

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting

5:30 PM, Monday, September 7th, 2021

- A. **Call to Order:** Mark Lipscomb called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. on September 7th, 2021. The Meeting was held in the High School building. The public was invited in person.
- B. **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors Michael Tompkins, Mark Lipscomb, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, Richard Schmidt, Kim Larkin, and Sarah Peacock were in attendance. Elizabeth Plaza attended via Skype. Freddie Evans was absent. Also present was Dr. Tucker, newspaper reporter Mark Engel and school board members, Mike Lynch, the Steve Kilgore and Perry Lee.
- C. **Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Kim Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2nd, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Michael Tompkins. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Finance Report:** Otho Tucker gave the July, 2021 financial report. A motion was made by Kim Larkin to approve the report as information. Seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Parent Association and Foundation Report:** Currently work is underway on Tees and Titans and Denim and Diamonds. Tees for Titans will be held at the Reynolds National golf course on September 20, 2021. Denim and diamonds will be held April 16, 2022
- F. **CEO Report:**
1. Chrishandra Perkins, LOAs new testing coordinator, gave a Milestones, NWEA and AP testing results review. Generally, LOA is testing above the state average and well above the county average in all areas.
 2. Dr. Tucker and Mark Lipscomb presented a request by Greene County School District teachers, whose children attend LOA, to waive the cost of Titan Tech, the afterschool program. That program has a cost of approximately \$40 per week. That cost covers costs only, and includes no profit. After discussion, Richard Schmidt proposed to the school board members in attendance that if the school district was willing to fund the cost for its employees, LOA was certainly willing to provide that service at no direct cost to the teachers.
 3. Dr. Tucker gave a review of the state of the school meeting recently held, and reported a significant number in attendance and generally favorable responses.
 4. Dr. Tucker gave an update on applications and student population. There are 1051 students. 386 are on the waiting list of which six (6) are priority students.
 5. Sarah Peacock and Michael Tompkins presented the advertising and marketing proposals for LOA from Rhyme & Reason Design and Greer Force. After discussion, Kim Larkin made a motion to accept the proposal from Greer Force.

After further discussion, the motion carried Six in favor, none against, with Mark Lipscomb abstaining, due to a potential conflict.

6. Dr. Tucker presented the new Covid protocols for the 2021-22 school year. The School has implemented a Covid Tele-Medicine Online Program. Approximately 10% of the students are out of school due to contact but are not sick. By utilizing the Tele-Medicine program, the children can get seen, with parents attending via internet if they choose, without taking parents away from work, they can be tested if symptoms are evident, and can return to school in much shorter time depending on the standards for quarantine, which have not changed.
7. Dr. Tucker gave an update on the Football/Soccer Field Project. The ballfield is complete and the first game, with approximately 900 spectators, has been held. The field house construction has commenced and is expected to be completed shortly.
8. Dr. Tucker discussed the arts building project. Requests for proposals have been received and contractor interviews are planned in September..

G. Public Comment: There were two public comments. Roger Fields, made a request/demand that LOA and the Greene County school District that all the current outstanding lawsuit. Todd Ciavola suggested that LOA is down in test scores, down in parent satisfaction and up significantly in teacher turnover and requested that the board get LOA back on track.

H. Executive Session: Kim Larkin made in motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of the legal matters. By Michael Tompkins. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened. Kim Larkin made a motion to exit from executive session. Seconded by Kristina Jaskyte Bahr. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken following executive session.

I. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Kim Larkin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.