

Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting

University of California, Irvine
3200 Education Building
Irvine, CA 92697

February 21, 2017

4:00 – 5:00pm

Minutes

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

1. Approval of the January 17, 2017 Academic Committee meeting minutes

Sandi Jackson motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Patsy Janda; all in favor.

2. Introduction of Sun Kim

Sandi Jackson introduced potential new Academic Committee member, Sun Kim. Sandi spoke briefly on Sun's professional background and informed the Committee that that Sun was introduced by Board members, William Healey and Nicole Washington.

3. 2016 Board Retreat Strategic Initiatives

Sandi Jackson presented to the Committee a Follow-up Report from the 2016 Board Retreat, which outlines the following strategic initiatives that were assigned to the Academic Committee:

- Financial Model and Sustainability
- Independent Study Program
- Charter School Competition, Marketing, and Recruitment

Sandi called attention to the 2016-17 Scorecard and stated that minor additions need to be made to the internal Scorecard and asked the Committee to work with Patsy Janda, who has taken the lead on the Scorecard. Additionally, Sandi stated that the Committee will need to begin planning for the 2017 Student Survey, which Samueli Academy does annually with the University of California, Irvine in early May.

Sandi called attention to the financial model and stated that the Academic and Finance Committees will hold a joint meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017 to identify the key factors in Samueli Academy's high attendance rate and review ways to raise additional revenue to increase teacher compensation. Sandi stated that Samueli Academy currently does not have a pay scale and family members of employees do not receive medical benefits.

Sandi called attention to the independent study program and stated that a number of items were reviewed in addition to a presentation made by the Orange County Department of Education at the November 29, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting, as a result the Board concurred not to proceed with an independent study program.

Sandi referred to the initiative of a junior high charter school expansion and stated that the feasibility and sustainability will be reviewed at the Thursday, February 23, 2017 Academic and Finance Committee.

Sandi asked if an approach for a non-graduating student has been established and Anthony stated that in most cases the student would attend summer school and not walk with the graduating class, however, a fifth year at Samueli Academy or adult school could also be an option based on the students situation.

Nicole called attention to the charter school competition, marketing, and recruitment and stated that she would like the Committee to provide an initial report at the April 25, 2017 Board meeting, regarding the 2017-18 student lottery. Additionally, Richard Arum offered to assist with research in regarding to student retention following the lottery.

4. Joint Academic and Finance Committee Meeting

The Committee reviewed a draft meeting agenda for the upcoming Thursday, February 23, 2017 joint Academic and Finance Committee meeting and key tasks to be accomplished.

5. Compliance Calendar

The Committee reviewed the upcoming items on the compliance calendar.

6. New Business

Nicole presented to the Committee a report on the Career Advisory Council and stated that approximately thirty additional internships are needed for the 2017 Summer Internship Program. No additional new business was brought forth.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made by Patsy Janda, seconded by Anthony Saba and carried to adjourn the Tuesday, February 21, 2017 Academic Committee meeting.

The next Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017.