

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**  
**April 8, 2019**



These minutes are for  
informational purposes only.

**PRESENT:** Child, Barbara; Paquette, Philippa; Young, Scott; Harten, Michael; May, Val; Musko, Jason; Sandford, Chris; Walley, David; Eaton, Mackenzie;

**ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION:** Musumeci, Joseph; Singleton, Holly; Chen, Yilin (alternate); Pan, Jingy

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paquette at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Citizen's Comments** – None.

**3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of March 18, 2019**

**MOTION:** (Child/Musko) To approve the minutes of March 18, 2019.

Unanimous

**4. UCONN ECE Update**

Dr. Harten reported The Academy is 9<sup>th</sup> in the state for the number of students taking ECE classes, which calculates to almost \$700,000 in tuition savings for families. In Steven Tyler's ECE Calculus class, 80% of the students earned college credit. Sara Dziejczak was named an outstanding educator and received an ECE grant to fund her recent Human Rights Conference. Mr. Walley outlined improvements to UCONN's enrollment process. A press release sharing some of The Academy's ECE highlights is expected to go out soon.

**5. SAT School Day Update**

Dr. Harten said SAT test day is planned for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 and all juniors will be tested. Significant planning preparation goes into this opportunity for students.

**6. Liaoyuan High School Partnership**

Dr. Harten met with teachers from each discipline on his recent visit. He spoke to administrators about aligning curriculum to make sure graduation requirements will be met. Students are anxious to meet with college counselors. Dr. Harten was pleased with the progress so far and thinks this program will be a good fit for The Academy. He noted the Biology curriculum will need to be looked at, and students are quite interested in elective courses in addition to academic offerings.

**7. Human Rights Presentations**

Mackenzie Eaton described the recent presentations about the opioid crisis facing our community. Her peers said it was a very powerful experience. Val May took her class to the session held during the school day, and said it led to a great deal of conversation. There was some initial concern that the presentation might paint a glamorous picture of drug use, but that wasn't the case. Mrs. May said the students were attentive and asked good questions.

The Human Rights Conference was extremely worthwhile, and feedback was very positive. The speakers were all excellent and it was good to gather with students from other schools. It was helpful to have South campus which provided ample space. Discussion included a desire to add similar programs.

**8. Other** – None.

**9. Citizen's Comments** – None.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Child/Harten) To adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.  
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*David Walley*

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Director of Counseling

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