MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
6:00 PM
Samueli Academy
1901 N. Fairview St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706

ROLL CALL	Board of Trustees Present:	Academy/Orangewood Staff Present:
	Susan Barua	Enrique Montiel
	Susan Samueli	John Luker
	Richard Arum	Lee Fleming
	Sandi Jackson	Tracy Garcia
	Liz Dorn-Parker	Anthony Saba
		Rick Wiepking

CALL TO ORDER

Liz Dorn-Parker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed all attendees to the September 26, 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 Richard Arum, seconded by Susan Barua, and carried to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2023, meeting of the Board of Trustees with a vote of: 5 - Ayes and 0 - Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

SECURITY AUDIT PRESENTATION

Rick Wiepking presented to the Board of Trustees the review of the Security Audit that was done on Orangewood Foundation and Samueli Academy. The results were extremely positive, and we are in a good position with regards to Cyber Security.

REPORTS
BOARD CHAIR

Liz Dorn-Parker reviewed the list of upcoming events posted on the agenda for Samueli Academy.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony Saba presented the Executive Director report. CSU Fullerton Engineering Department recently visited the school and toured the facility. This visit further deepened the relationship between the two schools and we are looking forward to future growth with the relationship.

OCDE will be on campus next week on Thursday for the Annual Review. Staff are prepped and ready for the visit.

The annual Gala is taking place on Saturday, September 30th and it promises to be a great event.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Lee Fleming presented the Head of School report. We recently completed the first round of MAP testing. The school is also working on strengthening University partnerships, which is going very well.

We recently completed a criticality study through New Tech Network. Looked at Cultural Integration and Sensitivity. They were very impressed with how we integrate this into our daily curriculum.

Lee Fleming thanked the Board for recently approving the partnership with Neutral Ground. They have been on campus and have already worked with over 60 students this year. We are seeing positive results from having these additional resources on campus for our students.

ORANGEWOOD
FOUNDATION

Enrique Montiel shared an update on the Youth Connected Program. Currently there are 8 youth in the program (7 females and 1 male). There is one more female in process currently. Once she joins the program it will be the first time we have a filled suite in the dorms.

We received notification back from the state. This is no longer a pilot program. It is recognized as an Innovative Program of the State.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Liz Dorn Parker reviewed the July 2023 Financial Statements. The school is in a positive financial position. The Board reviewed all financial statements.

Operational Campaign numbers reviewed – Operational campaign is strong.

2023-2024 Spring Consolidated Application

The board reviewed the 2023-2024 Spring Consolidated Application.

A motion was made by Sandi Jackson to approve the 2023-2024 Spring Consolidated Application. Susan Barua seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of:
5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

EPA Expenditure Report 2022-2023

The board reviewed the EPA Expenditure Report 2022-2023.

A motion was made by Susan Barua to approve the EPA Expenditure Report 2022-2023. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

EPA Report 2023-2024

The board reviewed the EPA Report 2023-2024.

Sandi Jackson made a motion to approve the EPA Report 2023-2024. Susan Barua seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

GOVERNANCE

Anthony Saba presented the 2023-2024 Executive Director Goals that were approved to move forward to the full board at the last Governance Committee Meeting.

Susan Samueli made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Executive Director goals. Richard Arum seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

ACADEMIC

Out of State / Overnight Trip

Richard Arum presented the request for a student to participate in an out-of-state/overnight field trip to attend a design conference in Atlanta, GA. Lee Fleming shared additional details about the nature of the trip and the benefit to the student.

The board would like to have the student attend a future board meeting to share her experience on the trip. Lee agreed that this would be a benefit not only to the board but also to the student.

Sandi Jackson made a motion to approve the request for a student to participate in an out-of-state/overnight field trip to attend a design conference. Susan Barua seconded the motion, and the motion was carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Special Education Funds Update – Hiring a New Aide

Richard Arum shared with the Board the requirement for "Maintenance of Effort" as it relates to Special Education Funds. This term means that each school year we are required to spend the same amount of funds on Special Education. This year we have a large amount of savings in this area due in part to staff being out on maternity leave.

It is recommended that the best use of these funds would be to hire an additional instructional aide to work with the Special Education Program. Lee Fleming shared the benefits of the program.

Susan Samueli made a motion to move forward with the hiring of an additional instructional aide for the Special Education program. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion was carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sandi Jackson, seconded by Susan Barua, and carried to approve the September 26, 2023, meeting of the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees be adjourned with a vote of: 5 - Ayes and 0 - Nays.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

RICHARD ARUM, SECRETARY