

**Oglethorpe Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
Agenda
Nov 17th, 2017**

Open Session	12:00 p.m.
1. Welcome	Sam Carter
2. Approval of Agenda	
3. Approval of October Meeting Minutes	
4. Financial Report Present FYE Audit	Lisa Grooms
5. Presidents Report Report Training Hours Required by Board Members	Sam Carter
6. Administrators Report	Kevin Wall
7. Academic Committee Report	Kathleen Fabricant
8. Other Business	
9. Parent, Guest, Teacher, and Staff Comments	
10. Expulsion Appeal Hearing – Closed Session	

OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting October 23, 2017

Board Members Present: Sam Carter, Henry Perry, Lisa Grooms, Tim Costner, Dedra Andrews, Kathleen Fabrikant, Patrick Dean, Odessa Richards

Board Members Absent: Dana Braun, Emad Afifi, Jon Cohen, Edward Jolley

Principal Present: Kevin Wall

Open Session: Called to order at 5:00 pm by Sam Carter.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda: Henry Perry
Motion to second: Lisa Grooms

Approval of September meeting minutes:
Motion to approve: Lisa Grooms
Motion to second: Tim Costner

Financial Report: The monthly financial report through September, 2017 was presented by Lisa Grooms.

Principal's Report: OCS is going through training this year to be an official Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) School. Every school in Georgia is given and Climate Star rating by the department of education as part of the over-all College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score. Oglethorpe received a 4 star rating last year. The top score is a 5 star rating. CCRPI is the accountability system used in Georgia. 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 organization 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. Congratulations to Raven Davis on being nominated and awarded a New Teacher Assistance Grant from Georgia Power. Each year, Georgia Power issues \$1,000 grants to teachers entering their first year in the classroom. Raven was nominated for the grant by her college dean. The annual cookie dough fundraiser is currently in process.

President's Report: Mr. Carter proposed changing the date and time of next four meetings to November 17th at noon, December 15th at noon, January 19th at noon, and February 16th at noon. Beginning with the March 19th meeting, all remaining meetings for this school year will be held at the original date and time of 5pm.

Committee Reports

Governance and Bylaws: Chair, Dana Braun with members Ed Jolley and Henry Perry - none.

Personnel Committee: Chair, Jon Cohen with members Lisa Grooms and Emad Afifi - none.

Nomination Committee: Chair, Tim Costner with members Henry Perry and Kathleen Fabrikant – none.

Academic Committee: Chair, Kathleen Fabrikant with members Dedra Andrews, Patrick Dean, Kevin Wall, Sean Mulvanity, Monica Roland, and Kerry Crain. Reported by Kathleen Fabrikant. The Academic Committee met October 26, 2017. Following is the agenda and minutes taken.

Agenda for the OCS Governing Board Academic Committee

October 26, 2017

I. Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum

- A. Occurring in all core content areas
- B. All faculty scoring writing
- B. Schoolwide novel

II. STEM

- A. Potential marine science/environmental science focus
- B. Development of marine science/environmental science lab
- C. Extensive professional development
- D. Leverage current partnerships
- E. Marketing tool

III. Professional Development

- A. Increasing student engagement
- B. Teaching/assessment of reading and writing in the core content classrooms
- C. STEM

IV. Professional Development School

- A. SSU approved for BSEd in Middle Grade Education
- B. BSEd students embedded at OCS
- C. Used to increase current teacher skill set

V. Summer Programming

- A. Remediation programming (July 9th-July 27th)
- B. STEAM Camps (June 4th- June 15th)

C. Rising 6th Grade Camp (June 4th- June 8th)

VI. Family Engagement

- A. Start engaging families prior to start of 6th grade year
- B. Saturday sessions for rising 6th graders
- C. Hosting family events during Spring and Summer

Meeting Minutes

Academic Committee of the Oglethorpe Charter School Governing Board

October 26, 2017

The Academic Committee of the OCS Governing Board was called to order at 3 PM on October 26, 2017. The following members were in attendance: Kathleen Fabrikant, Dedra Andrews, Patrick Dean, Kevin Wall, Sean Mulvanity, Kerry Crain, and Monica Roland.

Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum

Dr. Mulvanity provided an update on the schoolwide reading and writing across the curriculum initiative. Currently, all teachers are required to include writing activities in their weekly lesson plans. Additionally, all teachers are expected to utilize the schoolwide writing rubric to provide feedback.

To support the reading program, all students are engaged in reading the novel Wonder. A curriculum has been developed to support the teachers use of the novel. Students have been placed into small groups for these activities. Activities take place during Titan Time.

STEM

As a part of the continual evolution of program offerings at OCS, the Academic Committee is actively exploring the possibility of designing and implementing a schoolwide STEM program focused on marine/environmental science. The program would leverage current partnerships with Savannah State, Armstrong State, and the Georgia Tech Research Institute. Dr. Mulvanity has meet with faculty from Savannah State and the Georgia Tech Research Institute to determine the equipment and professional development needs to properly implement a world class marine/environmental science program.

Professional Development

Three areas of professional development were discussed: 1) STEM. 2) reading and writing across the curriculum, and 3) increasing student engagement. The Academic Committee discuss engaging internal and externa parties to provide professional development in all three areas. Dr. Mulvanity stated that he is currently investigating potential providers of professional development and will provide an update to the committee by the beginning of December.

Professional Development School

The Board of Regent granted full approval for the School of Teacher Education at Savannah State to offer a Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education in Fall of 2018. The majority of the program will be offered on the campus of OCS.

Summer Programming

Summer programming dates have been established for 2018. Remediation camps will be three weeks (July 9th-July 27th). Remediation camps will focus on mathematics and writing. STEAM camps will be offered during June. STEAM camps will provide enrichment opportunities for OCS students and district elementary school students. The Rising 6th Grade camp will take place the week of June 4th. The purpose of the 6th grade camp is to expose our future students to the OCS culture.

Family Engagement

In an effort to engage the families of current and future OCS students, OCS is examining the use of periodic activities to draw students and families to the OCS campus. Saturday sessions for rising 6th graders were discussed. The sessions would connect the students to OCS before they ever attended. Additionally, activities aimed at bringing the parents of future OCS students was discussed.

Other Business: None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held November 17, 2017 at 12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Vogel
Oglethorpe Charter School