

**Oglethorpe Charter School  
Governing Board Meeting  
Agenda  
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<b>Open Session</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>1. Welcome</b>	<b>Lisa Grooms</b>
<b>2. Approve Agenda</b>	
<b>3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes</b>	
<b>4. Financial Report</b>	<b>Henry Perry</b>
<b>5. Presidents Report</b>	<b>Lisa Grooms</b>
<b>6. Administrators Report</b>	<b>Kevin Wall</b>
<b>7. Governance and Accountability Committee Personnel Chair</b>	<b>Jon Cohen</b>

# OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

## Governing Board Meeting November 26, 2018

**Board Members Present:** Lisa Grooms, Patrick Dean, Jon Cohen, Terri Keldie, Chris Hintz  
Felix Hamza-Lup, Katie Balthrop

**Board Members Absent:** Henry Perry, Tracy Kennedy, Emad Afifi, Kathleen Fabrikant

**Principal Present:** Kevin Wall

**Others Present:** Officer Tilton

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

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda: Jon Cohen  
Motion to second: Chris Hintz  
Motion was unanimously passed

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

**Financial Report:** The monthly financial report through October, 2018 was presented by Lisa Grooms. Ms. Grooms presented the fiscal year end 2017-2018 financial audit report.

**President's Report:**

**Principal's Report:** Congratulations to Wilson and William Tran for being selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the students of the month for November. Our Titans football team won the city championship. (See attached memo to Board taken from Principal notes.)

**Committee Reports**

**Governance and Accountability:** Chair, Patrick Dean with members Jon Cohen, Henry Perry, Tavares Brown, Dr. Kolman, Carli Shehane, and Mark Case – none.

**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.

**Other Business: None.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held December 17, 2018 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Vogel  
Oglethorpe Charter School

To: OCS Governing Board  
From: Kevin Wall  
Date: November 26, 2018

**Cookie Dough Reminder:** The Cookie Dough is tentatively scheduled to be delivered to Oglethorpe Charter School the week of Nov 12 – Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. It will take a few hours for the orders to be sorted. Students that sold 4 tubs or less will have their cookie dough delivered to their homeroom and will be responsible for getting the cookie dough home. Parents will have to come to the school to pick up the cookie dough if their child sold more than 4 tubs of dough. If your child sold more than 4 tubs of cookie dough, please try to arrive at the school between 10:00 and 2:00 to pick up your order. We will distribute the cookie dough out of the cafeteria, and we ask that you use the bus ramp to park and pick up your dough. There will be a PTO representative at the school until 6:00 p.m. on the day that the cookie dough arrives in the event you are not able to get here between 10:00 and 2:00. If you arrive at the School between 2:00 and 3:15, we ask that you use the main parking lot for parking and to come in the school through the front entrance to get your order. It takes a small army to sort orders and pull this fundraiser off. We need volunteer help on the cookie dough arrival date and will offer additional volunteer hour credit to those parents that can help out on that date.

**Star Castle Field Trip:** The PTO sponsored field trip to Star Castle and the food court will be taking place on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Those students that sold one tub or more of cookie dough are eligible for this trip.

**OCS Volleyball Team:** The following girls will represent Oglethorpe Charter School in Volleyball this season:

Taylor Dawsey	Makayla McDowell	Mackenzie Hires
Elizabeth Hendricks	Sha'Khia Williams	Azaria Brown
Karla Miranda	Kyesha Hunt	Nyanduk Malwal
Jalisa Smuth	Reagan Harris	Sarah Shearhouse
Marshayla Gresham	Stella Snyder	Paris Washington

Erica Benjamin and Susan Carlile are coaching the girls this year. The OCS team expects to be very competitive this year with hopes of making it deep into the playoffs. It may be noted that the OCS volleyball program has won the city championship the past 3 seasons. Please try and attend one of the matches (volleyball schedule on back of form).

