

**Oglethorpe Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
Agenda
March 25, 2019**

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
1. Welcome	Lisa Grooms
2. Approve Agenda	
3. Approval of February Meeting Minutes	
4. Financial Report	Henry Perry
5. Presidents Report	Lisa Grooms
6. Administrators Report Request Board approval on expenditure	Kevin Wall
7. Governance and Accountability Committee Board resignation and reappointment New hire	Jon Cohen

OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting February 18, 2019

Board Members Present: Lisa Grooms, Kathleen Fabrikant, Jon Cohen, Terri Keldie, Chris Hintz, Felix Hamza-Lup, Katie Balthrop, Emad Afifi

Board Members Absent: Patrick Dean, Henry Perry, Tracy Kennedy,

Principal Present: Kevin Wall

Others Present: None

Open Session: Called to order at 5:00 pm by Lisa Grooms.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda: Chris Hintz
Motion to second: Emad Afifi
Motion was unanimously passed

Approval of January meeting minutes:
Motion to approve: Jon Cohen
Motion to second: Chris Hintz
Motion was unanimously passed

Financial Report: The monthly financial report through January, 2018 was presented by Lisa Grooms.

President's Report: Lisa Grooms presented some clarification on prior discussions of an OCS high school at this time.

- The charter was written as:
 - Once last looping team was in 8th grade, OCS Middle would end the looping schedule and start a 9th grade class at that time
 - OCS would add a grade each year until high school was complete
 - After the first 2 years, we would have to address increase in building space
 - We were working with Emad trying to solve this issue
- OCS met with Chatham County School Board Facilities Team:
 - Waivers will be needed for:
 - Gym
 - Cafeteria
 - Other Building spaces

High school's have acreage requirements that OCS does not currently meet
- Facilities Team was not optimistic on OCS receiving waivers as there are more high school seats available in Chatham County than there are students

- Also, to have the type of high school we were promoting, we would also have to do work inside our current building to meet classroom requirements mandated. This work would also have to be paid by OCS.

High school's also do not generate the per pupil funding that elementary and middle schools do and research tells us that our middle school would end up supporting our high school. We are not convinced at this time that this is the best way for money to be used.

At this point, it was determined that a high school would not be in the best interest of the school. The school is looking to grow in other ways, such as:

- Looping team for each grade (even not for double students) as students on looping teams seem to be performing at a higher level
- Starting a 5th grade when the next looping team finishes (which will be in 4 years as we are going to start a new looping class next fall)
- Other programs that will keep OCS on the leading edge of technology and education for our students

We need all of our Board members to be on the same page as our school is. Discussions about building a new campus and being on ESplot did not originate from OCS Board meetings. We cannot have any information discussed in the community that does not come directly from a Board meeting or by request of the Board to be discussed. If anyone in the community, including Chatham County School Board members, have questions, please give them my contact information.

Principal's Report: (See attached memo to Board taken from Principal notes.)

Congratulations Kenzie Kurdys and Jonathian Santana for being selected to represent OCS as the February students of the month. Our chorus director, Brittney Woods, has been selected Adjunct Professor of the year at the Ogeechee Technical College in Statesboro, where Mrs. Woods teaches weekly music appreciation classes after teaching all day at OCS. Congratulations, Mrs. Woods.

Committee Reports

Governance and Accountability: Chair, Patrick Dean with members Jon Cohen, Henry Perry, Tavares Brown, Dr. Kolman, Carli Shehane, and Mark Case.

Nomination Committee: Chair, Jon Cohen with members Henry Perry and Kathleen Fabrikant. None.

Academic Committee: Chair, Kathleen Fabrikant with members Chris Hintz, Patrick Dean, Kevin Wall, Tavares Brown, Monica Roland, and Kerry Crain - none.

Closed Session: The Board entered closed session at 6:05pm. The Board entered open session at 6:15pm.

Other Business: None.

