

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors

Regular Monthly Meeting

5:30 P.M., May 6th, 2019

- A. **Call to Order:** Mark Lipscomb called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on, May 6th, 2019.
- B. **Establishment of Quorum/Roll Call:** Governors, Richard Schmidt, Byron Lombard, Mark Lipscomb, Freddie Evans, Fatima Fields, and David Mapp, were in attendance. Connie Hoyle and Kim Larkin were absent. Also present were CEO Dr. Otho Tucker, CFO Tim Hong GCSB Superintendent Chris Houston, and board members John Heinen and Steve Kilgore.
- C. **Approval of Minutes:** Byron Lombard made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2019, regular monthly meeting. Motion seconded by Freddie Evans. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Finance Report:** Dr. Tucker, gave the financial report. A motion was made by Byron Lombard to approve the report as information only. Seconded by Freddie Evans. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Jacqueline Ellison and Bailey Ballard made presentations for their AP capstone research projects.
- F. There was no public comment at that time.
- G. **CEO Report and Action Taken:**
1. Dr. Tucker gave an update on construction for the new Student life Center which is which is currently 85% complete and expected to be completed by June 1. The baseball field is complete except for a new requirement to add an elevator on the press box, in case a handicapped person wanted to access the scoreboard for maintenance?
 2. Dr. Tucker gave an update on the Marzano Academies program. The school is sending a representative to the Westminster conference in Denver Colorado the summer to get more information.
 3. Dr. Tucker gave an update on AP course historical data which he described as exemplary. 79.1% of the LOA students have tested at a score of 34 or 5. On a scale of 1 to 5, a student is required to receive a score of 3 or above in order to receive college credit. LOA's 79.1% is 19% above the international percentage and 22% above the Georgia state percentage. Every student at LOA will take at least one class. The students on the whole are accepting and rising to the challenge of the extra academic rigor. The number of AP classes taken per student has arisen from .8 classes per student at the beginning of the AP program to 1.2 classes per student currently.
 4. Dr. Tucker was introduced by Mark Lipscomb and gave an introduction to the issue of the number of seats to be funded by the Greene County school Board for the FY '20 school year. Dr. Tucker made a PowerPoint presentation showing that there are currently approximately 375 people on the waiting list and explaining the challenges by

the school board and LOA in accommodating the additional 375 students. LOA has actively sought to increase the opportunity for students and their parents seeking school choice. Following the presentation there was a lengthy question and answer by Dr. Tucker and the crowd of approximately 100 concerned parents who are trying to get their kids into LOA and cannot.

5. Richard Schmidt introduced the amended Lake Oconee Academy lottery, waitlist, open seat, and enrollment policy and procedures. After discussion Byron Lombard made a motion to adopt the amended policy, seconded by Fatima Fields. The motion carried unanimously. The amendment added a provision that determined how LOA would fill open seats outside the initial lottery. Typically open seats become available as students move out of the system for any number of reasons. In general terms the policy articulates the current procedure. The procedure will be to fill a vacated seat in any grade level with the next person on the waitlist in that grade. If there is no person on the waitlist in that grade than they will draw from applications for the following school year. If there are no applications for the following school year than they will draw the next available person on the waitlist from the lowest grade and work up until the seat is filled.

H. Adjournment: there being no further business, Freddie Evans made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Fatima Fields. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

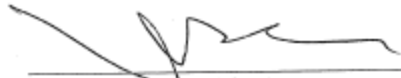
RESOLUTION REGARDING NON-DISCRIMINATION

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RESOLVED that it is the policy of Lake Oconee Academy, Inc., that Lake Oconee Academy does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, gender, national origin, religion, ancestry, marital status, academic ability, the need for special education services, or any other characteristic protected by local, state, or federal law.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the Secretary of Lake Oconee Academy, Inc., Hereby certifies that the above resolution was adopted on the 1 day of April, 2019.


Richard W. Schmidt, Secretary