## OCS Volleyball Schedule

Date	Location	Opponent/Time
10/18 (Th)	OCS	Hesse - 4:30pm Hubert - 6pm
10/22 (M)	Coastal	Coastal - 4:30pm Isle of Hope- 5:15pm
11/1 (Th)	STEM	East Broad-5:15pm STEM - 6pm
11/6 (Tu)	OCS	Myers- 4:30pm Sav. Classical- 6pm
Nov 13	TBA	PLAYOFFS
Nov 15	TBA	CHAMPIONSHIPS (Semi-final & Final)

**School Climate:** The National School Climate Center defines school climate as “the quality and character of school life” that is based on the “patterns of students’, parents’, and school personnel’s experiences of school life.” School climate can be influenced by the norms, goals, values, interpersonal relationships, instructional practices, and organizational structures within a school. Research has found that schools with positive school climates tend to have better test scores and graduation rates; in contrast, schools with negative school climates as a result of unsafe or hostile environments tend to have lower academic performance. A sustainable, positive school climate supports people feeling socially, emotionally and physically safe. In a positive school climate people are engaged and respected. By contrast, disruptive and aggressive behavior such as threats, bullying, teasing and harassment creates a hostile school environment that interferes with academic performance. A hostile school environment fosters increased absenteeism and truancy because students feel unsafe at school. If a child is not physically and mentally in attendance, learning cannot take place.

**School Climate Student Survey:** Federal law requires that the student survey be made available for review by all interested parties; therefore, copies of the student survey may be reproduced and made available to parents or other parties upon request.

Student survey results, copies of the student survey questions, and parent opt-out forms are available on the Georgia Department of Education webpage at <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/GSHS-II/Pages/Georgia-Student-Health-Survey-II.aspx>

Note: We will be administering the student survey through our reading classes in early November. Parents, please take the time to look at link above and let us know if you do not want your child taking the survey.

**Homecoming Week 2018:** Oglethorpe Charter School celebrated Homecoming on October 17<sup>th</sup>. This was a fun filled week of events sponsored by the TSA club. Our awesome 6<sup>th</sup> graders once again won the spirit stick at the pep rally. The following students represented the homecoming court at the pep rally:

6th Grade Jr Prince & Jr Princess:

Carson Kurdys  
Anivea Flagler

7th Grade Prince & Princess

Eric Manning  
Malinda Stafford

8th Grade King & Queen

Kiersten Kemp  
Micah Futch

Mr. Case was the master of ceremony (MC) at the pep rally. He was easily able to get the crowd fired up. Our OCS band and cheerleaders did a phenomenal job at the pep rally and the game. When it was all said and done, the Titan Nation filled the stands at Memorial Stadium to watch our football team continue their winning ways. Homecoming week also saw our volleyball team win their first match of the season and concluded on Friday with a TSA sponsored grill and chill followed by Fitness Friday. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I would like to say a big thank you to Theresa Luciano (TSA), Marvin Fuller (TSA), Cynthia Smith (Homecoming Court), Eric Turner (Band), Banecia Baker (Cheer Coach), Beth Jones (Cheer Coach), Derek Perry (Football), Alan Johnson (Football), Erica Benjamin (Volleyball), Susan Carlile (Volleyball), Carli Shehane (Fitness Friday), and Gwen Robbins (Bus Driver). **Great Week for ALL!**

**FBLA Officer & Member Induction Ceremony:** The following students were inducted into the Future Business Leaders of America on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Angelica Agosto  
Kennedi Barnwell  
Kaleb Caesar  
Laci Coleman  
Kalia Davis

Kaitlyn Aiken  
Aaliyah Brown  
Quentin Charleston  
Angelina Cowart  
Rayla Davis

Erin Alls  
Azaria Brown  
Andrew Chiver  
Di'Shona Cutter  
Taylor Davis

Jaylin Baker  
A'Kivea Butler  
Haley Clayboss  
Stuti Dave  
Ashley Dixon

Hamara Downs  
Nubia Gilliard  
JaKiyah Hodges  
Kierston Kemp  
Henry Mitchell  
Ryan Oatis  
Terry Rucker  
JaLisa Srnillh  
Michael Tuck  
Sanaa Washington  
London Worthen