Parent, Guest, Teacher, and Staff Comments: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held March 25, 2019 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Vogel
Oglethorpe Charter School

To: OCS Governing Board
From: Kevin Wall
Date: March 25th, 2019

NJHS Community Service: Members of Oglethorpe’s chapter of the National Junior Honor Society spent time last week preparing meals for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Students, with help from faculty members and parent volunteers, planned and executed Fajita Friday on February 8th and a baked potato bar on Saturday, February 9th. Ronald McDonald House Charities© of the Coastal Empire is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that provides a home away from home for children and their families while receiving medical treatment at Savannah area hospitals. Special thanks to the following individuals for volunteering their time to support this NJHS community service project and the efforts of the Ronald McDonald House:

NJHS Members

Faculty

Volunteers

Isabella Castellanos

Raven Davis

Jillian Layser

Emmanuel Kennerly

Gwen Robbins

Vincent Nguyen (OCS Alumni)

Sheila Nguyen

Monica Roland (Adviser)

Brandy Rowland (Parent)

Kelsi Nicholson

Carson Rowland (OCS Alumni)

Ansley Rowland

Greg Rowland (Parent)

Ella Zipperer

Titan Chorus: The Singing Titans performed at the Yamacraw Performing Arts Center as part of the Savannah Sings 2019 on Friday, February 8th. As students walked on stage the following was read about our students:

Oglethorpe Charter School prides itself on being the first start-up charter school in the state of Georgia. Founded in 1999, the school has received numerous academic and performance achievements. Students involved with the OCS Singing Titans continually perform in many community engagements inspiring people of all ages. Under the direction of Mrs. Brittny Woods, the Singing Titans have consistently received superior ratings in performance at the GMEA District 1 LGPE and also perform at other GMEA sanctioned events. Many of these student performers are active in Titan sports, band, theatre arts, BETA club, FBLA, National Junior Honor Society, and TRI-M Music Honor Society. Oglethorpe Charter School continues to partner with parents and the community to inspire students to achieve personal and academic excellence. At the conclusion of the event, Mrs. Woods stated that OCS received many compliments from parents, other choir directors, and Francisco Nunez who was the invited clinician.
Great Job Singing Titans!

AR Update: The AR Point Club list on the AR Wall of Fame has been updated to reflect AR totals through mid-term of the 3rd 9 week marking period.

500 Club: Vendredi Godfrey with 511 points

250-point club: Andrew Chiver Kylan Daniels Kenzie Kurdys
Sheila Nguyen Ryland Summers Hayden Washington

OCS now has 20 students in the 100-point club, 111 students in the 50-point club and 189 students in the 25-point club. OCS students have now read 163,960,837 words through AR! Students that meet their 9-week AR goal will receive a FREE DRESS DOWN PASS for Tuesday, March 12th. Congratulations and keep up the great job Reading!!

Congratulations Emmanuel Kennerly: Emmanuel has been selected to represent the 8th grade traditional team as the March Student of the Month. Emmanuel is taking 3 high school classes as an 8th grader (9th Math, 9th Comp Lit, and 9th Physical Science). Emmanuel serves as the secretary for the BETA Club, and he is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Emmanuel has given back to the community by helping feed families at the Ronald McDonald House and by also working the Rock N Roll Marathon. Emmanuel hopes to use his visual art skills to audition for Savannah Arts Academy. He would like to attend the University of Georgia and major in architecture. Emmanuel is inspired by his older sister Dominique because of her work ethic and being able to get a good job right out of college. Emmanuel had 2 older sisters that also attended Oglethorpe. We will greatly miss the Kennerly family after this year. **Great Kid!**

Congratulation Karla Miranda: Karla has been selected to represent the 8th grade looping team as the March Student of the Month. Karla is taking 3 high school classes as an 8th grader (9th Math, 9th Comp Lit, and 9th Physical Science). Karla is a straight A student, and she has one of the highest grade point averages in Oglethorpe. Karla is the Vice president of the BETA Club, and she participates in orchestra and volleyball. Karla has given back to the community by working the Rock N Roll Marathon. Karla hopes to be able to attend Woodville Tompkins High School and focus on something in the medical field. She would like to attend Emory University and major in a medical related field. Karla is inspired by her older brother because he is able to play sports and still make good grades. Karla had 2 older brothers that also attended Oglethorpe. We will greatly miss the Miranda family after this year. **Great Kid!**

Summer Camp Dates: Oglethorpe Charter School will once again partner with Savannah State and the Flying Classroom to offer the following summer camps:

- June 3rd – June 7th Rising 6th Graders Camp (OCS students only)
- June 10th – June 14th Rising 4th & 5th Graders Camp
- June 17th – June 21st Rising 6th & 8th Graders Camp
- Summer Camp Registration Window: March 25th – April 19th (Online)
- 4th – 8th Grade Orientation: May 1st @ 6:00 (OCS)

The rising 6th grade camp for new OCS students is focused on getting our students acclimated to middle school. All of the summer camps including the rising 6th graders camp will also have a STEM academic focus. Tavares Brown (OCS Director of Instruction) and Patrick Dean (Savannah State STEM 360) are the point people for all of our summer camps.

