MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
6:00 PM
Samueli Academy
1901 N. Fairview St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706

ROLL CALL

Board of Trustees Present:
Liz Dorn-Parker
Richard Arum
Susan Barua
Sandi Jackson

Board of Trustees Absent:
Susan Samueli
Robert Santana
Chris Scheithauer

Academy/Orangewood Staff Present:
Anthony Saba
John Luker
Lee Fleming
Chris Simonsen
Tracy Garcia

Guests Present:

CALL TO ORDER

Liz Dorn-Parker called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and welcomed all attendees to the September 24, 2024, meeting of the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees. Anyone from the public might address the Board for three minutes at the beginning of the meeting, and before agenda items that were subject to approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sandi Jackson, seconded by Richard Arum, and carried to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2024, meeting of the Board of Trustees with a vote of: 4 - Ayes and 0 – Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS
BOARD CHAIR

All board members should have received their survey via email. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony Saba presented the Executive Director report.

We have strong enrollment to start out the new school year.

OCDE review will take place on October 24th and they will be on campus to conduct this review.

We are 10 days out from our Annual Gala. Look for an email on Sunday that has the opening of the silent auction. Please pass along to anyone that might be interested.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Lee Fleming presented the Head of School report.

The school hosted the internship fair on campus today. Students shared their summer internships. It was great to see the Sunrise Camp interns at their table. They would periodically sing their camp songs, which was great to see.

Recently Samueli Academy received the Partner of the Year Award from the Simons Scholars Program. Lee Fleming and others were in attendance at the event to receive the award.

Lee Fleming shared that our amazing campus and facility has provided us the opportunity to deepen relationships with partner agencies and provide more opportunities for students.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Chris Simonsen presented the Orangewood Foundation update. The program has added one (1) more male student to the program which brings the total up to 7. Three (3) more students are in the process. One (1) additional home has been approved since the last meeting. Staff continues to do recruitment efforts.

FFA liability insurance carriers are hard to find. There was only one (1) carrier that provided that insurance in CA and they issued a statement that they are no longer renewing policies. This has caused a scramble in the industry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE

Anthony presented the Governance Report. The Foster Youth Transportation Policy was reviewed and approved by the Governance Committee at their last meeting.

Foster Youth Transportation Policy

Lee Fleming shared the background on the need for the development of the Foster Youth Transportation Policy. This is something that we are currently doing already but just needed to put it into a formal policy.

Susan Barua made a motion to approve the Foster Youth Transportation Policy. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

FINANCE

John Luker shared there was no Finance Committee Meeting in September due to a lack of a quorum for the meeting.

John Luker reviewed the July 2024 Financial Statements.

Anthony Saba reviewed the Operational Campaign numbers for July 2024. We are off to a good start and looking forward to the positive success of the Gala.

OCDE Unaudited Actuals for 23-24

Liz Dorn-Parker presented the OCDE Unaudited Actuals for 2023-24.

Richard Arum made a motion to approve the OCDE Unaudited Actuals for 2023-24. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

ACADEMIC

Richard Arum presented the Academic Committee Report.

Parent and Family Engagement / School Parent Compact

Richard Arum presented the Parent and Family Engagement / School Parent Compact. This is also something that needs to be formalized. It is something that we currently have been doing and this policy was developed in collaboration with parents in the Caregiver Advisory Committee.

Sandi Jackson made a motion to approve the Parent and Family Engagement / School Parent Compact. Susan Barua seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

Liz Dorn Parker asked the Governance Committee to review the dates for the upcoming board meetings in October/November/December due to the board retreat on November 4th. The November board meeting is scheduled for the week of Thanksgiving and many board members indicated they would be out of town.

Anthony Saba asked Tracy Garcia to put this on the agenda for the October Governance Committee Meeting and to check the compliance calendar for October / November / December agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Susan Barua, seconded by Sandi Jackdson, and carried to approve the September 24, 2024, meeting of the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees be adjourned with a vote of 4 - Ayes and 0 - Nays.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

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RICHARD ARUM, SECRETARY