Tenesha Dupre  
Abigail Griffin  
Makenzie Ingram  
Savannah Martin  
Malik Mobley  
Samajay Parish  
Jarquez Shuman  
Joelliane Teixeira  
Skye Walker  
Essence Wheeler  
Shaniya Zeigler

Joshua Ellington  
Kenneth Harlin  
Brannon Jacobs  
Tamia Maxwell  
SaNiyah Mobley  
Bri'ya Pelote  
Asher Sigmon  
Jeremy Thomas  
Mariah Wall  
Makayla White

Madison Frazier  
Mackenzie Hires  
Antonio Johnson  
Ja'Kaelah McDaniel  
Madeline Moguel  
Tahniya Richardson  
Jamya Sibert  
Taliyah Thomas  
Semaj Ward  
Talia Williams

**Congratulations Wilson Tran & William Tran:** Wilson Tran has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the traditional 8<sup>th</sup> grade team student of the month for November. William Tran has been selected to represent the Looping 8<sup>th</sup> grade team as the student of the month for November. Both identical twin brothers were interviewed separately, and they both gave close to identical answers. Wilson and William are both taking high school math. Wilson is also taking high school science. Both boys have very strong family morals. You will find both boys every afternoon at the family business (Cantonese Chef) located on Waters Avenue helping their parents with every aspect of the restaurant business. Wilson and William are heavily involved with the technology offerings at Oglethorpe taking Technology Systems with Mrs. Luciano and Foundations of Computer Programming with Marvin Fuller. When asked what high school they would like to attend, both boys stated without hesitation that they would like to attend Jenkins because it is close to the family business, and they can both continue their passion in computing technology. When asked what college they would like to attend, both boys gave again without hesitation the same answer (Georgia Southern) because it is close to the family business and they could still pursue their computing interests. Both boys stated that they one day would like to pursue a career in computer programming with a strong emphasis in coding. Wilson stated that he is inspired by his older brothers while William stated he is inspired by his dad. Both boys stated that their older brothers and dad are hard workers, confident, and push them to do better. Wilson and William are top notch young men!

**5 Star Climate Rating:** The release of the School Climate Rating from the DOE indicates that Oglethorpe Charter School received the distinction of being a 5 Star School. The following language is on the DOE Portal website:

The School Climate Star Rating is a diagnostic tool to determine if a school is on the right path to school improvement. The rating is based on four components: 1) student, teacher, and parent perceptions of a school's climate; 2) student discipline; 3) a safe and substance-free learning environment; and 4) school-wide attendance.

**School Climate is a big deal. Congratulations to All for helping OCS achieve a 5 Star Rating.**

The PBIS leadership team has an excellent plan moving forward which will help us maintain this 5 star rating for many years. As stated above, the Georgia Parent Survey is one of 4 components that is used in compiling the school climate star rating. Please follow the link below to take the Georgia Parent Survey. The link below can also be found on the OCS web site home page under the quick links tab.

### **Georgia Parent Survey**

Anonymous survey for all parents/guardians

Parent Survey Link: <http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>

**Student Surveys & School Climate:** The student survey is another component of the school climate rating that will be administered through our reading classes prior to the Thanksgiving break.

The data from the other 2 components of the school climate rating are pulled directly from power school (platform used to track attendance, discipline, do scheduling etc).

**Red Ribbon Week:** Mr. Case rejuvenated Red Ribbon Week at Oglethorpe with several daily themes and dress down days with the overarching goal of getting the message to our students to not use drugs. Several classes participated in the door decorating contest with 4 classes receiving an ice cream sandwich party for their efforts. When the judging was completed, the homerooms of Raven Davis (7<sup>th</sup> grade math) and Jennifer William's (8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies) tied for first place while the home rooms of William Jones (7<sup>th</sup> grade science) and Cindy Shretzman (reading plus teacher) came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Football Championship Today:** Our Titan players will be attempting to bring home the city championship tonight at Daffin Park against West Chatham Middle School. This will make the 3<sup>rd</sup> appearance in the city championship game for the OCS football in the past 5 years with OCS winning the city championship in the 2 previous appearances. Good Luck players and coaches!

