

Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting

Samueli Academy
1901 N Fairview Street
Santa Ana, CA 92706

May 16, 2017

4:00 – 5:00pm

Minutes

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

1. Approval of the April 18, 2017 Academic Committee minutes.

Patsy Janda motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Richard Arum; all in favor.

2. Internal Scorecard

Patsy Janda provided a reported on the Internal Scorecard and reviewed the existing Internal Scorecard items with the Committee. Nicole stated that all data from the External Scorecard should be included on the Internal Scorecard, with the additional information determined as internal only. Additionally, Nicole suggested adding data to the Scorecard regarding the senior graduating class, including admission rates and student alumni information. The Committee concurred to keep the Internal Scorecard as is and add additional data regarding graduating seniors.

3. Charter Renewal

Sandi Jackson provided a report on the Charter Renewal and asked the Committee to provide comments on the educational and academic portion of the charter. In reviewing the charter the Committee identified the following items:

- Addition of the junior high school
- School messaging, mission statement and suggestions
- Goals and objectives of Samueli Academy
- Consider removing
 - OCF will develop an online resource which will support The Academy's career component by providing a matching tool to identify community resources in the areas of STEM curricula, mentors, and internships.
- Whom the school is attempting to educate
 - The Academy will enroll approximately 320 students.
 - It is anticipated that all of the students will be low income, and/or eligible for the free and reduced price lunch program.

It was decided to assign Committee members the following elements to review:

- Nicole Washington – Introduction
- Patsy Janda – Element 1. The Educational Program
- Richard Arum - Element 2. Measurable Pupil Outcomes and Element 3. Assessments/ Methods for Measuring Student Progress
- Sandi Jackson – Mission Statement
- Sun Kim - Element 6. Employee Qualifications, Element 13. Exclusive Public School Employer and Element 16. Employee Rights

4. Local Control and Accountability Plan

Anthony Saba and Assistant Head of School, Aimee Bilderback provided a report on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Anthony informed the Committee that the LCAP template has been revised from previous years and as a result, the goals have been revised and reduced as well. Additionally, Aimee informed the Committee that it was recommended to reduce the number of goals in the LCAP and stated that the goals have been condensed, but still encompass the original goals over the next 3 years.

The Committee concurred to recommend the Local Control and Accountability Plan to the full Board for approval at the upcoming May Board meeting.

5. Academic Goals for 2017-18

Anthony Saba presented to the Committee the 2017-18 academic goals for Samueli Academy and stated that all of the previous year's goals were met. Additionally, Anthony informed the Committee that the following items were added for the 2017-18 goals:

- Maintain similar SBAC results, including at least a 7/10 in both Statewide and Similar Schools Rankings
- At least a 90% graduation rate for the senior class

The Committee concurred to recommend the 2017-18 academic goals to the full Board for review and discussion at the upcoming May Board meeting.

6. Junior High School

Anthony Saba presented to the Committee a summary of the potential junior high school expansion and the benefits, which include increased revenue and reaching students younger in their academic trajectory. Additionally, the Committee discussed student recruitment and turnover, staffing changes and the adjustment to school leadership, which will be detailed in a summary for the Board.

7. Compliance Calendar

Sun Kim presented to the Committee the compliance calendar and reviewed the upcoming items, which include presenting the final version of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) to the Board, as well as the 2017-18 academic goals and Scorecards. Sun opened the floor for recommendations to be added to the compliance calendar and it was suggested to add the presentation of the School Climate Survey to the full Board at the June 2017 meeting.

8. New Business

Nicole Washington opened the floor for new business and informed the Committee that Chapman University has an initiative program to foster collaboration between Orange County district and charter schools. Nicole explained that the program awardee is for \$100,000 a year over a three year period. Additionally, Nicole distributed additional information on the initiative to the Committee via email.

Sandi Jackson requested additional review of the marketing and recruitment strategies memo, which was developed by Richard Arum. Anthony Saba informed the Committee that himself and Marketing Director, Sara Bazant will be reviewing and modifying the Samueli Academy website while school is not in session this summer, which will be brought to management, the Academic Committee and the full Board for approval and review.

Anthony Saba informed the Committee that he received notice from California State Senator, Janet Nguyen, that Samueli Academy has been recognized with the Blue Ribbon Award from the United States Department of Education.

Anthony Saba informed the Board that 97% of Samueli Academy seniors have been accepted into college.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Sandi Jackson, seconded by Richard Arum and carried to adjourn the Tuesday, May 16, 2017 Academic Committee meeting.

The next Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.