MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
6:00 PM
Samueli Academy
1901 N. Fairview St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706

ROLL CALL

Board of Trustees Present:
Chris Scheithauer
Susan Barua
Sandi Jackson
Susan Samueli
Richard Arum
Liz Dorn-Parker (via Zoom)

Academy/Orangewood Staff Present:
Anthony Saba
Enrique Montiel
John Luker
Tracy Garcia
Lee Fleming
Pam Shambra (via Zoom)

Guests
Lindsay Freyermuth – CCS
Claudia Looney – CCS
Chris Looney – CCS
Julie Siebel – CCS (via Zoom)
Krista Young – CCS (via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Scheithauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed all attendees to the April 25, 2023 meeting of the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees. Anyone from the public might address the Board for a period of three minutes at the beginning of the meeting, and prior to agenda items that were subject for approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sandi Jackson, seconded by Susan Barua, and carried to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees with a vote of: 3- Ayes and 0 – Nays and 3 – Abstention by Richard Arum, Susan Samueli and Liz Dorn-Parker.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

CCS PRESENTS STUDY FINDINGS

CCS staff presented the results of the study they conducted regarding Samueli Academy's capacity to begin the Endowment Campaign. Study results were favorable and the recommendation from CCS was to move forward with the Endowment Campaign.

REPORTS
BOARD CHAIR

Chris Scheithauer opened the discussion regarding moving forward with the Endowment Campaign. The Board discussed what moving forward meant and what it looked like to the group. The group discussed the vote today would only be on whether we would move forward with the Endowment Campaign and understood that a might more in-depth discussion regarding specifics and budget would take place at a future date.

A motion was made by Sandi Jackson, seconded by Chris Scheithauer, and carried to approve moving forward with the Endowment Campaign with a vote of: 6 - Ayes and 0 - Nays.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony Saba discussed the Stars and Stripes event coming up in the Summer. He has already achieved the goal for underwriting and is now working on securing teams to travel down to the event.

Anthony also wanted to commend Lee Fleming and the team at Samueli Academy for their response to the tragedy of losing a Senior student earlier this month. He was proud of the coordinated and supportive response and commended everyone for handling the difficult situation so well and supporting the students through the process.

Decision Day Celebration – All Board Members are encouraged to attend the upcoming Decision Day Celebration on April 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. This energetic event includes each senior individually announcing where they have decided to continue their education.

The Spring Musical takes place on Friday evening and Saturday at the school. Board members are encouraged to attend and see the show.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Lee Fleming presented the Head of School report.

Lee shared that the Passion Ignition took place and went extremely well.

Lee was appreciative of the support from Orangewood Foundation for Seniors over the past few weeks. It has been emotional at times on campus and staff have been working with students to process their feelings and right now staff are navigating the celebratory events that are coming for Seniors while honoring the memory of one of the Seniors lost. Last week was minimum day and Senior

Capstone events and all went well. Staff have been expressing how touching and impactful many of the Senior Capstone presentations were that they attended.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Enrique Montiel presented the Youth Connected Program Report. Staff have recently connected with youth placement workers at the County. This has helped for gaining exposure for the program. Recently 6 youth toured the school with 2 of them moving forward with placement. Inquiries are increasing.

May 13th Orangewood Foundation will host an open house at the school and dorms. The current projection is that 40 youth will be in attendance.

Currently all students in the program are on track for graduation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
FINANCE

Liz Dorn-Parker reviewed the Financial Dashboard and Scorecard for February 2023. The financial position looks favorable.

Samueli Academy Annual (Operational) Campaign Update – Campaign is positive and ahead of projection currently.

Finance Committee Responsibilities were reviewed by the committee and the items have not changed. The Committee updated the approval date.

The Committee continues to review board retreat areas of responsibility and are on track for completion of all items.

GOVERNANCE

Chris Scheithauer presented the Board Attendance Policy that was approved at the Governance Committee Meeting on April 4th. This policy outlines the fact that the Board Chair will review the attendance matrix for Board meetings annually and present the report to the Board at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Recommended as an item for approval by the Governance Committee was the Board Attendance Policy.

A motion was made by Sandi Jackson, seconded by Susan Samueli, and carried to approve the Board Attendance Policy with a vote of:
6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

ACADEMIC

Richard Arum presented the Academic Committee report. Julybeth Murillo shared the results of the recent Staff Survey. The committee reviewed the results which were overall very positive.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chris Scheithauer asked for any new business.

None was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sandi Jackson, seconded by Susan Barua, and carried to approve the April 25, 2023 meeting of the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees be adjourned with a vote of:
6 - Ayes and 0 - Nays.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

RICHARD ARUM, SECRETARY