

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
October 7, 2019



These minutes are for
informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Child, Barbara; Livernois, Jay; Musumeci, Joseph; Paquette, Philippa; Young, Scott; Harten, Michael; May, Val; Musko, Jason; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Walley, David; Arends, Alyssa (alternate); Pan, Jingy
ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Ignacio, Joey

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paquette at 5:45 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of September 9, 2019

MOTION: (Child/Musko) To approve the minutes of September 9, 2019.

Unanimous

4. Class Size Report

Dr. Harten reviewed a Class Size Report for the Fall Semester 2019. He highlighted the elevated numbers in the math department. Head of School Sandford commented that although it can be challenging midyear, we may need to hire another teacher in the math and science departments.

5. Course Proposal: African-American Studies

A course proposal for African-American Studies was discussed. Dr. Harten reviewed the document and provided background information. Jay Livernois suggested incorporating the contributions of various former Academy members into the curriculum, but the group agreed the course focus should remain on the history and contributions of African-Americans. The course proposal was approved.

6. School-wide Goal: Assessment

Dr. Harten introduced the practices and procedures planned to reach the school-wide goal of improving assessment practices. Department members plan to complete their work by May/June in order to plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

7. Apple Professional Learning

Dr. Harten described the Apple Professional Learning Partnership. The mini-workshops/professional development opportunities were developed with Tom Adamick as part of our new leasing options.

8. Other

Jay Livernois expressed concern about the basic use of commas and the spacing after periods. Dr. Harten explained that English Department Head Telford has focused on the calibration of instruction and assessment of grammar.

9. Community Participation – None.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: (Musumeci/Singleton) To adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Musumeci

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Acting Secretary

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