

**Oglethorpe Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
Agenda
January 31, 2022**

Open Session

5:00 p.m.

1. Welcome

Lisa Reavis

2. Approve Agenda

3. Approval of December Meeting Minutes

4. Financial Report

Thomas C Buchanan

5. Presidents Report

Lisa Reavis

6. Administrators Report

Kevin Wall

7. Closed Session

Jon Cohen

Note – We have to make this a virtual meeting due to the building being fogged nightly

OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting

December 13, 2021

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

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

Principal Present: Kevin Wall

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

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda: Jon Cohen
Motion to second: Jonathan Brown
Motion unanimously passed

Approval of November 1, 2021 meeting minutes:

Motion to approve: Matt Dowling
Motion to second: Jonathan Brown
Motion unanimously passed

Financial report was presented by Connor Buchanan

President's Report: We are monitoring the mandatory training hours each board member must log. Out of the nine required hours, each board member has logged 3 hours todate.

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

To: OCS Governing Board
From: Kevin Wall
Date: December 13, 2021

Congratulations Vir Derola: Vir has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the November Student of the Month. Vir is taking 5 high school classes (9th Physical Science, 9th Math, 9th Comp Lit, 9th Spanish, and 9th Engineering). Vir has been on the high honor roll every grading period since 6th grade. He is a member of the BETA club and Titan Ambassador club. Vir is also one of our mathletes competing in mathematical competitions. He would like to attend BC or Country Day for high school. Vir would like to be a cardiologist one day, and he has chosen Emory University in Atlanta as his top college choice to pursue his desire to be in the medical field. In his free time, he enjoys self-study activities and cooking. Vir states that he is inspired by both of his parents because his dad is a very successful business owner and his mom studying to be a nurse. **Great Kid!**

Credit Recovery: Credit Recovery will begin on 11-8-2021 and run through 12-3-202. All content classes will be completed through Edgenuity. If your child failed a class the first 9 week grading period, please ensure that they complete the modules in the Edgenuity

platform to be able to receive a passing grade. Our goal is to give every student an opportunity to pass all content classes and eliminate the need for summer school for all students.

8th Grade Bridging Ceremony: We will once again do a drive thru bridging/graduation ceremony for all 8th graders on May 19th. With two 8th grade teams, the 8th grade looping team drive thru will take place from 8:00 – 9:30. The Traditional 8th grade team drive thru will take place from 10:00 – 11:30. The annual 8th grade picnic will take place at Lake Mayer on May 19th from 12:00 – 2:30. This will be a combined event for both the looping team 8th graders and traditional team 8th graders.

Critical Decision Forms: Critical decision forms will be sent home to students that failed 2 or more classes. A parent conference must be completed if your child receives a critical decision form via phone, MS Teams or Zoom.

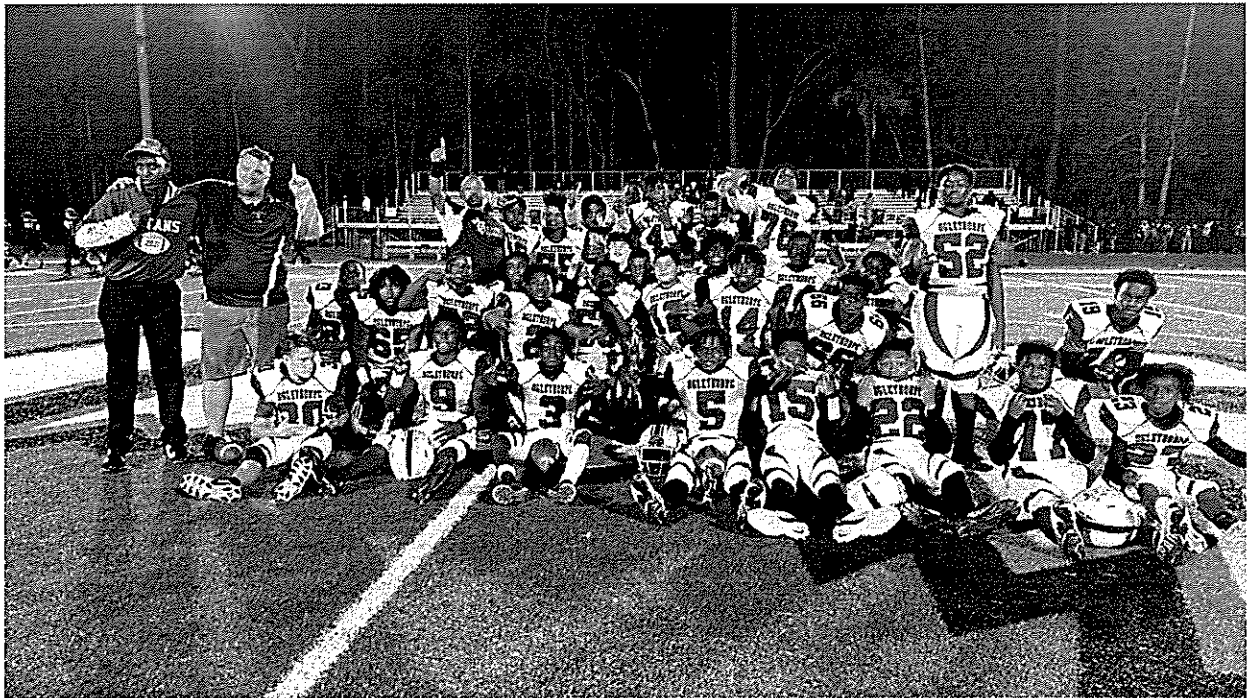
Titans Talk: The Titan Talks MS Teams presentation will take place on November 10th at 11:30 a.m. A link will be posted on our web site for parent to attend. The session will be recorded for all families to view. There will be presentations from the Director of Instruction (Tavares Brown) about important academic information. Dr. Kolman will report out on school safety and discipline. Dr. Branch will report out on our PBIS initiatives, and Mrs. Mack will give a report from the guidance counseling department.

