

Governing Board Academic Committee Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023

The Oglethorpe Charter School Governing Board Academic Committee met on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Mr. Wall presented a brief overview of the administrative restructuring for the school year stating that every teaching team at Oglethorpe Charter School now has an Assistant Principal assigned to each respective team. Dr. Jennifer Kolman is over the 6th grade teaching team. Paul Vogel is over the 7th grade traditional teaching team. James Shehane is over the 7th grade looping teaching team. Jennifer Darke is over the 8th grade teaching team. The APs are over both academics and behavior for their teams including all TKES evaluations. In conjunction with the grade level team responsibilities, James Shehane is over the schoolwide initiative for MTSS. Paul Vogel is over the school wide PBIS initiative. Jennifer Darke is over Title 1. Dr. Kolman is over the school safety plan.

Mr. Shehane presented a brief overview of changes that we have made in math and reading to account for the learning loss that many of our students experienced as a result of the pandemic. In the past, we have approached the double block of math as 2 separate classes where one math teacher would teach the algebra components of the curriculum while the other math teacher would teach the geometry and statistics portion of the curriculum. Beginning this year, one of the math teachers on each team will be responsible for the delivery of the math standards while the other teacher will be responsible for reinforcing those standards through enrichment and remediation. We are using a more streamlined approach with our double block of literacy too. Rather than the students working on totally separate content, the writing teachers for example will be using more time to be devoted to writing on the content being studied in the reading class. Mr. Shehane also brought up the need for all OCS teachers to be gifted certified for funding purposes.

Mr. Vogel presented a brief overview of our PBIS initiative. Mr. Vogel is Oglethorpe's district-level representative for PBIS, and Kyle Siddons (chorus teacher) is our new PBIS Coach. Mr. Vogel stated that the PBIS meeting scheduled today is to specifically target some dates for student incentives and reward those students who have met our expectations related to behavior. Mr. Vogel will focus more on the data portion of PBIS this year identifying those behaviors that action plans need to be developed to curtail those negative behaviors from continuing.

Mrs. Darke presented a brief overview of the school improvement plan as it relates to Title 1. Mrs. Darke presented the following goals as stated on the school improvement plan: Goal 1: To improve student achievement and raise GMAS scores at developing and higher in the areas of Reading and ELA by 5%. Reading from 48% to 53% and in ELA from 50% to 55%. Goal 2: To increase students earning developing or higher on

the Math EOG (GMAS) by 5% from 54.7% to 59.7% overall. Goal 3: To decrease ISS days served by 5%. From 328 to 311.

Dr. Kolman Presented a brief overview of the School Safety Plan. Dr. Kolman relies heavily upon the related arts teaching team for safety. A tabletop exercise was held with the emergency response team on Monday, September 11th. A functional exercise will take place for the entire school on Thursday, September 14th. Dr. Kolman uses real-life possible scenarios for the functional exercises to ensure we have a full-functioning response for all Oglethorpe stakeholders. Dr. Kolman also provides the faculty and staff with weekly safety reports.