

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting
5:30 PM, Monday, March 4, 2024

“The best way out is always through.”

— Robert Frost

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Michael Tompkins called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on March 4, 2024. Michael Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Meeting was held in the High School building.
- B. Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Michael Tompkins, Sarah Peacock, Kristina Jaskyte Bahr, Jennifer Vaughan, Kelly Broly, and Richard Schmidt were in attendance. Also in attendance was Dr. Brad Bowling and Perry Lee.
- C. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes:** Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5th, 2024 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Finance Report:** Sarah Peacock presented the December financials. Richard Schmidt made a motion to approve the January financial reports as information. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Committee Reports:** Jennifer Vaughan gave an update on communications. Richard Schmidt gave a status on the governance committee waiting on the SWOT study. Brad Bowling reported that the long-range plan was underway, and a timeline has been established. An upcoming Parent SWOT meeting will be held this month.
- F. Executive Director Report:**
1. Dr. Bowling reported that the GCSA conference would be held next week March 11-13 at the Atlanta Northwest Marriott Hotel.
 2. Dr. Bowling reported that the waiting list has 376 students, there are 298 applications for the FY 24/25 school year, of which 60 are priority students.
 3. Dr. Bowling discussed the September academic and athletic highlights, see attached.
 4. Dr. Bowling gave a charter renewal update. The interview with the State Department of Education will be a zoom call on March 13, 2024. The Board is preparing for that meeting.
 5. Dr. Bowling reported that LOA has been named a 2023/2024 AP honors School with exemplary ratings in 4 of 8 categories.
 6. Dr. Bowling gave an Athletic highlights review, Attached.
 7. Dr. Bowling reported that the Georgia State School Board has sent a draft charter contract for review and signature. After Discussion Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to direct Dr. Bowling to supply the requested clerical information to the contract, sign and return it to the state. Seconded by Sarah Peacock. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Jay Cawley gave a presentation to the Board about Cyber Security and presented information necessary to allow the board to begin its work in retooling the schools cyber security readiness.
9. Dr Bowling reported that Denim and Diamonds was another huge success. More information to come.

G. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

H. Closed Session: Richard Schmidt made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Jennifer Vaughan. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to the meeting room and Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to exit closed session. Seconded by Kelly Brolly. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Adjournment: There being no further business, Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kelly Brolly. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

LOA Counseling & Academic Report 2023-2024

January 30th, 2024

AP and Dual Enrollment Numbers

	2022-2023	2023-2024
# Enrolled in AP Class	134/274 48.9%	128/304 42.1%
# of AP Tests to Be Administered	247	267
# Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Quarter 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 55/274 20% ● 66 Classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 64/304 21% ● 67 Classes <p style="margin-left: 20px;">GMC-41 Students Athens Tech- 8 Students UGA- 2 Students Central GA Tech-2 Students Truett McConnel- 11 Students</p>
# Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Quarter 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 47/274 17.1% ● 58 Classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 64/304 21% ● 70 Classes <p style="margin-left: 20px;">GMC-41 Students Athens Tech- 8 Students UGA- 2 Students Central GA Tech-2 Students Truett McConnel- 11 Students</p>
# Enrolled in Dual Enrollment Quarter 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 47/274 17.1% ● 58 Classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 64/304 21% ● 68 Classes <p style="margin-left: 20px;">GMC-42 Students Athens Tech- 7 Students UGA- 1 Students Central GA Tech-2 Students Truett McConnel- 12 Students</p>
Students taking Welding at Greene County Career Academy (Dual Enrollment)	3	7

College Applications, Acceptances, Attendance

***91.8% of Seniors Have Applied to College (68/74)**

***63.5% of Seniors Have been Accepted into College (47/74)**

***98.6% of Seniors are Expected to Attend College (73/74)
(1 to join family business, the other unsure)**

Scholarships Won

Elks Scholarship Winners- Sydney Pattison, Ella Blythes, Ridhdi Sukha

Awards

Regional STAR Student- Sydney Pattison

HOPE/Zell

*_____ have completed FAFSA (Not Open Yet)

*62/74 83.7% are HOPE Eligible as of the start of senior year

*33/74 44.5% 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)

Snapshot of the Year in High School Counseling

*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).

*Apply to College Day was an enormous success. Over 30 college acceptances to UNG & KSUI

*FAFSA just opened on January 1st, communications will be made with students and families around FAFSA Support in the coming weeks.

