

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting
5:30 P.M., November 5, 2018

Chairman Mark Lipscomb opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. **Call to Order:** Mark Lipscomb called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on November 5, 2018.
- B. **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Connie Hoyle, Fatima Fields, Richard Schmidt, Byron Lombard , Freddie Evans, David Mapp, and Mark Lipscomb were in attendance. Kim Larkin were absent, Also present was CEO Otho Tucker, CFO Tim Hong, Ashley Funderburk, Natasha Cannon, Dr. Jody Worth, and Greene County School Board Chairman Michael Lynch.
- C. **Approval of Minutes:** Byron Lombard made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2018, regular monthly meeting. Motion seconded by Freddie Evans. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Finance Report:** Tim Hong gave the financial report. A motion was made by Byron Lombard to approve the report as information only. Seconded by Connie Hoyle. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Parent Association Report:** Dr. Tucker gave the Parent Association Report.
- F. **Upper School Report:** Dr. Jody Worth gave a report on recent accomplishments by upper school students in state and area competitions which is attached.
- G. **2018 CCRPI Testing Report:** Ashley Funderburk gave a report on the CCRPI results. She explained that the State has changed methodology and scoring which is creating multiple practical problems for schools' practical utilization of the information. She explained how new statistical sampling procedures in some places show LOA generally scoring in the top schools statewide but because of averaging also shows LOA in the 74th percentile. She commented that it is an ongoing process that needs a lot of work to make CCRPI testing useful again.
- H. **Foundation report:** Dr. Tucker give foundation report. Denim and Diamonds planning is underway with the event currently scheduled for March 2, 2019. Dr. Tucker gave a report on a REACH scholarship award, John Paul Turiano
- I. **CEO Report:**
1. Dr. Tucker gave congratulations to Dr. Jody Worth, who has just received her PhD.
 2. Dr. Tucker gave an update on construction for the new high school classroom building and student life Center which are expected to be completed on January 15 and late April, respectively.
 3. Terse is in the process of being installed on the baseball field, lights are up, scoreboard is in and completion is expected before Christmas.

4. Dr. Tucker gave a report on competency based education. LOA is moving towards a competency-based methodology which allows students to effectively work at their own speed.
5. Dr. Tucker outlined the potential use of the Navy testing program which would be utilized as an alternative to the CCRPI test.
6. Dr. Tucker introduced students Jacqueline Ellison and Bailey Ballard who are participating in the AP Research Class led by Dr. Nikki Tobias which is an advanced placement research methods and skills class. Both girls were requesting board approval to go forward with their research projects utilizing the skills learned in the class.

Richard Schmidt made a motion to approve the AP research project for Jacqueline Ellison which looks at factors influencing Air Force ROTC female cadets. Seconded by Connie Hoyle. Motion carried unanimously.

Freddie Evans made a motion to approve the AP research project for Bailey Ballard which looks at teacher perceptions and the definition of creativity in ELA classes. Seconded by Fatima Fields. Motion carried unanimously

J. Adjournment: There being no further business, David Mapp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Connie Hoyle. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Highlights in Upper School Fall 2018:

Spanish: On October 27th eighteen LOA students in grades 7-12 in Spanish levels 1 through AP participated in the 46th annual Clemson Poetry Declamation. Clemson hosts schools across several states competing in American Sign Language, Spanish, French, German, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Latin, and Italian. Students recite from memory two poems being judged on accuracy, intonation, pronunciation, and presentation. Of the eighteen students representing Lake Oconee Academy, Remi Baker won 3rd place for Spanish I, Azariah Chester 3rd place and Mahnoor Sultan 1st place in highest category Spanish IV/AP. While on the Clemson campus students had the opportunity to tour the campus and learn more about dual language undergraduate programs Clemson has to offer.

Theater: Our LOA High School Theatre Troupe competed last week against eight other Class A/Area 4 public schools in the GHSA One-Act Play Competition. We performed "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," a play based on the 1988 book by Robert Fulgham.

Our troupe won BEST ENSEMBLE and placed 2nd overall! We received scores of 93, 94, and 96 from the judges. The highest score LOA has ever received in past competitions has been an 80, so this is a huge improvement. In addition to the group awards, Gabby Gruszynski and Helen & Joseph Garcia-Carreras received All-Star Cast awards. (Photos, video, and judges' score sheets are attached.)

