

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE
November 7, 2022



These minutes are for informational purposes only.

PRESENT: Favreau, Lennon; Harten, Michael; May, Val; Musko, Jason; Nguyen, Cang—alt.; Paquette, Philippa; Samborowski, Len; Sandford, Chris; Singleton, Holly; Staples, Ethan; Walley, David; Woodland, Julie

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: Rich, Matthew; Young, Scott

GUESTS: Halie and Amber Hoffman; Samantha and Michelle Richmond

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Paquette at 5:31 p.m.

2. Community Participation – None.

3. Secretary's Report—Minutes of September 12, 2022

MOTION: (Singleton/Musko) To approve the minutes of September 12, 2022.

Unanimous

4. CT Automatic Admission Program

Director of College and Career Counseling David Walley explained that through the CT Automatic Admission Program and based on their GPA, many of our students have received notice of their automatic acceptance to many CT schools such as Eastern/Central/Southern/Western, University of Bridgeport, University of New Haven, University of St. Joseph, and Mitchell College. While they would still need to formally apply to attend an individual school, this program was designed by the state legislature to increase the application rates at these CT schools. Attending classes at many of these colleges could be at no charge. Registrar Danielle Giamundo, Data Specialist Linda Brock, and Dave Walley were thanked for loading information into PowerSchool to make this possible for our students. Committee Chair Paquette suggested the counseling office verbally follow up with our accepted students to make sure they are fully aware of this opportunity.

5. October Test Day/Data Team Update

Dr. Harten provided a handout with follow-up information from the last meeting. The October PSAT for grades 9-11 had 93% participation. Information from math and English SAT-based assessments for grade 9 students are being used for second-semester course placement and may result in curricular adjustments. Daily SAT practice in core classes, across grade levels, began after October 12 using Canvas classes and weekly assignments. The student representatives offered their feedback on the daily SAT practice.

6. Other

A preview of an upcoming presentation about beginning a String Program or club was mentioned.

Committee Chair Paquette expressed gratitude for the work approximately 50 students did at the Arboretum.

Lennon Favreau, Cang Nguyen, and Ethan Staples left the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

7. Review Student Request/s for Early Graduation

Accompanied by their mothers, two students each privately presented a letter and offered their individual reasons for requesting permission to graduate early. The questions of committee members were answered. After the

students and families exited the meeting, the committee deliberated. Dr. Harten was asked to notify each student of the Committee's decision.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: (Harten/Samborowski) To adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Woodland

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Board Clerk

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