

## Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting  
5:30 PM, Monday, October 2, 2023

“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”

— Socrates

- A. **Call to Order:** Chairman Michael Tompkins called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. on August 7, 2023. Michael Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held in the lower school cafeteria building.
- **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Michael Tompkins, Sarah Peacock, Jennifer Vaughan, Richard Schmidt and Kristina Jaskyte Bahr. Also in attendance was Dr. Brad Bowling and Dr Tucker.
- B. **Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Kristina Jaskyte Bahr made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2023, regular meeting and the September 11, 2023, regular meeting. Motion seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Finance Report:** Prestige, gave the August 2023 financial reports. A motion was made by Jennifer Vaughan to approve the report as information. Seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Executive Director Report:**
1. Dr. Bowling reported that the waiting list has 365 students, 30 of which are priority students.
  2. Dr. Bowling discussed board training, giving 3 options: full board training February 5; digital training; and the charter school conference, which will be held March 11-13.
  3. Dr. Bowling discussed the August and September academic and athletic highlights, which are attached hereto.
  4. Following several requests by board members for a dashboard, Dr. Bowling discussed the creation of a dashboard. Proposed dashboard forms will be sent out over the next week.
  5. Dr. Bowling went through selected responses to the Greene County Board of Education’s response to the charter petition. The sixty six issues initially set out by the School District have now been whittled down to three: student enrollment limits; priority students; and ESPLOST funds. Regarding enrollment limits, the District is proposing less students than are currently matriculating. LOA has proposed payment for all students currently in school plus a 2% increase per year, and allowing in all priority students on the then current waiting list. Regarding priority students, the District takes the position that only full-time employees are entitled to matriculate their children as priority students. LOA takes the position that under current market circumstances it is essential that we have the ability to attract a part-time help and did not degrade the employment pool. Regarding ESPLOST funds, because of the substantially increased

estimates of the ESPLOST tax, LOA should be entitled to an additional \$500,000 over the life of the ESPLOST.

6. Dr. Bowling announced that the College Board has named LOA a Gold AP Honor School. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.
7. There were no action items.
8. **Board committee reports**

a.) **Strategic Planning.** Kristina Jaskyte Bahr gave an update on the status of the strategic plan. Currently, the basic format of the plan is being circulated for review. For the purpose of charter renewal, the School Improvement plan that Dr. Bowling is working on with his team is being reviewed. The strategic planning committee will use information in that plan to formulate a strategic goal, which will be included in the strategic plan. Once we have those goals formulated, the Board will begin meeting to begin formulating the strategic plan. The committee plans on creating and working with focus groups, surveys, and interviews with key stakeholders in the Spring. That information will be used for our SWOT analysis. Following these information gathering exercises, a file plan will be formulated prior to the next school year

b.) **Community Relations.** Jennifer Vaughan commented on community relations. Currently there are working on a monthly newsletter which will update the LOA family on current news and events. They are currently planned to townhome meetings, the first to be held on October 10, at 8:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

- A. **Public Comment:** Carrie Human asked about the charter renewal, when the new charter must be in place, and the internal timelines in the renewal process. She suggested that the Board start preparing for the State Board interview process.
- B. **Closed Session:** Richard Schmidt made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion was seconded by Sarah Peacock. Following executive session the board reconvened. Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to enter back into regular session. Motion seconded by Sarah Peacock.
- C. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Sarah Peacock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

“The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense.”

— Thomas A. Edison

## LOA Counseling & Academic Report 2023-2024

September 25th, 2023

AP Enrollment

	2022-2023	2023-2024
# Enrolled in AP Class	134/274 48.9%	125/304 41.1% (ballpark, exact number next meeting)
# of AP Tests to Be Administered	247	250 (ballpark, exact number next meeting)
# Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Quarter 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55/274 20%</li> <li>• 66 Classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 59/304 19.4%</li> <li>• 67 Classes</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">GMC-41 Students Athens Tech- 8 Students UGA- 2 Students Central GA Tech-1 Student Truett McConnel- 11 Students</p>
# Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Quarter 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47/274 17.1%</li> <li>• 58 Classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 58/304 19%</li> <li>• 70 Classes</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">GMC-41 Students Athens Tech- 8 Students UGA- 2 Students Central GA Tech-1 Student Truett McConnel- 11 Students</p>
Students taking Welding at Greene County Career Academy (Dual Enrollment)	3	7

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[REDACTED]  
 \*97.3% of Seniors are Expected to Attend College (73/75)  
**(1 to join family business, the other unsure)**

[REDACTED]

❖ None yet

[REDACTED]

\* \_\_\_\_\_ have completed FAFSA (Not Open Yet)

\*62/75 82.7% are HOPE Eligible as of the start of senior year.

\*33/75 44% eligible for ZELL @ above 3.7 GPA (SAT not factored in yet) as of the start of senior year.

**College Athletic Signings (Some Include Significant Scholarship Money)**

College	Student Committed
University of Tennessee Martin	Drew Williams (Golf)

[REDACTED]

\*Greene County Probe Fair was Friday, August 25th in the LOA Titan Center. 40 Colleges and around 250 students attended from neighboring schools.

\*35/75 46.6% of seniors have had their individual college meeting so far.

\*In person College Visits to KSU, Athens Tech, Georgia Gwinnett, UGA, Mercer, and Georgia Tech will take place over the next two months (in collaboration with Greene County).



## Fall Athletics and Activities Report 9.25.2023

- Cheerleading
  - Competition Cheer
    - Two competitions so far. Great start.
      - MS placed 2nd and 3rd against schools up to AAAAAA.
      - Varsity won both competitions and is currently ranked in the top three in A-Division 1 and 2.
    - Sideline Cheer
      - MS and Varsity sideline cheerleading are doing an excellent job of representing the school and bringing the school spirit to all of the football games.
- Softball
  - MS finished the regular season 7-1 and in first place! They host the league semi-finals on Monday, 9/25.
  - Varsity is 3-1 in the region and in 2nd place. First time ever beating GMC, Commerce, and JMA in a season!
- Football
  - Inaugural season for 5th/6th grade football. First win ever against Mt. Pisgah!
  - Middle School Football having a very good year. 3-2 so far against tough competition. Playing in the semi-finals next week.
  - JV football in its first year.
  - Varsity has made tremendous progress this year. They truly compete and have a chance to win every game. They are currently 3-3 with 20 to 40 point improvements against the same teams from last year. Several players are ranked 1 or 2 in the area in passing, receiving, sacks, return yardage, and tackles. Size and strength numbers continue to climb through the strength and conditioning program.
- Volleyball
  - MS had their best season ever by far! Finished the season 11-3 with two losses to a very strong Oglethorpe team. They finished as the League Runner-Up in a league with Athens Academy, Prince Avenue, LCA, Oglethorpe, etc. Very strong volleyball schools.

*Break school record in 5k races  
MS softball - region champ*



- JV team is 7-4 so far. Another strong team. Beat Oglethorpe County for the first time.
- Varsity is having their best start in program history! They are currently 12-5 and in second place in the region. Area tournament is next week.
- Cross Country
  - The cross country program has grown tremendously this year. 26 runners on varsity and 20 on middle school!
  - MS has all top 5 finishes and earned the league runner-up trophy.
  - Varsity participated in a meet at Jekyll Island for the first time. Projected to finish 3rd in the region and move on to state.
  - We had a male and female member of the cross country team that broke the school record for the 5k in the last week
- One Act Play is getting close to its region and state championships. They are working hard in preparation.
- Varsity Region Championships:
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- Middle School League Championships
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