Congratulations Leighera Blair: Leighera has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the December Student of the Month. Leighera is currently taking 4 high school classes as an 8th grader (9th math, 9th Comp Lit, 9th Science and 9th Spanish). She is a high honor roll student with 94 being her lowest grade in the first 9 weeks of school. She is currently making high 90s in all classes this 2nd nine week grading period. During her free time, Leighera enjoys cooking. She would like to attend Woodville Tompkins for high school and one day hopes to be a physical therapist or flight attendant. Leighera is a positive role model for all OCS students. She is a soft spoken leader that has an ideal demeanor in all aspects of OCS school life. **Great Kid!!!**

CHAMPIONS CHAMPIONS CHAMPIONS CHAMPIONS

The OCS Football team won the city championship with a decisive win over West Chatham Middle School finishing the season undefeated. The players and coaches fought through adversity from day one. The August heat and humidity made practices very difficult with this football season starting earlier than any other season in past years. There was a COVID quarantine of the entire football team that interrupted an entire week of practice. Coach Perry had to spend many hours with the players working on academics to keep them eligible after the first 9 week grading period. There was no break for the kids. They were at the school every day including Friday until 6:00 p.m. **The Back Story:** The Oglethorpe Charter School football program was started in 2007 when Tompkins Middle School was made into Woodville Tompkins High School. The big expense with starting a football program is the equipment. We were able to secure the football equipment from Tompkins Middle School, and this was the humble start of our rich football tradition at Oglethorpe. Our first coach was Derek Butler. Derek is the current Principal of Islands High School. We did not win a single game our first season. We scored one touch down in the final game and you would have thought we won the Super Bowl. Derek was big time motivator with the kids, and Mark Case (former athletic director) was very instrumental in getting our teams going in the right direction too. Coach Perry landed at

Oglethorpe Charter School in 2012 after Derek Butler accepted an Assistant Principal's job at Johnson High School. Since his arrival at Oglethorpe, Coach Perry has won the city championship in 2014, 2016, 2018, and now in 2021. It is not so much about the championship wins that makes all of us proud at Oglethorpe. It is more about getting the student athletes academically prepared to be successful at any high school and providing them with a character and moral base to meet the challenges that lay ahead. This is what coach Perry has accomplished through our football program. The top players at every high school in our metro area including all private schools typically are from Oglethorpe. Many of them go on to play collegiate football at the Division 1 and Division 2 level. Mike Cabalaro (Windsor Forest) just finished his season with quite a few scholarship offers. Barry Kleinpeter (QB at Country Day) was recruited out of Oglethorpe after the 2018 championship season. Barry is one the top college prospects in the nation now. Coach Perry's own son played on a championship team at Oglethorpe and is currently in his junior year as a Division 1 football player at Coastal Carolina. Javontee Middleton played for the Citadel and was the team captain. Coach Perry has provided year in and year out a program of excellence where the expectation is 5 days a week until 6:00 p.m. The focus is not always on football. Academics takes top priority. There are many life lessons taught on the football field that have absolutely nothing to do with football. The championships and winning seasons since 2012 are not by chance. Attention to detail with every aspect of student life has been the focus of Coach Perry. **Great Season Players and Coaches!**



OCS Volleyball: The OCS Volleyball team won the city championship in the spring of 2021. The sport was moved to that timeframe due to the pandemic. They had an outstanding winning season again this fall making it to the playoffs but coming up short against Godley Station. Volleyball is the winningest athletic program at Oglethorpe winning city championships in, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2021. **Great job players and coaches!**

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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 5:28 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is January 31, 2022 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Vogel
Oglethorpe Charter School