

# **Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting**

Samueli Academy  
1901 N Fairview Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

September 19, 2017

4:00 – 5:00pm

## **Minutes**

Attended: Richard Arum, Sandi Jackson Sun Kim, Anthony Saba and Nicole Washington

Non Attendance: Patsy Janda

1. Approval of the August 7, 2017 Joint Academic and Finance Committee minutes.

Nicole Washington motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Sandi Jackson; all in favor.

2. Approval of the August 20, 2017 Academic Committee minutes.

Nicole Washington motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Sandi Jackson; all in favor.

3. Charter Renewal

Nicole Washington led the review of the Charter renewal Elements assigned to the Committee. They went over the revisions made by several members and discussed the suggestions and corrections. Anthony Saba answered questions the Committee had and received feedback on various items.

4. External Scorecard

Richard Arum explained the items of the Academic scorecard since most of the items presented are from information the UCI survey gathered. No major changes were made to last year's Scorecard but Richard explained some of the changes to prevent redundancy in the presentation of it. Sandi asked if the Scorecard will be presented in the Charter renewal, and Anthony explained that all of the data is in various elements of the charter but if completed in time, the Board could share it. Changes were suggested and Nicole stated she will share the edits to be made and present it at the Board retreat.

5. College Work Readiness Assessment (CWRA)

Richard Arum explained the proposed CWRA as an assessment to use on the students in addition to the one required by the state. He explained some of the advantages of using such a state of the art assessment. He stated it goes alongside the type of learning Samueli Academy is emphasizing. It is a 90 minute assessment online that presents a complex situation that could be faced in a workplace, they must solve it and write a memo to their “boss” explaining the outcome. Through the summary provided in the yearly assessment, the students’ growth and progress can be tracked. He explained students seem to like the assessment since they are given a task and it is not multiple choice. Richard also explained the disadvantages, which included the cost. Nicole Washington explained that this proposal was brought up because data tracking information was requested in the Charter petition. Anthony Saba stated that the amount the students are tested may be overwhelming to not only them, but also the teachers. It was suggested to discuss using a pilot program before committing to the assessment. More discussions to come.

6. Career Advisory Council

Nicole Washington stated that the new 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, Jennifer Aceves, presented to the Career Advisory Council. She reminded the Committee that the Corporate Mixer is this month, and invited the Committee. She stated that 97% of the senior class has completed their internships and the remainder are currently in the process of finishing.

7. Compliance Calendar

Sun Kim explained the items on the compliance calendar. They reviewed the upcoming 2018 meetings, and decided there were no updates needed.

8. 2017 Board Retreat Pre-Survey

Sandi reminded the Committee to complete the survey with a September 25<sup>th</sup> deadline in preparation for the Board Retreat. The Committee reviewed a few final items for the Academic Report to be presented at the Board Retreat.

9. New Business

Nicole opened the floor for new business, no new business was brought forth.

10. Adjournment

Nicole made a motion to adjourn at 5:01 pm.