Note – OCS athletics have produced 17 city championships over the past 5 year time period.

**Cookie Dough Delivery Tomorrow:** The cookie dough orders will arrive at Oglethorpe tomorrow morning. Students that sold 4 tubs of cookie dough will have their orders delivered to their homeroom. Students that sold 5 tubs of cookie dough or more will need to have a parent or guardian pick their order up from the cafeteria. The cookie dough arrives frozen and must be picked up tomorrow because we do not have enough freezer space to store orders. The PTO will have representatives at the school until 6:00 pm tomorrow night. Please use the bus ramp area for parking and enter the cafeteria from the bus ramp to pick up your order. Between 2:15 and 3:15, we need for all parents to use the main parking lot for parking due to dismissal. Parents can use the main door entrance between 2:15 and 3:15 to access the cafeteria. Parents will be able to resume parking and cookie dough order pick up on the bus ramp after 3:15. The PTO sponsored cookie dough field trip to Star Castle and the food court is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will use the call out system to let parents know when the truck has been unloaded and sorted for pick up.



**BETA Induction Ceremony:** The new student member induction ceremony for the BETA Club took place on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The following students were inducted into this prestigious honor society:

Angelica Agosto	Kiara Alfonzo Muniz	Erin Alls	Xander Argentinis
Kyla Baldwin	Kyra Bradshaw	Leandra Brown	Ayrica Butler
Ta'Mya Campbell	Seresa Cohen	Makayla Culpepper	Amari Daniels
Micah Futch	Ta'Nayia Green	Alanis Hernandez	Mia Heyward
Jayce Huerta	Rebekah James	Robert King, III	Chris Kroamer
Carson Kurdys	Olivia Laken	Santoria Minson	Nishka Mirchandani
William Mitchell	Michael Moore	Sheila Nguyen	Abhishek Parikh
Jayla Pierce	Delicia Pierce	Magnolia Poeling	Mariana Puc
Hunter Purnell	Jonathan Santana	Anthony Santiago	Alana Shinard
Stella Snyder	Shradhdha Srikanth	Cameron Straughter	Raina Thomas
Ryland Summers	James Thompson	Saadiyah Williams	Terrance Williams
Benjamin Wright			

The 2018-2019 BETA Officers are Lulu Cowart (President), Karla Miranda (Vice President), Emmanuel Kennerly (Secretary), Tahniya Richardson (Treasurer), 6<sup>th</sup> grade representative (Ryland Summers), 7<sup>th</sup> grade representative (Amari Daniels), and 8<sup>th</sup> grade representative (Katelynn Christopher).

The National Beta Club is an organization for 4th through 12th grade students in the United States. Its purpose is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, leadership and service among elementary and secondary school students. The Oglethorpe BETA Club teacher sponsors are Cynthia Smith, Jennifer Williams and Susan Carlile. **Top Notch Ceremony Teachers!**

### **CITY CHAMPS CITY CHAMPS CITY CHAMPS**

The OCS Football Team continued their winning ways beating a much bigger West Chatham Middle School team for the city championship. This makes the 3<sup>rd</sup> city championship won in football over the last 5 years. We tended to be smaller in size than all of the teams that we played this season but we flat out got after people and won ball games. The team finished with a 7-2 record. The early losses were to West Chatham Middle School (first game of the season) and to Derenne Middle School. Coach Perry made the necessary adjustments to beat Derenne on their home field in the playoffs and did the same thing in the championship game against West Chatham Middle School. The team also beat Meyers Middle School in double overtime with torrential rain bands hitting our area from the last hurricane. This championship team fought adversity all season. The commitment and sacrifice to have a championship caliber football team can be quite intense. The student athletes start practicing in early August when the heat index is usually in the 100s. The players never have a day off and are here after school every day until practice ends around 6:30. At one juncture during this season, many of the players got behind academically. This would have been catastrophic if those players did not get caught up academically. Coach Perry made a personal commitment to teach Sat School and was able to get all of his player caught up academically to keep his team together for a championship run. This championship team got better and better each week. The attention to detail on every aspect of the game and the daily 3 hour grind of practice paid off. On behalf of the entire Titan Football Nation, I would like to

say a big thank you to Coach Perry, Coach Leggett, Coach Johnson, Coach St. Ange and Coach Horton for providing the following young men with a quality football program:

