

**Oglethorpe Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
Agenda
September 28, 2020**

Open Session

5:00 p.m.

1. Welcome

Lisa Reavis

2. Approve Agenda

3. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

4. Financial Report

Thomas C Buchanan

5. Presidents Report

Lisa Reavis

6. Administrators Report

Kevin Wall

6th Grade in-person
Survey results

OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting

August 31, 2020

Board Members Present: Lisa Reavis, Patrick Dean, Connor Buchanan, Regina Rahimi, Jon Cohen, Chris Hintz, Dawn Deppen, Jonathan Brown, Matt Dowling, Shenequa Gresham

Board Members Absent: Dwayne Dawson

Principal Present: Kevin Wall

Others Present: None

Open Session: Called to order at 5:00 pm by Lisa Reavis

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda: Patrick Dean
Motion to second: Matt Dowling
Motion unanimously passed

Approval of April and May meeting minutes:

Motion to approve: Jon Cohen
Motion to second: Matt Dowling
Motion unanimously passed

Financial Report through April, 2020 was presented by Connor Buchanan

Mr. Buchanan presented the preliminary 2020-2021 annual budget. It was noted this budget is preliminary pending further information from the District on the cost of transportation.

Motion to approve preliminary budget: Chris Hintz
Motion to second: Regina Rahimi
Motion unanimously passed

President's Report: Lisa Reavis presented the board committee structure and listed the following committee chair persons:

Academic Committee: Regina Rahimi and Chris Hintz, chairs.

Governance Committee: Patrick Dean, chair

Nominating Committee: Jon Cohen, chair

Principal's Report: This school year is beginning with a remote learning model for all students and teachers. All teachers are teaching from the itsLearning platform, which is also integrated with Power School. The district is currently working out a few bugs, but it seems to be working fairly well. itsLearning is compiled using multiple platforms to reach all students. There are a few students still in need of hard paper packets versus working remotely from a device. So far to-date, we have issued 366 chromebook devices to students to accommodate remote learning.

Mandatory finance training for all new board members will be announced in the near future. Georgia Charter School Association webinar trainings will be available soon for all board members.

Committee Reports

Governance and Accountability: Chair, Patrick Dean – none.

Nomination Committee: Chair, Jon Cohen - none

Academic Committee: Chair, Regina Rahimi with Chris Hintz - none

Other Business: None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Vogel
Oglethorpe Charter School

To: OCS Governing Board
From: Kevin Wall
Date: September 28, 2020

Congratulations Anna Friedman: Anna has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the September Student of the Month. Anna is currently taking 4 high school classes (Physical Science, Algebra 1, 9th Comp Lit, and Spanish). Anna is a high performing High Honor student that excels academically and athletically. Anna has a passion for gymnastics. She is currently a level 7 gymnast at Summit Gymnastics and trains 18 hours a week. Anna also enjoys singing in the OCS chorus and would like to use that skill set to audition for Savannah Arts Academy. During her free time, Anna enjoys watching and making TikTok video's. Anna hopes to attend the University of Georgia and obtain her Master's Degree in Kinesiology. She hopes to coach gymnastics one day to help athletes achieve their best. Anna is inspired by her gymnastics coach (Sabrina Madsen). Sabrina was Anna's level 4, 5, and 6 coach in gymnastics. She has inspired Anna because she overcame cancer as a teenager, got a degree in Kinesiology, runs her own circus fitness studio, competes internationally in Pole Sports, and coaches gymnastics. She is Anna's true hero and an idol. Anna is a positive role model for all OCS students. She is driven to be successful in anything that she sets her mind to do. I am sure all the OCS teachers would agree with me when I say she is just simply a **Great Kid!**

Learning Platform: I would like to say a big thank you to our parents and students for being patient with us while we implemented online learning this year. There is no substitute for in person face to face instruction. The school system did purchase a high quality learning management system (itslearning). The technology glitches are slowly getting worked out as we are entering this week of on-line learning. The main glitch has been trying to get the itslearning platform to communicate with the Power School platform. These are behind the scene issues that our teachers have no control of. Due to our teachers not having any control over making the platforms communicate with each other, they had to resort to other online platforms such as google classroom, google meets, zoom etc. The use of the various platforms did cause confusion and we knew it would. Thank you for being patient with us as we navigate something that is also very new to us.

Map Testing: Oglethorpe Charter School is working out the details to provide MAP testing to be able to monitor student growth this year. We want to make sure that we get students caught up academically from lost academic instruction from last year and help them make academic growth moving forward. MAP testing is a good diagnostic tool to help all stakeholders access academic growth. We will update everyone when our plans are finalized.

In Person Learning Update: Oglethorpe Charter School anxiously awaits the day for in-person learning to return. This will be a phased in approach with many moving pieces

to take into consideration. We have to follow the lead of the Savannah Chatham County School System with this phased in approach to in person learning. The school zone for Oglethorpe Charter School is the entire Chatham County region. We get students from Bloomingdale, Pooler, the islands, and almost every single neighborhood that is found in Chatham County. With our students coming from so many different areas in the city and county, we rely heavily on school bus transportation. As soon as all of the specifics and details are worked out by the Savannah Chatham County School System for the phased in approach to starting in-person learning, we will make sure all of our OCS stakeholders get the information. There are many possible scenario's that could take place. I encourage all OCS parents to try and follow the BOE meeting this week that should be taking place on Wednesday, September 16th. That meeting should be streamed live for your viewing if you are available during that time frame to watch.

Itslearning Platform Update: We are slowly but surely getting all of the glitches worked out on our online learning platform. We did have an issue this past week where we had to change some course codes in Power School that resulted in students losing the ability to see some of their classes for one day. The 2 platforms (itslearning and Power School) communicate with each other to make the online system work and be more streamlined. Any time a major change is made in the Power School platform (changing course code numbers), it usually takes 24 hours for the 2 platforms to get back in sink.

Progress Reports: The Quarter 1 Progress report date has been changed to **September 18th** due to the two week delayed start of school.

MAP Testing: The following information on MAP testing this year was provided to all of the teachers by Susan Carlile (Testing Coordinator) and Tavares Brown (Director of Instruction) on Friday, September 11th:

Remote MAP Test Data will only be used for the following purposes:

- Planning and informing of instruction
- Measuring learning loss

Remote MAP Test Data will not be used for the following purposes:

- Student placement
- Choice program criteria
- Gifted identification
- Teacher/leader evaluation

Is there a MAP Link on ITs Learning Platform?

Yes

Where are the MAP resources located?

On Acorn → Online Resources & Assessment → Map folder

When should the assessment be given?

It is ideal to have the students tested during the instructional time with the teacher

What is the username and password for the practice test?

Username: grow **Password:** grow

What are the testing dates?

Beginning of Year (BOY) Sept 8th – Oct 8th, Middle of the Year (MOY) Dec 7th – Jan 22nd and End of the Year (EOY) April 5th – April 23rd.

What happens if a device is not compatible?

All district devices should be compatible. Students should be advised to test the devices several weeks before testing. Contact your school's Media Specialist (Mrs. Lindblad) if you are having problems with any devices.

Who should I contact if the device isn't working properly?

Media Specialists. However, most technical issues such as white backgrounds are usually solved by changing the resolution on the device.

Kevin Wall

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