

**Oglethorpe Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
Agenda
August 26th, 2019**

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
1. Welcome	Lisa Grooms
2. Approve Agenda	
3. Approval of May Meeting Minutes	
4. Financial Report	Howard Hickey
• Adopt 2019-2020 Budget	
5. Presidents Report	Lisa Grooms
• Establish Committee Structure	
• Sign Conflict of Interest Form	
6. Administrators Report	Kevin Wall
7. Personnel Resignations & New Hires	Jon Cohen

OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting May 13, 2019

Board Members Present: Lisa Reavis, Patrick Dean, Henry Perry, Jon Cohen, Katie Balthrop, Kathleen Fabrikant, Matt Dowling, Emad Affi, Tracy Kennedy,

Board Members Absent: Chris Hintz, Felix Hamza-Lup

Principal Present: Kevin Wall

Others Present: Rebecca Wells, Howard Hickey, Dawn Deppen, and Jonathan Brown

Open Session: Called to order at 5:15 pm by Lisa Reavis.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda: Jon Cohen
Motion to second: Kathleen Fabrikant
Motion unanimously passed

Approval of April meeting minutes:
Motion to approve: Patrick Dean
Motion to second: Kathleen Fabrikant
Motion unanimously passed

Financial Report: The monthly financial report through April, 2019 was presented by Henry Perry.

President's Report: Lisa Reavis thanked board members, who are rolling off the board for their years of dedicated service, and she welcomed the new members, who are joining the board in July.

Principal's Report: None.

Committee Reports

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

Jon Cohen presented the resignation of chorus teacher, Brittny Woods, and the new hire of Samantha Mazzie. Mr. Cohen presented the resignation of Spanish teacher, Andrew Collins. Mr. Cohen presented the new hire of remedial math teacher, Nicole Campbell.

Motion to accept slate of resignations and new hires: Kathleen Fabrikant
Motion to second: Patrick Dean
Motion unanimously passed

Nomination Committee: Chair, Jon Cohen with members Henry Perry and Kathleen Fabrikant

Jon Cohen presented the slate of officers for the 2019-2020 school year, who were nominated during the April meeting:

President: Lisa Reavis
Vice President: Patrick Dean
Vice President of Finance: Howard Hickey

Motion to approve slate of officers: Patrick Dean
Motion to second: Kathleen Fabrikant
Motion unanimously passed

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 5:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Vogel
Oglethorpe Charter School

To: OCS Governing Board
From: Kevin Wall
Date: August 26, 2019

OCS Governing Board Members: Lisa Grooms is the President of the Oglethorpe Charter School Governing Board for the 2019 – 2020 school year. The following board members serve as either community reps or parent reps on the board: Patrick Dean (parent rep), Christopher Hintz (community rep), Jon Cohen (parent rep), Howard Hickey (community rep), Mary Wells (community rep), Matt Dowling (community rep), (community rep), Dawn Deppen (community rep), Katie Balthrop (parent rep) and Jonathan Brown (community rep). In the event that you should ever feel the need to contact a governing board member, the established protocol is to first contact the Principal. The Principal will then provide your contact information to any governing board member or members who will then initiate the contact with you.

GB Meeting Dates:

August 26, 2019	September 30, 2019	October 28, 2019
November 18, 2019	December 16, 2019	January 27, 2020
February 24, 2020	March 30, 2020	April 27, 2020
May 11, 2020		

PTO Volunteers Needed: Oglethorpe Charter School would like to request volunteers to serve on the PTO. We try to keep things very simple for those involved in the PTO. We do one fund raiser in the fall (cookie dough sale). We sale more cookie dough than any other charter school in the nation. This fund raiser is a win win for all involved. Parents receive volunteer hours for any tub of cookie dough sold. Any student that sales just 1 tub of cookie dough gets to go to Star Castle and the food court at the mall. We really need some volunteers to step in at the beginning of this school year so that they can go through one cookie dough sale cycle to keep this fund raiser going every year. The PTO also does one spring fund raiser (coke sale). Please contact the PTO President Yvonne Friedman at Oglethorpecharterpto@yahoo.com for more information. The PTO will be doing a membership drive at all of the upcoming open houses (6th open house Aug 19th, 7th open house Aug 20th, and 8th open house Aug 21st).

