

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
June 10, 2019



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Musumeci, Joseph; Paquette, Philippa; Young, Scott; Harten, Michael; Musko, Jason; Sandford, Chris (left at 5:53 p.m.); Singleton, Holly; Eaton, Mackenzie; Pan, Jingy; Arends, Alyssa; Ignacio, Joey
ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Child, Barbara; May, Val; Walley, David; Chen, Yilin (alternate)

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 May 13, 2019

MOTION: (Singleton/Musko) To approve the minutes of May 13, 2019.

All voted Yes except Young, who abstained. Motion carries.

MOTION: (Singleton/Musko) To add agenda item 5.a. as *Review Academic Goals*.

Unanimous

4. Welcome New Student Members

Committee members introduced themselves to each other. Current student representatives described their experiences and urged new members to freely speak their minds during meetings. Chairman Paquette authorized distribution of celebratory carrot cake.

5. High School Graduation Requirements

Dr. Harten discussed graduation requirements. The state passed additional requirements last year which will impact this new class. A handout was provided. Changes include offering a one-credit health and safety class and adding a mastery-based diploma. Nine STEM courses include a recommended sequence for math. Administration will review and discuss the math options and decide which to implement and when.

5. a. Review of Academic Goals

Discussion ensued as each goal below was evaluated.

1. Monitor the plans to address the achievement gap—New classes for special education students are English-based or math-based. A data team was formed to review student progress based on performance standards.
2. Listen to and engage with student members of the Academic Committee—Successful. The addition of students to the committee has been very insightful.
3. Continue to encourage members of the Board of Trustees to attend a class at The Academy—Not successful. The committee will continue to encourage BOT members toward this goal.

Discussion ensued as new goals were set for next year.

1. Continue to monitor the achievement gap.
2. Encourage cross-departmental collaboration.
3. Monitor mental support systems for students and collect data.
4. Encourage BOT members to visit The Academy.

6. August PD Update

The committee reviewed the plans for professional development days scheduled for August. They will include ALICE training, DCF/mandated reporter training, Apple Professional Learning, maker space education/training, and hands-on learning, among other things.

7. Other – None.

8. Citizen's Comments – None.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: (Young/Pan) To adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

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Dean of Academics

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