

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
May 9, 2022**



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Castle, Leah; Favreau, Lennon; Harten, Michael; May, Val; Musko, Jason; Paquette, Philippa; Rich, Matthew; Samborowski, Len; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Woodland, Julie; Young, Scott
ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Walley, David; To, Thao (Stephanie)—alt.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of April 11, 2022

MOTION: (Musko/Singleton) To approve the minutes of April 11, 2022.
Unanimous

4. 2022-2023 Student Member Selection

A list of student applicants was provided for Committee review. Information only included a class year and descriptions—no names or genders. All applicants seemed involved with school and seemed to have diverse backgrounds and perspectives. After discussion and voting, Ethan Staples was selected to be a full member and Cang Nguyen was selected to be an alternate member of the Academic Committee. Dean of Academics Dr. Michael Harten planned to notify and thank all applicants. Committee Chair Paquette appreciated the great quality of the students who applied.

5. Health Services Update

Dr. Harten shared a portion of the health services information that Dean of Student Affairs Karin Hughes planned to present to the full Board at the June meeting. Highlights included our partnership with Silver Linings of Danielson, our partnership with UCONN for athletic training and orthopedic evaluations, a wide array of trainings and certifications for staff and students, and many other resources on top of the internal staff in place to help students. Discussion included alcohol and drug counseling and outreach for students and families, and how important it is to balance funding resources between academic and health needs in our community.

6. Shakespeare Residency Update

Dean of Academics Dr. Harten shared that the Starling Shakespeare Company was on campus from Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 6, working with over 300 students in 17 different classes. They also delivered a presentation to over 100 students in the Bates Auditorium. Shakespeare on the Hill is planned for Friday, May 20, afterschool.

7. Advanced Coursework Policy

Dr. Harten explained that Policy 6141.5 will be sent from the Academic Committee to the Policy Committee, and reflects changes made by the state regarding the state's goal of 75% of students taking AP classes and doing advanced coursework. Currently, 67% of our junior and seniors would meet that requirement. Discussion also included a desire to increase the opportunity for summer internships, which was a goal before COVID.

8. Other

Committee Chair Paquette reminded the group to come in person for the next meeting, as the current and future student representatives will be celebrated with refreshments.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: (Sandford/May) To adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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