

Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting

Samueli Academy
1901 N Fairview Street
Santa Ana, CA 92706

April 18, 2017

4:00 – 5:00pm

Minutes

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

1. Approval of the February 23, 2017 joint Academic and Finance Committee meeting minutes and the March 23, 2017 Academic Committee meeting minutes.

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

2. Internal Scorecard

The Committee concurred to review the Internal Scorecard at the May Academic Committee meeting.

3. 2016 University of California, Irvine Survey

Sandi Jackson provided a report on the survey and stated that a brief meeting was held with herself, Anthony Saba and professor, Deborah Vandell, who will be leading the survey. As a result, it was decided that the survey would use the State of California student identification number as the identifying factor in the survey. Additionally, Anthony informed the Committee that the survey will be administered on Tuesday, May 16th and Thursday, May 18th.

Nicole called attention to the survey questions which allow students to answer a question with a neutrally answer and asked that it be well understood if the option is given to answer a question with a neutral answer.

Nicole called to attention to the use of student data and asked what the parameters were regarding the use of student's information. Richard Arum stated that the research individuals at the University of California, Irvine would need to use a human subject's process, which protects the confidentiality of students. Additionally, Richard recommended that the Board of Trustees consider putting into place a process that ensures the survey data is protected. Richard stated that he will provide a draft process for the survey data protection at the next Committee meeting.

4. Compliance Calendar

The Committee reviewed the upcoming items on the compliance calendar and Nicole Washington stated that the Academic Scorecard will be presented at the April Board meeting. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the item of compiling the 2018-19 Scorecard and confirmed that the process will begin in June. Anthony Saba stated that the senior graduation and Gold Ribbon Award will need to be added to the 2018-19 Scorecard.

Richard Arum presented to the Committee a report which outlines the marketing and recruitment strategies of Samueli Academy and surrounding Santa Ana schools, both charter and non-charter. Richard stated that the main focus of the report was on the Samueli Academy mission and vision statements, as well as the website. As a result, Richard reviewed with the Committee the findings and recommendations for Samueli Academy. The report and recommendations will be presented to the full Board at the upcoming Board of Trustee meeting.

5. New Business

Nicole Washington opened the floor for new business and Sandi Jackson requested that the proposed junior high school be an agenda item at the May Academic Committee meeting. Additionally, Sandi requested that the charter renewal to be an agenda item at the joint Academic and Finance Committee meeting on June 5, 2017. No additional new business was brought forth.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Sandi Jackson, seconded by Richard Arum and carried to adjourn the Tuesday, April 18, 2017 Academic Committee meeting.

The next Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.