Early Release / Dismissal: Picking up students before the school day has ended is discouraged. However, when early pick-up is necessary, students may be signed out by a parent or guardian **no later than 2:00**, who may be asked to produce photo identification by school personnel. A note must be submitted to the Principal

and/or Assistant Principal signed by a parent for students being picked up by anyone other than a parent or guardian. Students may not be released to anyone under age 18.

Wednesday Communication and School Website: Oglethorpe Charter School provides every student with a packet that is sent home on Wednesdays. Notes from the Principal are sent home every Wednesday and also posted on the web site. Monthly calendars are also sent home on Wednesday and posted on the web site.

Open House Format Reminder: Parents will report to the cafeteria prior to the start time for open house to get their child's schedule. The schedules will be arranged according to homeroom teachers. Please try to make sure that you know who your child's homeroom teacher is. There will be table areas in the cafeteria to allow parents the opportunity before and after their respective open house to join the PTO (\$5.00), and to make a yearbook purchase (\$30.00). **Please bring a picture ID to open house so that we can issue your power parent (parent access) account information.** You will follow your child's schedule and attend 10 minutes of each class that your child attends on a day to day basis. You will receive a class syllabus from every teacher detailing the class expectations for the year.

The following open house dates have been established:

- 6th Grade August 19th at 5:00 p.m.
- 7th Grade August 20th at 5:00 p.m.
- 8th Grade August 21st at 5:00 p.m.

The PowerSchool Power Parent Portal: We are encouraging all Oglethorpe parents to use this technology to keep informed on all academic grading practices and procedures. Parents can actually go into each individual grade book to view grades and assignments associated with their child. As a suggestion, it would be a good practice for parents to log in and check grades every day. If you established an account last year, you should still be able to use that same account this year. **Please check your account to see if it is still working.** If you forgot your user name or password please contact Sarita Grant at 395-5075. If you need to establish an account, please come to the school as soon as possible to meet with Sarita Grant (OCS Information Specialist). You will have to bring your ID to show Sarita in order to get your account user name and pass word.

eChalk: The OCS website is called eChalk. Please try and make a habit of visiting our site on a daily basis at www.oglethorpecharter.org

One to One Technology: Oglethorpe Charter School purchased chrome books for all language arts, reading, science, and social studies teachers 5 years ago so that every student could have a device at their desk in every class. iPads were purchased for all of the math teachers because those devices are a much better fit for the math curriculum.

We now are in year 6 of this one to one technology initiative with full implementation. The teachers have fully embraced the added technology tools. The engagement level when these devices are being used for quality instructional purposes is very high. Chrome books were added to all math classrooms last year due to the on line GIMAS testing requirements.

Google Platform: Many of our teachers use the Google Platform. **Google Docs**, **Google Sheets** and **Google Slides** are a word processor, a spreadsheet and a presentation program respectively, all part of a free, web-based software office suite offered by Google within its Google Drive service. The suite allows users to create and edit documents online while collaborating with other users in real-time. The suite is tightly integrated with Google Drive. All files created with the apps are by default saved to Google Drive. Your student will have assignments that can be worked on at home using this platform.

Morning Rituals and Routines: Dream Box is a software program that all of the students will be using to begin their school day prior to the morning announcements. Dream Box uses a challenging standards-aligned math curriculum that is evidence based to promote student growth and deeper conceptual understanding by encouraging different pathways to solving problems. The program itself is engaging and has a game-like environment that motivates students to persist, progress, and achieve success in mathematics.

Note: There are countless other software programs that we use and that are used in different classrooms. I did not want to give a full listing of everything that is used to add to the stress or confusion that comes along with technology. The most important thing that you can do as a parent on a daily basis is have a meaningful dialogue with your child about their academic day. Naturally, we also want your child to be happy and safe while at Oglethorpe, and we know that you have to have those conversations as well. Please make it a ritual and routine in your family life to sit down with your child on a daily basis and look at their grades in the Parent Access Portal and their assignments in the eChalk school web site. You will find all homework postings, assignments and project due dates on our web site. Please contact Deborah Lindblad for any questions related to our web site at 395-5075.

