funds for approved needs such as equipment, uniforms, and program improvements.
- Maintain transparent records of funds raised and expenditures.

2. Parent Volunteer Coordination

- Organize volunteers for games, concessions, tournaments, and athletic events.
- Establish one central process for parents and community members to get involved.
- Help distribute volunteer responsibilities so teams are not dependent on a few individuals.