Zion Bartly	Michael Becton	Anar Brown	Mikell Capers
Anthony Chalmers	Patrick Clarke	Jayden Daniels	Acy Evans
Keiran Glover	Omari Greene	Ahmad Grovener	Nicholas Guyton
Jabari Habersham	Jayce Huerta	Graig Janhrette	JQ Johnson
JT Johnson	Kobe Lacey	Kamerion Lanigan	Keshon Leggett
Jabre Marlin	Lamont Mitchell	Jaheim Mitchell	Jayden Newton
Cole Penton	Jordon Scott	Asher Sigmon	Darrell Smith
Jamari Taylor	Joshua Teixeira	Jonathon Tolbert	Elijah Walker
Jayvon Walker	Justin Washington	Domonique Watson	

**OCS Athletics have produced 18 City Championships the past 5 years in both boys and girls sports. Great Job Payers and Coaches!!!**

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To: OCS Governing Board  
From: Kevin Wall  
Date: December 17, 2018

**Model UN:** The following students competed at the Model IN Conference in Statesboro, Georgia on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>:

Abi Summers	Caroline Reeves	Katelynn Christopher
Lulu Cowart	Alyssa Wetmore	Emmanuel Kennerly
Sheila Nguyen	Kelsi Nicholson	Stella Snyder
Madeline Candline	Bashiah McNutt	Shradhdha Srikanth
Nubia Gilliard	Catherine Costner	Ella Morrison
Karla Miranda		

The following Model United Nation students placed at the conference:

- Honorable Mention for Spain General Assembly: Nubia Gilliard & Shradhdha Srikanth
- Honorable Mention Spain Human Rights: Bashiah McNutt
- Distinguished Delegation General Assembly Ireland: Stella Snyder & Madeline Candline
- Distinguished Delegation General Assembly Hungry: Sheila Nguyen & Emmanuel Kennerly

**Model United Nations**, also known as **Model UN** or **MUN**, is an educational simulation and/or academic activity in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the **United Nations**. Monica McDermott and Susan Carlile are the student sponsors of the OCS team. Great job students and teachers.

**Sibling Preference and Enrollment:** We are at the juncture of the school year where we have to know if siblings will be attending Oglethorpe next year. Our application process begins on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs through the last information enrollment session in January. Our lottery will be on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We have to know how many slots we are offering to students, because that is one of the main questions that parents ask when making application. If your currently enrolled Oglethorpe son or daughter has a brother or sister in 5<sup>th</sup> grade that is going to attend Oglethorpe, we need to know so that we can get enrollment forms to you as soon as possible. Sarita Grant is in charge of our application and enrollment process at Oglethorpe. She can be reached via email at [sarita.grant@sccpss.com](mailto:sarita.grant@sccpss.com) or via the main phone number at 395-5075. It is vitally important for siblings to live in the same household to protect the integrity of our charter that has been granted to us. Note – Sibling preference does not exclusively just apply to currently enrolled Oglethorpe students that have siblings in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Example: You may have a son or daughter at Oglethorpe this year that has a brother or sister in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade at another middle school that would like to attend Oglethorpe next year. You can exercise the sibling preference clause and bypass the lottery in this case as well. It makes it very difficult on scheduling and keeping the student teacher ratio where

we want it if we find out that parents are wanting to use sibling preference after the lottery has taken place. We are the only middle school that essentially has our enrollment set for the following year in January which allows us to have scheduling completed in May. This allows us to begin instruction on the first day of school where as many of the other middle schools have to wait until the 10<sup>th</sup> day to see what their enrollment is for scheduling and staffing purposes.