Volunteer Hours: Parents sign a contract, agreeing to perform 10 hours of service for single parents and 20 hours for couples. Parents are required to keep track of their own hours. Terri Keldie will be the OCS contact for all volunteer questions and will track the completion of those hours completed. Mrs. Keldie can be reached via the main school number (395-5075). The following is a listing on the various ways to earn volunteer hours:

- Attend day time school events/assemblies, field trips, parent conferences, athletic events, OCS concerts etc
- Assist nurse in health screenings, assist in the media center, assist with picture day in the fall, assist with a club (Student Council, Beta, NJHS, FBLA and TSA)

- Pack the Wednesday Communication folder
- Prepare food for school events or fundraisers, Procter during testing, Chaperone dances
- Serve on Governing Board
- Gift certificates in \$5.00 increments to Barnes and Noble, Books a Million, Savannah or Oglethorpe Mall, and movie passes \$5.00 equals 1 volunteer hour
- Email or phone conferences with teachers, Collect box tops for education (25 box tops equals 1 volunteer hour)
- Signing up for the OCS PTO (1 hour per family)
- If you are checking the grades 2 times weekly on Parent Access and can print off what you are looking at for the month (8 total signed sheets), we will award 2 volunteer hours.
- Checking the school web site homework section a couple of times a week at www.oglethorpecharter.org will also earn you 2 volunteer hours if you can print off what you are looking at for the month (8 total signed sheets).
- 5 Volunteer hours will be awarded for each tub of cookie dough purchased.

Other opportunities are posted in the weekly newsletter and on the school website.

Congratulations Shradhdha Srikanth: Shradhdha has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the September Student of the Month. She is currently taking 3 high school classes as an 8th grader (9th Comp Lit, Algebra 1, and 9th Physical Science). Shradhdha came to America 5 years ago and was not at all fluent in the English Language. As an Oglethorpe 7th grader, Shradhdha had the top GPA in the entire school. She participates on all of the academic teams at OCS (Academic Bowl, Math Bowl and Science Bowl). Shradhdha also is a member of the OCS band and hopes to use that talent to audition for Savannah Arts. She is also a member of the BETA Club, NJHS, and Student Council. During her free time, Shradhdha enjoys reading, swimming and watching TV. She does not know what she wants to do for a career yet but thinks that she would like to do something in the math or business field one day. She is inspired by her mother because of her work ethic. The Srikanth's landed here in the United States by her mom accepting a job in the Savannah Chatham County School System. She is very proud of her mom. Her mom was named Teacher of the Year at Building Bridges last school year. Shradhdha is a positive role model for all OCS students. **Great Kid!**

Cookie Dough Sale Kickoff September 13th: The annual PTO cookie dough sale kick off is on Friday, September 13th. Students will have until October 9th to make sales. **The PTO rents out the entire Star Castle facility for those students that sell one tub or more of cookie dough. The students also get to eat out that day at the Oglethorpe Mall food court.** Parents also receive volunteer hours for tubs of cookie dough sold. This is a win win fundraiser for all.

OCS Football: The following student athletes will represent Oglethorpe Charter School in football this year:

Howard Anderson
Anar Brown
Malachi Chestnut
Davion Davis
Jacques Goldwire
Ted Jacobs
Nehemiah Lemon
Brayden Perez
TreShawn Robinson
Joshus Teixeria
Trevon Williams

Zion Askew
Jeremiah Brown
Nathan Clark
Ashley Edwards
Joshua Green
Jeremiah James
Keith McDuffy
Lawrence Rivers
Isaiah Scott
CJ Thomas
Antoine Youmans

Joey Bell
Sean Cabellero
Joshua Core
Acy Evans
Thomas Hill
Trokon Johnson
Yoni Ordenez
Terrence Robinson
Jordan Scott
Kerry Ward

Jonathan Brennan
Heyward Carter
Jayden Daniels
Sincere Frazier
Jayce Huerita
Carson Kurdys
James Outhland
Michael Sampson
Jamall Singleton
Jarrod Warren

The Titans will be coached this year by Derek Perry (head coach), Reggie Horton, Detric Leggett, Roger Frazier and Van Johnson. Good Luck Players & Coaches!

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