



MINUTES

Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2015

ROLL CALL

Board of Trustees Present:

William Healey
Sandi Jackson
Nicole Washington
Deborah Vandell
Marian Bergeson
Elim Kay
Chris Scheithauer

Academy/Orangewood Staff Present:

Chris Simonsen
John Luker
Anthony Saba

ExED:

Larry Tamayo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the October 27, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting minutes.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Anthony Saba introduced Biology Teacher, Vicente Perez. Mr. Perez gave a brief overview on the freshman aquaponics project and introduced the Samueli Academy freshman students to present on their project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandi Jackson opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Sandi Jackson asked for approval of the 2014-15 Samueli Academy Annual Report, which will be sent to the Orange County Department of Education. A motion was made, seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the 2014-15 Samueli Academy Annual Report.

Sandi Jackson opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made.

Sandi Jackson presented to the Board a report detailing the action items and responsibilities that were identified at the October 12, 2015 retreat.

Sandi Jackson referred to the 2016 Board meeting schedule in the meeting packet. A motion was made, seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the 2016 Board of Trustees meeting schedule, with one change to keep the April 2016 meeting on the fourth Tuesday, April 26th.

Sandi Jackson opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made.

Sandi Jackson informed the Board of the Samueli Academy Holiday Party to be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015.

REPORTS

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Anthony Saba shared that Samueli Academy history teacher, Devin M. Beliveau has been named recipient of the NCSS (National Council for Social Studies) Award for Global understanding. Additionally, Anthony informed the Board that the Samueli Academy was accepted into the Western Athletic Conference and the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section for Athletics.

Anthony informed the Board that the Samueli Academy application window opens Tuesday, December 1, 2015 for current 8th grade students, next year's prospective Samueli Academy freshman students.

A phone conference was held with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) to have the Samueli Academy junior class WASC approved. The junior class passed and is now WASC approved. In the 2016-2017 school year a meeting will be held to have the senior class WASC approved. The freshman and sophomore classes were WASC approved in the 2014-2015 school year.

The Academic Committee has reviewed the Project A.C.E. (Anteaters for College Excellence) memorandum of understanding which pairs thirty current University of California, Irvine (UCI) students with thirty Samueli Academy junior students. The Samueli Academy students will be mentored by the UCI students under the supervision of Samueli Academy School Counselor, Rocio Gomez. Project A.C.E. is being offered to the Samueli Academy at no cost and has been fully vetted to ensure compliance with the Orange County Department of Education Memorandum of Understanding.

Sandi Jackson opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made.

A motion was made, seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Project A.C.E. Memorandum of Understanding.

CEO

Chris Simonsen provided a Residential Campus update. A call with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) took place. CDSS gave direction to work with Orange County Social Services to create the framework of the program to be implemented. A meeting is set for Tuesday, November 24, 2015 with Orange County Social Services.

FUNDRAISING

Chris Simonsen provided a report on Samueli Academy operational fundraising through November, 2015. To date, \$193,978 has been raised for Samueli Academy operations. Additionally, a \$50,000 match was secured for the Holiday Tea.

Chris Simonsen reviewed the Capital Campaign Progress Report ending November 11, 2015. To date, the total raised with verbal commitments is \$23,015,617.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

William Healey provided a report that the Finance Committee met on November 13, 2015 to review and approve the September 2015 financials and scorecard. Additionally, William informed the Board that the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the Effectiveness Training Spending Plan. Samueli Academy received an allocation of \$21,499 to provide professional development of certificated teachers.

Larry Tamayo provided the following report on the September 2015 Financial Dashboard:

- The Average Daily Attendance (ADA) rate is 367.
- Samueli Academy has a net loss of \$196,780 in Fiscal Year 2015-16, which is \$184,097 worse than planned.
- As of August 31, 2015, the School's cash balance was \$656,318.

GOVERNANCE

Chris Scheithauer provided a report that the Governance Committee met on November 3, 2015. Chris informed the Board that the Governance Committee reviewed the action items that were identified at the Board Retreat and the Committees responsible for addressing the action items. The Governance Committee will track the progress of the identified action items and the assigned committee statuses. Additionally, the Governance Committee would like to improve the depth of the various Committees and grow the Committees. Chris asked the Board to think of individuals to invite to serve on committees and become involved.

Chris Simonsen provided a report on the Performance Evaluation Procedure that is used to annually evaluate the performance of the Head of School, CEO and CFO.

ACADEMIC

Deborah Vandell provided a brief update on the current undertakings of the Academic Committee.

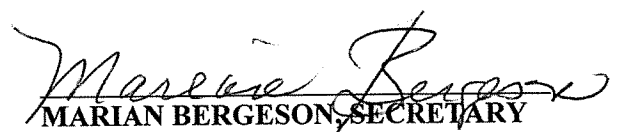
Nicole Washington informed the Board that the Career Advisory Council is working to secure additional student internships and that seventy internships are still needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandi Jackson opened the floor for new business.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees meeting at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at Samueli Academy located at 1901 N. Fairview Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706.


MARIAN BERGESON, SECRETARY