**Congratulations Kalia Davis:** Kalia Davis has been selected to represent the 8<sup>th</sup> grade traditional team as the December Student of the Month. Kalia is currently taking 2 high school classes as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader (Ninth Grade Lit/Comp & Accelerated Algebra 1/Geometry). Kalia has a true gift for music. She participates in both band and Orchestra and hopes to use her band talent in drums and percussion to audition for Savannah Arts Academy. In her free time, Kalia stated that she likes to draw. Kalia hopes to continue her collegiate education at an Ivy League Institution after high school. When asked what profession that she sees herself doing one day, Kalia stated that she would really like to be a Lawyer. Kalia is inspired by her father. She stated that her father is a hard worker that has really made something out of his life from very humble beginnings. Kalia also is an intern in the family clothing business (Morning Fresh Clothing). Kalia is a positive role model for all OCS students. We all know the future is bright for her, and we all wish her well with all of her future ambitions. **Great Kid!**

**Congratulations Micah Futch:** Micah has been selected to represent the 8<sup>th</sup> grade looping team as the December Student of the Month. Micah is a straight A student that is currently taking 3 high school classes as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader (Ninth Grade Physical Science, Ninth Grade Lit/Comp & Accelerated Algebra 1/Geometry). During his 3 year tenure at Oglethorpe, Micah has only made one B. Micah is a member of the BETA club at OCS and has participated with that honor society in community service with the annual can food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Micah participated in cross country this year, and he also likes playing football and basketball too. Micah enjoys dancing and listening to rap music during his free time. Micah would like to attend the Jenkins engineering program in high school, and he would really like to attend college in California one day. Micah is inspired by his father because of his hard work ethic and his never give up attitude. Micah leads by example and is an outstanding role model for all Oglethorpe students. **Great Kid!**

**First LEGO League:** The First LEGO League Robotics Competition was held on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> in the OCS Gym. The following students represented OCS at competition and did an outstanding job:

**Tech Titans 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team:**

Felix Friedman

Alyssa Ratliff

Madeline Imus  
Nubia Gilliard  
Jaiden Jones  
Mariana Puc

**Tech Titans 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team:**

Eva Aguilar  
Carson Kurdys  
Liam McDaniel  
Jarquez Shuman  
Charlie Moreno  
Phaelan Pearson

Theresa Luciano spearheads our engineering program at OCS. She and Marvin Fuller are the team sponsors for the robotic teams at OCS. This makes the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that OCS has hosted this event. Patrick Dean and the staff at Savannah State University did an outstanding job organizing this event. Great Job Theresa Luciano and Marvin Fuller for getting our teams competition ready!

**School Rings:** The Balfour representative will be at Oglethorpe on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to deliver school rings. If your child ordered a school ring, we will call them to the cafeteria on that date to ensure that the ring fits properly.

**BETA Convention:** The OCS BETA team competed at the annual state convention on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Savannah Trade and Convention Center. The BETA club was recognized for having a 10% increase in growth in convention attendance, and the robotics team qualified for the national convention in Oklahoma. The teacher sponsors for BETA club are Cynthia Smith and Jennifer Williams. Susan Carlile, Brittny Woods and Monica McDermott also helped out at the convention due to the large number of students that we had in attendance. Great Job Students and Teachers!

**New Student Applications:** The new student application process for the 2019-2020 school year kicked off on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The application process will continue until the last information enrollment session on January 15, 2019. At the conclusion of the first week of taking applications, over 200 families made application. As a reminder, please contact Sarita Grant for sibling preference enrollment registration forms.

**Information Enrollment Sessions:** We are using the same format as we have used the past 3 years for our 2 evening information enrollment sessions on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> and Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the 2 evening sessions will involve the kids taking an active role in showcasing our school. If your child is involved in any of leadership clubs, athletic teams, cheerleading, band, chorus, orchestra, TSA or art, they may be asked to work one of the evening sessions. All students that stay and work the information enrollment sessions will be provided pizza after school and earn the privilege to dress down the following day. We will grant 5 volunteer hours to parents if their child works one session and 10 volunteer hours if they work both sessions.