College Acceptances as of January 30th, 2024

Key**/ EA- Early Action/ ED-Early Decision/ RD- Regular Decision/ Roll-Rolling Admissions

College Final Decisions

***10/74 13.5%**

College	Number of Applications	Number of Acceptances	Number Attending
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	3	1	
Auburn	5		
Alabama	9	3	2
Appalachian State			
Augusta	8		
Austin Peay State University			
Athens Tech	2		
Belmont			
Berry	3	1	
Boston University			
Butler University			
Brenau			
Brown			
Chattahoochee Tech			
Citadel	1	1	
Clemson	2		
College of Charleston			
College of Coastal Georgia			
Columbia University			
Covenant College			
Dartmouth			
Davidson			
Duke			
East Georgia State			
Emory University	2	1	1
Flagler College			
Florida Atlantic			
Florida International			
Frances Marion			
Florida State University	4		

Georgia College	10	7	1
Georgia Gwinnett College			
Georgia Military College			
Georgia Southern	9	5	1
Georgia State	4		
Georgia Tech	4	1	
Georgetown	1		
UGA	11	5 (3 deferred)	1
Kennesaw State	12	8	
Lee University			
Louisiana State University			
Mars Hill University			
Massachusetts College of Art and Design			
Mercer	7	2	
Michigan State			
Miami			
Middle Georgia State University			
Northeastern University			
Northwestern			
North Carolina State			
North Georgia	23	22	1
Notre Dame			
Norwich University	1	1	
Ohio State			
Oglethorpe University			
Ole Miss	1	1	
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts			
Piedmont University	1	1	
Rhode Island School of Design			
Santa Fe College			
Savannah College of Art and Design			
Shorter University			
South Carolina	2		

Temple			
Toccoa Falls College			
Tufts University (Questbridge)			
United States Merchant Marines	1	1	
United States Military Academy (Westpoint)			
United States Naval Academy	1		
University of California- Los Angeles			
University of Colorado Boulder			
University of Florida	3		
University of Hawaii			
University of Kentucky			
University of Pittsburgh			
University of Maryland			
University of Massachusetts- Amherst			
University of North Carolina at Asheville			
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill			
University of North Carolina at Wilmington			
University of Tennessee- Knoxville			
University of Tennessee-Marlin	1	1	1
University of the South			
University of St Andrews			
University of Tampa			
University of Utah			
University of Virginia	1		
Utah State			
Valdosta State University			
Vanderbilt	1		
Villanova University			
Virginia Military Institute	1	1	
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University			
Waynesburg University			

Wake Forest			
William and Mary	1		
Western Carolina			
Wingate University			
Young Harris	1		
TOTALS	136	66	70



Winter/Spring Athletics and Activities Report 1.30.2024

- Basketball
 - MS basketball boys and girls seasons came to an end. The boys played hard in the league championship but finished as the runner up.
 - Varsity girls continue to play well. They play Friday to determine if they are the #1 or #2 seed in the region tournament.
 - Varsity boys continue to work extremely hard and compete well.
- Cheerleading
 - 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 basketball games.
- Baseball
 - Spring tryouts had the largest numbers in school history. For the first time, LOA will field full middle school, junior varsity, and varsity teams.
- Soccer
 - The junior varsity and varsity teams have been selected. The middle school teams will be selected by next week.
- Tennis
 - Varsity boys and girls tennis teams have been selected. Matches begin this week.
 - For the first time, a middle school tennis club team will compete against other schools. The club will be a full LOA team next year.
- Golf
 - Middle school and varsity golf begins soon in early February
- Varsity Region Championships:
 - Girls Cross Country
- Middle School League Championships
 - Softball



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- Basketball
 - Varsity girls won their fourth straight Region Championship! They won the first round playoff game and lost in a hard fought game in the sweet sixteen. They FAR exceeded expectations.
 - Varsity boys ended their season strong and finished with the most wins in school history.
- Cheerleading
 - Sideline Cheer
 - MS and Varsity sideline cheerleading did excellent job of representing the school and bringing the school spirit to all of the basketball games. There was a wonderful moment in the region championship where Greene County and LOA cheerleaders joined together in a cheer for the girls basketball team.
- Baseball
 - MS, JV, and varsity baseball are off to a great start. They are piling up great wins already.
- Soccer
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LOA BOG Academic Highlights 3.3.24



February 27, 2024 – Today, State School Superintendent Richard Woods named 276 Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Schools from 99 school districts for 2024.

"I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the 2024 AP Honor Schools," Superintendent Woods said. "I commend them for their hard work to build strong Advanced Placement programs and, as a result, provide high-quality opportunities for Georgia students. Additionally, I am thrilled that the number of AP Honor Schools and school districts continues to rise each year – a testament to the commitment of Georgia public education to expand opportunities for all Georgia students."

The 2024 AP Honor Schools are named in eight categories based on the results of 2023 AP courses and exams. AP exams are administered by the College Board, which also administers the SAT. AP courses are one of several ways Georgia students can access college-level learning at the high school level; students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 on an AP exam may receive college credit. GaDOE began recognizing AP Honor Schools in 2008.

[AP Challenge Schools](#)

Schools with enrollments of 900 or fewer students and exams administered in English, math, science, and social studies and a minimum of 25 total exams administered. (LOA was 1 of 43 in this category)

[AP Humanities Schools](#)

Schools with at least five exams administered in each of the following AP categories: one ELA course, two social studies courses, one fine arts course, and one world language course and a minimum of 25 total exams administered.

[AP Humanities Achievement Schools](#)

AP Humanities schools (see above definition) with at least 50% of all AP Humanities exams earning scores of 3 or higher.

[AP Schools of Distinction](#)

Schools with at least 20% of the total student population taking AP exams and at least 50% of all AP exams earning scores of 3 or higher.