

Governing Board Governance and Accountability Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 24, 2023 8:00

The Oglethorpe Charter School Governance and Accountability Committee met on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023.

Mr. Wall reviewed some action items (policies) that were not fully discussed at the September Governing Board meeting due to an appeal hearing that had to be placed on the agenda last minute.

Mr. Brown will present 3 policy items at the October 30th Governing Board meeting (Amendment of Bylaws related to the number of board members serving, formalization of a personnel policy requiring teachers to become gifted certified, and policy discussion on when and how Oglethorpe faculty and staff are to respond to student altercations).

Mr. Brown and Mr. Wall discussed Mindset training being a need for the entire faculty and staff to help in the event of a student-to-student altercation. Mindset training has been historically provided for special education teachers and paraprofessionals. It is a full curriculum that focuses on de-escalation using verbal techniques, and it also covers safe ways for staff to place their hands on students as a last resort. Mr. Brown and Mr. Wall agreed that we could be just as liable if we (adults in the building) do not intervene during student-to-student altercations.

Mr. Wall and Mr. Brown agreed to discuss the unfinished business presented at the September Governing Board meeting. Mr. Brown will ask for a vote for the needed Bylaw amendment and formalize a policy for requiring all teachers at Oglethorpe Charter School to become gifted certified. Title 2E professional development funds can be used to pay for the teacher-gifted certification classes. Mr. Brown and Mr. Wall would like to engage the full Governing Board in writing a policy for faculty and staff expectations when a student-to-student altercation takes place before everyone gets Mindset certified.