**Flying Classroom:** Oglethorpe Charter School has had a very successful role out of the Flying Classroom curriculum in all science classes. Our OCS math teachers along with Theresa Luciano (STEM and Engineering teacher) and Ben Wells (Marine Science teacher) have partnered with our science teachers to provide engaging lessons. The Flying Classroom is a K-8 integrative STEM+ supplemental curriculum. While Flying Classroom includes standards and principles aligned to STEM, it also includes correlated activities to geography, informational literacy, writing, art and social studies. Students work to develop critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity skills as they navigate through the expedition content. Each of the lessons within the Flying Classroom are based on the global expeditions of Captain Barrington Irving. Barrington Irving became the youngest person (and first African American) to fly solo around the world at the age of 23. The Flying Classroom's curriculum is cutting-edge and real-time. With an average of three-five months from filming the expedition to the upload of completed expedition lessons, Lead Explorers (Teachers) are able to access and investigate current global challenges aligned to national/state standards. The Flying Classroom provides the opportunity for students to engage in current events that impact our ever-changing global society; enhancing the relevancy of the content and conceptual understandings of students.

**School Novel:** Touch the Sky has been chosen as the first semester school wide novel that every student will read. The book itself is a short autobiography of Barrington Irving, the youngest person and the first black pilot to fly solo around the world, speaks to everyone with a dream.

**Ron Clark Academy:** The following teachers took time away from their families to spend 2 days at the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta:

Theresa Luciano  
Nicole Dillon,  
Chris Jones

Erica Benjamin  
Marvin Fuller  
Monica Roland

Beth Jones  
Rebecca Greenbush

The Ron Clark Academy (RCA) is a highly-acclaimed, nonprofit middle school located in Southeast Atlanta. The Academy has received both national and international recognition for its success in educating students with academic rigor, passion, and creativity balanced by a strict code of discipline. The students at Ron Clark Academy represent various socio-economic and academic backgrounds and communities from across the greater Atlanta metro region. The Oglethorpe teachers attending this 2 day professional development will gain significant insight on the pedagogy used by this school. Pedagogy is defined as the art, science and profession of teaching. All of the teachers listed above have an excellent pedagogical skill set. We hope that some of the proven teaching strategies that are being implemented with fidelity and success at the Ron Clark Academy can help our teachers in providing highly engaging classroom settings here at Oglethorpe.

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## Kevin Wall

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**From:** Tavares Brown  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2018 10:47 AM  
**To:** Jason Raines; Erica Benjamin; Rebecca Greenbush; William Jones; Theresa Luciano; Courtney Verdree; Ben Wells  
**Cc:** Kevin Wall  
**Subject:** RE: Thanks from Flying Classroom!

### Great Job, Team!!

**From:** Jason Raines [mailto:jraines@flyingclassroom.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2018 10:43 AM  
**To:** Erica Benjamin <Erica.Benjamin@sccpss.com>; Rebecca Greenbush <Rebecca.Greenbush@sccpss.com>; William Jones <William.Jones@sccpss.com>; Theresa Luciano <Theresa.Luciano@sccpss.com>; Courtney Verdree <Courtney.Verdree@sccpss.com>; Ben Wells <Benjamin.Wells@sccpss.com>  
**Cc:** Tavares Brown <Tavares.Brown@sccpss.com>  
**Subject:** Thanks from Flying Classroom!

Hello Oglethorpe Lead Explorers!

I just wanted to let you know that I really appreciate the opportunity to visit your classes on Dec 6! I had a great time! I love the energy and enthusiasm that you have toward STEM+ teaching and Flying Classroom! Your students are truly fortunate to have such a committed group of educators. I was glad to see that the Flying Classroom documents (like learning connections, engineering design model, and student design sheets) were being used with fidelity. Your students were making real-world connections and engaging with the lessons in a relevant and meaningful way. Keep up the great work! I will be sure to keep in contact with you as we finish out this year and head into the new year. If there is anything that you need from me, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!

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