

**Oglethorpe Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
Agenda
August 30, 2021**

Open Session

5:00 p.m.

1. Welcome

Lisa Reavis

2. Approve Agenda

3. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

**4. Financial Report
Budget Approval**

Thomas C Buchanan

**5. Presidents Report
Stop Signs Carpool**

Lisa Reavis

6. Administrators Report

Kevin Wall

OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting

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Board Members Present: Lisa Reavis, Connor Buchanan, Regina Rahimi, Jonathan Brown, Jon Cohen, Matt Dowling, Shanequa Gresham

Board Members Absent: Patrick Dean, Chris Hintz, Dawn Deppen, Sam Carter

Principal Present: Kevin Wall

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

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda: Matt Dowling
Motion to second: Connor Buchanan
Motion unanimously passed

Approval of July 29, 2021 meeting minutes:

Motion to approve: Jonathan Brown
Motion to second: Connor Buchanan
Motion unanimously passed

Financial report was presented by Connor Buchanan

Connor Buchanan presented the FY 21-22 operating budget.
Motion to approve budget: Jonathan Brown
Motion to second: Matt Dowling
Motion unanimously passed

President's Report: Lisa Reavis turned the meeting over to Jonathan Brown who expressed the need for hand-held stop signs to aid employees working in the increased traffic from parents dropping students off at the school due to the lack of busing service. Mr. Brown stated this is a major safety concern as vehicles were driving too close to employees on the street. Mr. Brown also stated there may be a need to provide employees with traffic batons during daylight savings time.

Mr. Wall stated all employees working traffic areas on the street have been supplied with illuminated hand-held stop/slow signs, and thanked Jonathan Brown for bringing that to our attention.

Principal's Report: We will begin with a report on the effects of COVID-19 at OCS. Two staff members have currently tested positive, and we are expecting them back September 7th. Twenty students have tested positive. These were primarily 8th grade students. Fifty-four students are in quarantine. This has created work related issues, in that there is a lack of substitute teachers to cover employees who are out. Although this year had been initially a hard start, I have noticed much more high energy from staff and students than what was noticed when we were in a virtual setting.

The gym curtain installation is underway. We are very grateful for Matt Dowling's help in implementing the electrical requirements.

The lack of bus transportation for students has put a huge burden on working parents. We are working on finalizing putting Pryme Time in the school for before and after school care. If this is not in place soon, we will implement our own version until Pryme Time can come on line.

See following memo to Board taken from Principal's notes:

To: OCS Governing Board
From: Kevin Wall
Date: August 30, 2021

PBIS: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based three-tiered framework to improve and integrate all of the data, systems, and practices affecting student outcomes every day. PBIS creates schools where all students succeed. Oglethorpe Charter School was awarded a 5 star climate rating for school climate by the Georgia Department of Education. We have a highly functioning PBIS leadership team that will facilitate the roll out of PBIS in the classroom setting this year.

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 fundraiser in the fall (cookie dough sale). We sell 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 sells 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 Yvonne Friedman at 395-5075 or via email at yvonne.friedman@sccpss.com for more information. The PTO will be doing a membership drive at all the upcoming open houses (6th Open House Aug 17th, 7th Open House Aug 18th, and 8th Open House Aug 19th).

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 pm**. That parent or guardian will 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 weekly information every Wednesday. Notes from the Principal are posted on the web site. Monthly calendars are also posted on the web site. Please try and make a habit of visiting our site on a daily basis at www.oglethorpecharter.org.

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 deposit (\$25.00). 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 17th at 5:00 p.m.
- 7th Grade August 18th at 5:00 p.m.
- 8th Grade August 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Note – Open Houses were done virtually on August 19th and posted on the OCS Web site. This was a change to the original plan for safety reasons.

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 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 have forgotten your username or password or you need to establish an account, please contact Sarita Grant (OCS Information Specialist) at 395-5075.

PBIS Grill and Chill: The PBIS Leadership Team will be hosting our first Grill and Chill this year on Friday, August 27th during the 90-minute Related Arts time frame. The Oglethorpe Charter School PTO purchased 2 commercial grills years ago to be able to host this event. During the Related Arts time frame, students will be able to purchase hamburgers, hotdogs, and a variety of snack items for a cheap price. It is one of the more popular and enjoyable events that we do at Oglethorpe to help fund all our leadership programs.

OCS Governing Board Members: Lisa Reavis is the President of the Oglethorpe Charter School Governing Board for the 2021-2022 school year. The following board members serve as either community reps or parent reps on the board: Patrick Dean (community rep), Christopher Hintz (community rep), Jon Cohen (community rep), Thomas Connor Buchanan (community rep), Shenequa Gresham (parent rep), Matt Dowling (community rep), (community rep), Dawn Deppen (parent rep), Regina Rahimi (community rep) Sam Carter (community 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 30, 2021	September 27, 2021	October 25, 2021
November 15, 2021	December 13, 2021	January 31, 2022
February 28, 2022	March 21, 2022	April 25, 2022
May 23, 2022		

All meeting dates are on Monday with a 5:00 pm start.

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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

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Pryme Tyme: Oglethorpe Charter School was contacted by the regional Pryme Tyme director to inquire about starting Pryme Tyme at Oglethorpe in September. There is a cost associated with this service. Drop off at the school will be at 6:30 a.m. when this officially kicks off and pick is at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in using this service, please contact Cathy Vogel at 395-5075 or via email at cathy.vogel@sccpss.com

Open House: The annual grade level open houses were held on Thursday, August 19th during teacher planning. All open house presentations were recorded to allow all parents an opportunity to view them. The links to view your child's grade level open house can be found on the OCS website. Parents would have received the same information if we would have conducted the open houses in person. If you did not get a chance to see the live open house, please view the presentations that have been recorded so that you will know the expectations by all grade level teachers and related arts teachers.

PTO: There will be a PTO meeting scheduled in the next few weeks. We would like all OCS families to join the PTO (\$5 cost). We are also in need of some officers on the PTO this year. Please contact Yvonne Friedman at 395-5075 or via email at yvonne.friedman@sccpss.com if you are interested in serving in a leadership role in the PTO.

Kevin Wall, Principal
kevin.wall@sccpss.com

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 5:20 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is September 27, 2021 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Vogel
Oglethorpe Charter School