MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2025
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
Robert Santana

Board of Trustees Absent:
Susan Samueli

Academy/Orangewood Staff Present:
Anthony Saba
John Luker
Lee Fleming
Enrique Montiel
Tracy Garcia

Guests Present:

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Scheithauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all attendees to the February 25, 2025, meeting of the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees. At the beginning of the meeting and before agenda items that were subject to approval, anyone from the public might address the board for three minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Liz Dorn-Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/17/2025 Meeting. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays and 1 – Abstain (Richard Arum).

Liz Dorn-Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/28/2025 meeting. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR

Chris Scheithauer let the Board of Trustees members know they need to complete the Form 700 that Tracy Garcia distributed. Please return this to Tracy Garcia by the next Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony Saba presented the Executive Director report.

Enrollment for the next school year is coming to an end. The lottery is coming up the first week of March.

Immigration – Recently the Alumni Department is receiving more calls around the topic of immigration. The Administration recognizes that we need to focus on sending out pertinent information to all Alumni in addition to our parents and student body.

Upcoming Event – The Little Shop of Horrors VIP night is coming up. This will be a great event.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Lee Fleming presented the Head of School report. She is deferring her comments to share during her Dashboard presentation later in the agenda.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Enrique Montiel presented the Orangewood Foundation update.

Enrique shared a reflection that a current student in the program had written. It spoke highly of his time at Samueli Academy.

Staff presented at the Caregiver Advisory Meeting on the need for resource families in the community.

Currently there are 8 youth in the program and 16 approved families.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE

No Report

FINANCE

Liz Dorn-Parker shared the December 2024 Financial Statements. We are well above our plan and cash reserves are strong.

The board discussed the federal funding and attendance numbers at Samueli Academy.

Anthony Saba reviewed the Operational Campaign numbers for December 2024. We are well above plan as well. The endowment is strong and continues to grow.

Samueli Academy and Orangewood Foundation have been working well together in regards to fundraising in crafting some combined asks of specific donors.

Winter Consolidated Application

John Luker shared the Winter Consolidated Application and it was reviewed by the board.

Liz Dorn-Parker made a motion to approve the Winter Consolidated Application as presented. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

ACADEMIC

LCAP Mid-Year Review

Lee Fleming shared the LCAP Mid-Year Review.

CA Dashboard Results

Lee Fleming reviewed her slide presentation on the CA Dashboard Results.

2025 Safety Plan

Richard Arum shared the updated Safety Plan for 2025. Legal and Law Enforcement both reviewed the document. This document also went through the Governance Committee for approval.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Liz Dorn-Parker asked what the legal obligations are with regards to ICE agents coming on campus. Anthony Saba covered the visitor policy at Samueli Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sandi Jackson, seconded by Liz Dorn-Parker, and carried to approve the February 25, 2025, 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, March 25, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

RICHARD ARUM, SECRETARY