MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
6:00 PM
Samueli Academy
1901 N. Fairview St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706

ROLL CALL

Board of Trustees Present:
Chris Scheithauer
Richard Arum
Susan Barua
Sandi Jackson
Liz Dorn Parker
Susan Samueli

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

Absent
Robert Santana

Guests Present:
None

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Scheithauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed all attendees to the June 25, 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 Liz Dorn Parker, seconded by Sandi Jackson, and carried to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2024, meeting of the Board of Trustees with a vote of: 6 - Ayes and 0 – Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

Chris Scheithauer shared that performance reviews are being discussed at the

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony Saba presented the Executive Director report.

Photos were shared of the Senior Awards Night, Graduation, the new library the has been completed in the G-Building and the Sunrise Camp.

Student interns have been working at the Sunrise Camp and are having a great experience.

OCDE has a new Superintendent.

Staff will be heading to Stars and Stripes this week. All are excited for the experience and we look forward to next year for increased participation.

Gala is coming up in October. Staff and committee have been working hard on securing all details and aspects of the event.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Lee Fleming presented the Head of School report.

Summer School is currently in session. Interns are helping out with the program this year. Kim Dawson, Assistant Head of School is leading the summer school program this year.

38 students earned the "Seal of Biliteracy" at graduation this year. One (1) senior was named an Angel Scholar this year.

There will be an Alumni student supporting the Alumni Program when Norah Sarsour goes out on Maternity Leave. He has been working hard to learn the program and has already made an impact on the program.

Book donations are needed for the new library. Lee Fleming will put together a wish list of books that would be beneficial.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Chris Simonsen presented the Orangewood Foundation update. The program recently had 2 youth reunified with their biological families. There are currently 8 youth in the program. Two (2) additional resource homes are in the pipeline.

Next month Chris will be presenting program survey results to the board at the board meeting.

This year we have the first YCP graduate from Samueli Academy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Liz Dorn Parker reviewed the April 2024 Financial Statements. The school is in a positive financial position. The Board reviewed all financial statements. We will end the school year in a strong financial position. We are moving into potentially a few years of a challenging state budget so it is great we are entering in such a strong financial position.

Operational Campaign numbers through April reviewed – Operational campaign is strong. This has been the best fundraising year to date.

2024-2025 Shared Services Agreement

John Luker presented the 2024-2025 Shared Services Agreement and discussed the changes. This agreement has been reviewed by both the Governance Committee and Finance Committee and has been recommended for approval.

Liz Dorn Parker made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Shared Services Agreement with Orangewood Foundation. Susan Barua seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – yes (Scheithauer, Barua, Arum, and Dorn Parker) 0- Nays and 2 – Abstain (Jackson and Samueli).

2024-2025 ExED Agreement

John Luker presented the 2024-2025 ExED Agreement. Finance has reviewed the agreement and has recommended it for approval.

Chris Scheithauer recommended within the next year or two we do a market analysis in this area.

Sandi Jackson made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 ExED Agreement. Susan Samueli seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

LCAP – 2024 Local Indicators Report

Lee Fleming shared the 2024 Local Indicators Report with the Board of Trustees.

2024-2025 LCAP Public Hearing

Chris Scheithauer opened the public hearing for the 2024-2025 LCAP. No discussion took place.

Liz Dorn Parker made a motion to close the 2024-2025 LCAP Public Hearing. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Approval of the 2024-2025 LCAP

Lee Fleming presented the 2024-2025 LCAP.

Liz Dorn Parker made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 LCAP. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Approval of the 2024-2025 Three (3) Year Budget (Adoption)

John Luker presented the 2024-2025 Three (3) year budget and discussed all assumptions in creating the budget. This budget has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee.

Liz Dorn Parker made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Three (3) year budget. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Samueli Academy Consolidated Application

John Luker shared the Samueli Academy Consolidated Application. This application was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee.

Sandi Jackson made a motion to approve the Samueli Academy Consolidated Application. Susan Samueli seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

2024-2025 Finance Committee Responsibilities

John Luker presented the 2024-2025 Finance Committee Responsibilities. These responsibilities were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Finance Committee.

Chris Scheithauer noted the threshold amounts were updated and wanted to review the MOU with OCDE prior to approving here at the Board Meeting. He also requested this item be added to the agenda for the next Governance Committee Meeting.

Liz Dorn Parker made a motion to table the approval of the Finance Committee Responsibilities so the threshold amounts can be reviewed by the Governance Committee at the next meeting. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

ACADEMIC

Prop 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Report

Richard Arum presented the Prop 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report. The Academic Committee recommends this report for approval.

Susan Samueli made a motion to approve the Prop 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

GOVERNANCE

2024-2025 Slate of Officers

Chris Scheithauer presented the 2024-2025 Slate of Officers for Samueli Academy Board of Trustees. This was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Governance Committee.

Sandi Jackson made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Slate of Officers. Susan Samueli seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and