Basketball Update: The OCS girls basketball team completed the regular season undefeated advancing to the first round of the playoffs. The OCS boy's basketball team will also advance to the playoffs after a very successful winning season. The quarter final games will be hosted at Oglethorpe on February 25th (girls) and February 26th (boys). The semifinals are slated for February 27th (girls) and February 28th (boys) with the championship game slated for March 5th. **Great job players and Coaches!**

Looping African American History Event Rescheduled: This event will now be taking place on Thursday, March 7th.

Congratulations OCS Orchestra: The following OCS 8th grade orchestra students scored Superior ratings in musical reading and playing at the annual Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) held at Garrison K-8 on Friday, February 22nd:

Azaria Brown	Kalia Davia	Nubia Gilliard
Elizabeth Hendrix	David Jackson	Courtney Kortez
Savannah Martin	Hannah Middleton	Karla Miranda
Sheila Nguyen	Hailee Nix	Jada Polite
Jonathan Santana	Karmelo Smith	Taliyah Thomas
Mariah Wall	Jade Brathwaite	Kentavius Brown
Donovan Coles	Cameron Davis	Taylor Dawsey
Magnolia Poeling	Paris Worthen	

Luis Branch started the OCS orchestra as an after school program with two students four years ago. The program grew so fast and big that we made it a part time related arts program. Mr. Branch taught both Spanish and Orchestra as a related arts class for 3 years. Mr. Branch is now teaching orchestra only as a related arts class. 51 students at OCS are now involved with the Orchestra program. **Great Job Mr. Branch!**

Car Pool Reminders: Oglethorpe Charter School requires a yellow card stock sign to be placed on the dash board of all cars picking students up during car pool after school. For safety reasons, we ask that cars without passes park in our parking lot and report to the office to show identification and retrieve a new card if the card has been lost or misplaced.

Black History Month: On Tuesday, February 26th, Oglethorpe Charter School celebrated Black History Month with a school wide assembly and some incredibly good food that was prepared by the faculty and staff. As a culminating activity in celebration of Black History Month, the looping 8th grade team and students will be presenting their Significant Figures in African American History Wax Museum tomorrow night from 5:30 – 7:00. Please try to make every effort to attend this event. It is the largest event that we hold at Oglethorpe with all 150 looping students and teachers participating.

Governing Board Members Needed: The nomination and election process for serving on the Governing Board takes place during the month of March. If you are interested in serving on the Oglethorpe Charter School Governing Board, please send a very short

Bio (something about yourself). This Bio does not need to be over 5 -8 sentences. You simply need to state who you are, where you work, and just very general information. Note – We have had parent reps in the past that are stay at home moms and stay at home dads. Once we receive your Bio, we create a ballot that goes home in the weekly Wednesday hand out that goes home with your child. We give all OCS parents a few weeks to cast their votes and then we count the votes at the April Governing Board Meeting. Please send your Bio information to Kevin Wall at kevin.wall@sccpss.com

Family Engagement Event. The SCCPSS annual family engagement day event will be taking place on Saturday, April 13 at Daffin Park. The theme for the event this year is Books, Blankets and Family Fun. There will be lots to do for the entire family (games/activities, super heroes, story book mascots, entertainment, face painting and more). Food trucks will also be on site along with baked treats from various vendors. The school with the highest number of registered participants will receive 10 chromebooks. The school with the second highest number of participants will receive a poster maker. The school with the third highest participants will receive a 60 inch TV monitor. We are encouraging all of our OCS families to make every effort to attend this event.

OCS Basketball Winning Season: On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, we would like to thank both of our basketball teams and coaches for an exciting season. Both teams won their respective division to allow OCS to host the first round of the playoffs. Both teams won the first round of the quarter final playoffs and advanced to the semifinal round of competition with the boys team losing a nail biter to Southwest Middle School while the girls won a nail biter against Charles Ellis to advance to the finals. The girls came up short in the championship game but had an excellent season winning all of their games but the last final one. The OCS cheerleaders at OCS really stood out at every basketball venue and helped promote the high intensity play of the players on the court. **Great Season Players and Coaches!**

GMAS Readiness: The Georgia Department of Education provides the following parent resources at the following link: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Georgia-Milestones-Assessment-System.aspx>

Parent Resources

- Georgia Milestones EOG Study/Resource Guides
- Parent's Guide to EOG Student Report
- Georgia Milestones EOC Study/Resource Guides
- Parents' Guide to EOC Student Report
- Georgia Milestones Parent Q&A Brochure
- Lexile Framework for Reading

Understanding the Milestones Achievement Levels

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