

## **Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting**

Samueli Academy  
1901 N Fairview Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

April 13, 2018

4:00 – 5:00pm

### **Minutes**

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

1. Approval of the March 20, 2018 Academic Committee minutes.

Richard Arum motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Sandi Jackson; all in favor.

2. Proposed Yearly Calendar

Anthony Saba presented the proposed academic calendar for the 2018-19 school year. Anthony explained some of the changes to community nights and stated that they are being held less frequently to improve attendance. Other dates were discussed and A motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend the Proposed 2018-19 Academic Calendar to the full Board for approval. **Motion approved.**

3. Possible Addition of an Assistant Head of School

Anthony gave an update on the hiring process of the Head of School. He shared some details about the applicants whom he has met with and are qualified. He stated that during this process the current Assistant Head of School, Aimee Bilderback, has expressed that she wants to go back to teaching. Anthony stated that it has been decided that during 2018-19, Aimee will work in the classroom part time while continuing her role as the Assistant Head of School. The Committee discussed what it would mean for the budget to add a second Assistant Head of School and another teacher this year.

4. Proposed Daily Schedule Change

Anthony explained the current schedule of the students and gave background information on the schedule that similar Orange County Schools follow. He stated that currently all of the Samueli Academy students have the same schedule which includes having 7 classes instead of 7<sup>th</sup> period being optional. He shared many scenarios of ways that this could benefit students who are struggling and who are not as motivated to do well in less classes, while still meeting graduation requirements. He stated this would allow students

who are college or university bound to continue a full schedule. He shared that this type of scheduling would be more college-like and empower the students to pick their classes. He assured that the only classes that would be optional are certain electives. He stated that this would mean teachers will teach 6 out of 8 classes, instead of 6 out of 7, and give them 1 period each day to be able to prepare. With these changes, the amount of classes some students may take may be less, Anthony stated that this would also change the pathway requirements from 4 years to 3, and the students who chose to take 4 years of each pathway are able to.

5. Mission Statement Committee

Sandi stated she has just begun collaborating with Orangewood about the possibility of a Mission Statement Committee. She stated anyone is welcome to join, and conversations have been started about this topic. She informed the Committee that she will discuss logistics of the Committee during the next meeting.

6. Grant Writing Services

Nicole explained that there are many possibilities for grants that could be beneficial to Samueli Academy and discussed the need to hire a company or individual to write them. Patsy Janda provided information on the possibilities of applying for various grants and shared the different requirements that many educational grants have. Anthony commented that although many grants may seem beneficial, we have to make sure their requirements align with Samueli Academy's program.

7. Career Advisory Council

Nicole stated that there are 90 juniors that interviewed for an internship at the Career Ignition Conference, and most of them have been placed. She stated there is another conference in the near future which will offer more interview opportunities for the juniors. Nicole stated there were many freshman tours at different companies and organizations recently. She shared the names of the companies who have been supporting Samueli Academy throughout these different events.

8. Compliance Calendar

Nicole explained the items on the compliance calendar. The committee reviewed the upcoming 2018 meetings, and upcoming deadlines.

9. New Business

Nicole opened the floor to new business. No new business was brought forth.

10. Adjournment

Nicole made a motion to adjourn at 4:50 pm.