Placed 2nd Area 4 State Competition this past Saturday.
Joseph Garcia- Best Actor Singe A State

Cast: Joseph Garcia-Carreras (senior), Emily Hankinson (senior), Calleigh Reber (senior), Chiara Ruck (senior), Helen Garcia-Carreras (junior), Shelby Davis (freshman), Gabby Gruszynski (freshman), Lucas Minton (freshman)

Crew: Mattie Stewart (senior), Logan Fedelem (sophomore), Evan Gibson (freshman)

Director: Lora Garcia-Carreras
Asst. Director: Kelly Ingle
Musical Director: Amy Reber

Art: Awards Georgia National Fair 2018 -- Vogel

1st place award 11-12th grade drawing Erin Lass
Honorable mention 11th and 12th grade drawing Erin Lass

2nd place award 11th and 12th grade printmaking Emily Hankinson

Best of Show and 1st place 9th and 10th grade drawing Katie Ciavola

1st place award 9th and 10th grade printmaking Marissa Malone
1st place award 9th and 10th grade sculpture Marissa Malone

2nd place award 9th and 10th grade sculpture Belle Benton

3rd place award 9th and 10th grade sculpture Kiera Richard

Honorable Mention award 9th and 10th grade painting Charlee Scheller

1st place award and Best of Show 6-8th grade printmaking Lindsey Herring
2nd place award 6-8th grade printmaking Raine Ansley
3rd place award 6-8th grade printmaking Ethan Hankinson
Honorable Mention 6-8th grade printmaking Jordan Nichols

1st place award 6-8th grade sculpture/clay Raine Ansley
2nd place award 6-8th grade sculpture/clay Lucy Kate Williams
Honorable Mention award 6-8th sculpture/clay Adalyn Greer

Photography - Fleming

1st place in color for 9th & 10th grade AND best in category - Abby Cash
2nd Place in color for 11th & 12 grade - Parker Toomey
3rd Place in Black & White for 11th & 12th grade - Daryn Minster

2019 Governor's Honors Program - 6 candidates from LOA and 2 from Greene County High School - competing at the county level for state level interviews: Jessi Patino, Helen Garcia-Carreras, Rylie McDonald, Mahnoor Sultan, Lane Herndon, and Katie Tran. We will have the names of the students moving onto state competition and representing Greene County on Tuesday (next week).

Congratulations to our Greene County nominees for GHP 2019! The Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a residential summer program for gifted & talented high school students (sophomores & juniors). This unique 4 week-long opportunity allows students to explore their areas of interest in ways designed to help them on their journey to become our next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders.

Please congratulate these students as you see them about the campus!

Helen Garcia-Carreras: Theatre

Lane Herndon: Visual Arts

Jessi Patino: World Languages (Spanish)

Mahnoor Sultan: World Languages (Spanish)

and Katie Tran: Music (Instrumental)

Carole Dodson also did the **Pulsera project** raising over \$2900 as International Service... her 8th grade SGA students and Tori Ellison managed it very well.

LOASGA had a successful Spirit Night at The Grill on September 27th and is looking forward to two more next week, the 30th at Amicis and Nov. 1st at Iron Fork

LOASGA is well underway planning HOCO for Dec. 9-14 with "There's no place like Homecoming" as the theme. Former Student Body President, Blake Beeker, will be organizing our first real Alumni tailgate for Dec. 15th Hoco and will be back with KJ Harris to crown new king and queen.

New Spanish Language Assistant for our ISA program, Eider Reta, joined us from the Basque region in Spain and has been sharing so much with HS Spanish students.

Beta Club

Donated items for hurricane relief to Seminole County - one of the hardest hit in counties in GA.

Met our goal at the blood drive- with 38 units of blood collected
Participated in Rivers Alive
Will hold a coat drive and canned food drive in Nov & Dec.
In January- we will compete at the state Beta convention in Savannah GA

XCountry

Boys varsity finished 3rd in area/regional meet out of 15 teams

Kendal Clark awarded Runner of the Month for September by MileSplit GA | Georgia High School Running.

Girls Middle School won 1st place team in the CRSA Championships sweeping the field by finishing all 5 girls in the 1st-5th places. Boys finished 3rd place.

Kensi Stevens (grade 8) finished 1st place in 10 out of 14 meets this season. Girls finished 1st place in 9 of the 14 meets.

Boys varsity finished 1st place team in WACO invitational; Placed 6th in State this past Saturday

Volleyball

Finished 2nd in Area; advanced to State playoffs

Cheer

Qualified last Saturday for State this Friday, Georgia Sectionals

Boston Trip: 28 students attended in October (AP US History and AP Economics)

Europe Trip: Scheduled for this December; 14 day trip; Music/Art students

Katie Tran and Stu Baker will perform at **Carnegie Hall** in February