

**Oglethorpe Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
Agenda
February 28th, 2022**

Open Session

5:00 p.m.

1. Welcome

Lisa Reavis

2. Approve Agenda

3. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

4. Financial Report

Thomas C Buchanan

5. Presidents Report

Lisa Reavis

6. Administrators Report

Kevin Wall

Note – We need to make this a virtual meeting due to the building being fogged nightly as a precaution. Hopefully, our March meeting will be in person.

OGLETHORPE CHARTER SCHOOL

Governing Board Meeting January 31, 2022

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

Board Members Absent: Sam Carter, Dawn Deppen

Principal Present: Kevin Wall

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

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda: Regina Rahimi
Motion to second: Jon Cohen
Motion unanimously passed

Approval of December 13, 2021 meeting minutes:
Motion to approve: Jon Cohen
Motion to second: Connor Buchanan
Motion unanimously passed

Financial report was presented by Connor Buchanan

President's Report: We are still tracking the mandatory training hours each board member must log, and will continue to do so until all training hours are logged.

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

To: OCS Governing Board
From: Kevin Wall
Date: Jan 31, 2022

Congratulations Alexander Mathis: Alexander has been selected to represent Oglethorpe Charter School as the January Student of the Month. Alexander is currently taking 2 high school classes for credit (Engineering and 9th Math). Alexander has maintained a high GPA the first semester of this school year and will most likely be on the yearly high honor roll list in May when final grades are distributed. In his free time, Alexander enjoys gaming. Alexander will be making application for the Jenkins High School Engineering Specialty program. He should be an excellent candidate for that specialty program. As far as college is concerned, Alexander has not made up his mind yet as to which institution he would like to attend. Georgia Tech seems to be a strong pathway for Jenkins students that are in the engineering program. We have had many previous Oglethorpe students attend Georgia Tech after graduation from the Jenkins Specialty School of Engineering. Alexander is inspired by his parents. He states that both his mom and dad work very hard and provide many opportunities for him as well as his siblings. **Great Kid!**

Sibling Preference & Enrollment: Our lottery will be on January 25th. If your currently enrolled Oglethorpe son or daughter has a brother or sister in 5th grade that is going to attend Oglethorpe, we need to know so that we can get enrollment forms to you as soon as possible. Sarita Grant oversees our application and enrollment process at Oglethorpe. She can be reached via email at sarita.grant@sccpss.com or via the main phone number at 395-5075. It is vitally important for siblings to live in the same household to protect the integrity of our charter that has been granted to us. Note – Sibling preference does not exclusively just apply to currently enrolled Oglethorpe students that have siblings in 5th grade. Example: You may have a son or daughter at Oglethorpe this year that has a brother or sister in the 6th or 7th grade at another middle school that would like to attend Oglethorpe next year. You can exercise the sibling preference clause and bypass the lottery in this case as well. It makes it very difficult on scheduling and keeping the student teacher ratio where we want it if we find out that parents are wanting to use sibling preference after the lottery has taken place. We are the only middle school that essentially has our enrollment set for the following year in January which allows us to have scheduling completed in May. This allows us to begin instruction on the first day of school whereas many of the other middle schools have to wait until the 10th day to see what their enrollment is for scheduling and staffing purposes.

Late Arrival and Parent Sign-in: We are requiring all parents to sign their child in if they arrive on campus after 7:45. Please use the main parking lot and front entrance to do sign in.

Cookie Dough Dress Down Dates: Students that sold between one and four tubs of cookie dough products will receive 5 free dress down days January 17 – January 21. Students that sold 5 or more tubs of cookie dough products will receive 10 free dress down days between January 17 - January 28.

Continuing Winning Ways: The OCS boys and girls basketball teams are off to a good start. Both teams are currently undefeated despite the COVID issues that both teams have faced with players having to quarantine. There will not be an end of the season tournament this year due to many of the games being canceled without the ability for those games to be rescheduled.

Tardy Policy: We are relaxing the tardy policy that requires parents to come into the school to sign their child in until the community transmission rates with COVID go down. Please make effort to have your child dropped off no later than 7:38. All classes begin instruction at 7:40.

Black History Month Virtual Assembly: Oglethorpe historically celebrates the month of February with a school wide in-person assembly. The looping team also does an event called Significant Figures in African American History where the students research a famous/significant person. The entire 150 students on the looping team stays after school and all the parents and families are invited in during the evening to visit with each student to learn about those significant individuals that had a tremendous impact on all of us. We typically get 100% parent attendance at this event which is rare for any school. Hopefully, we will be able to have this event next school year. Our guest speaker for the virtual assembly this year will be Mayor Johnson. We will post a link on our web site for those that are able to view it live, and we will also record the event for all to see and post the recording on the website.

Grill and Chill: The next grill and chill will be taking place in February. The Oglethorpe Charter School PTO is hosting this kid favorite popular event.

Safety: We will make every effort to stay in-person for the rest of this school year. The only thing that could cause us to have to go to a virtual model of instruction is if we do not have a workforce in place that can effectively and safely supervise the students or if we have such high numbers as it relates to student cases. In the event your child is quarantined either because of exposure or testing positive, please make sure that they have their chrome book so that instruction does not stop for them while they are at home.

Kevin Wall, Principal
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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 5:19 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is February 28, 2022 at 5pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Vogel
Oglethorpe Charter School