

**Oglethorpe Charter School  
Governing Board Meeting  
Agenda  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Open Session**

**5:00 p.m.**

**1. Welcome**

**Lisa Grooms**

**2. Approve Agenda**

**3. Approval of October Meeting Minutes**

**4. Financial Report**  
Audit

**Henry Perry**

**5. Presidents Report**  
Teacher Communication

**Lisa Grooms**

**6. Administrators Report**

**Kevin Wall**

# OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting  
October 22, 2018

**Board Members Present:** Lisa Grooms, Patrick Dean, Henry Perry, Jon Cohen, Tracy Kennedy, Chris Hintz

**Board Members Absent:** Traci Keldie, Emad Afifi, Kathleen Fabrikant, Felix Hamza-Lup, Angela Heyward

**Principal Present:** Kevin Wall

**Open Session:** Called to order at 5:07 pm by Lisa Grooms.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda: Jon Cohen  
Motion to second: Patrick Dean  
Motion was unanimously passed

**Approval of August meeting minutes:**  
Motion to approve: Patrick Dean  
Motion to second: Tracy Kennedy  
Motion was unanimously passed

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

**President's Report:**

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Wall reported the CCRPI climate star rating released this afternoon. OCS received a 5 star rating.

**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. Mr. Cohen reported current board parent representative, Angela Heyward, has resigned. The board reached out to the next person on the parent representative ballot, Mrs. Katie Balthrop, to offer her the board position. Mrs. Balthrop accepted the position, and will be joining the board at the November 26, 2018 meeting.

**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 5:27pm. The Board entered open session at 5:54pm.

**Other Business:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held November 26, 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:

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| 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<br>Hubert - 6pm           |
| 10/22 (M)  | Coastal  | Coastal - 4:30pm<br>Isle of Hope- 5:15pm |
| 11/1 (Th)  | STEM     | East Broad-5:15pm<br>STEM - 6pm          |
| 11/6 (Tu)  | OCS      | Myers- 4:30pm<br>Sav. Classical- 6pm     |
| Nov 13     | TBA      | PLAYOFFS                                 |
| Nov 15     | TBA      | CHAMPIONSHIPS<br>(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  | Kaitlyn Aiken      | Erin Alls       | Jaylin Baker   |
| Kennedi Barnwell | Aaliyah Brown      | Azaria Brown    | A'Kivea Butler |
| Kaleb Caesar     | Quentin Charleston | Andrew Chiver   | Haley Clayboss |
| Laci Coleman     | Angelina Cowart    | Di'Shona Cutter | Stuti Dave     |
| Kalia Davis      | Rayla Davis        | Taylor Davis    | Ashley Dixon   |

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|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Hamara Downs     | Tenesha Dupre      | Joshua Ellington | Madison Frazier    |
| Nubia Gilliard   | Abigail Griffin    | Kenneth Harlin   | Mackenzie Hires    |
| JaKiyah Hodges   | Makenzie Ingram    | Brannon Jacobs   | Antonio Johnson    |
| Kierston Kemp    | Savannah Martin    | Tamia Maxwell    | Ja'Kaelah McDaniel |
| Henry Mitchell   | Malik Mobley       | SaNiyah Mobley   | Madeline Moguel    |
| Ryan Oatis       | Samajay Parish     | Bri'ya Pelote    | Tahniya Richardson |
| Terry Rucker     | Jarquez Shuman     | Asher Sigmon     | Jamya Sibert       |
| JaLisa Smith     | Joelliane Teixeira | Jeremy Thomas    | Taliyah Thomas     |
| Michael Tuck     | Skye Walker        | Mariah Wall      | Semaj Ward         |
| Sanaa Washington | Essence Wheeler    | Makayla White    | Talia Williams     |
| London Worthen   | Shaniya Zeigler    |                  |                    |

**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 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 Martin     | 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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