MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, August 27, 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
Robert Santana

Board of Trustees Absent:
Susan Samueli
Sandi Jackson
Chris Scheithauer

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

Guests Present:
Julybeth Murillo

CALL TO ORDER

Liz Dorn-Parker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed all attendees to the August 27, 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 Robert Santana, seconded by Richard Arum, and carried to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024, meeting of the Board of Trustees with a vote of: 4 - Ayes and 0 – Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS
BOARD CHAIR

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony Saba presented the Executive Director report.

Since our last meeting we took a group of incoming students to an Angels Game and all had a great time.

We held the Back to School Party and staff in attendance had a great time and look forward to the great year ahead.

October 24th will be the date for the OCDE review. More information to come specific to those of you that will be needed to participate in the visit.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Lee Fleming presented the Head of School report.

This year Samueli Academy hosted a 3-day "Culture Camp" for students during the first 3 days of school. This went very well. The week culminated with a professional dress day on Friday and there was great participation for the first one of the year.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Chris Simonsen presented the Orangewood Foundation update. The program currently has 6 youth in the program residing in the dorms. There are 3 youth working on beginning the program.

There are currently 15 approved resource homes and 2 in the pipeline.

Four (4) girls in the program are participating in after school sports which is great. The program hosted a recruiting event at Angels Stadium that went well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE

Anthony presented the Governance Report.

Outdoor Camping Trip – Applewhite Campground
The outdoor club would like to host an overnight camping trip to Applewhite Campground October 19-20, 2024.

Robert Santana made a motion to approve the Outdoor Camping Trip to Applewhite Campground. Susan Barua seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Outdoor Camping Trip – Upper Pines Campground in Yosemite, CA
The outdoor club would like to host an overnight camping trip to Upper Pines Campground November 9-11, 2024.

Liz Dorn Parker asked if the club has enough supplies/gear in case of winter weather during that time. Anthony will confirm with Stephen Pink.

Susan Barua made a motion to approve the Outdoor Camping Trip to Upper Pines Campground in Yosemite, CA. Richard Arum seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes and 0- Nays.

FINANCE

John Luker reviewed the June 2024 Financial Statements. The school is in a positive financial position. The Board reviewed all financial statements. We ended the school year in a strong financial position.

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

Operating Reserve Transfer

John Luker shared that the Finance Committee recommends moving 1.5 million dollars to the Operating Endowment. This money does not include any state or federal funding received. This is only fundraising dollars.

Robert Santana made a motion to move the transfer of 1.5 Million dollars from operating cash to the operational endowment. Susan Barua seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

New Food Vendor

John Luker presented the background on the search for the new food vendor. The Governance Committee and Finance Committee have reviewed the proposals and recommend moving forward with Unity Foods as the new food vendor for Samuli Academy.

Robert Santana made a motion to approve Unity Foods as the new food vendor for Samueli Academy and enter into a contract with them for food services. Richard Arum seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Educational Support Services Proposal and MOU

Anthony provided an overview of the Educational Support Services Proposal and MOU. This proposal has been reviewed by the Governance, Academic and Finance Committee as well as going through legal, HR, and our insurance company. The committees have recommended approval.

Robert Santana made a motion to approve the Educational Support Services Proposal and MOU with the change being made on the Procurement Standards to

state "Samueli Academy". Susan Barua seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Socccer Field Lighting

John Luker presented an overview of the Soccer Field lighting proposal. The finance committee has reviewed and recommends approval.

A motion was made by Susan Barua to approve the Soccer Field Contract with Snyder Langston for a total of $339,297. Richard Arum seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes and 0- Nays.

ACADEMIC

2022-23 Teacher Assignment Monitoring Outcome (TAMO) Report

Richard Arum shared the TAMO report and discussed the teacher credentials. There has been an improvement in the data for the current year. The previous issues had to do with substitute teachers for regular teachers that were out on Paternity Leave.

2023-2024 LCAP Federal Addendum Annual Revision

Richard Arum and Lee Fleming shared the LCAP Federal Addendum Annual Revision. This has been reviewed by the Academic Committee and is recommended for approval.

Susan Barua made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 LCAP Federal Addendum Annual Revision. Richard Arum seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Robert Santana, seconded by Susan Barua, and carried to approve the August 27, 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, September 24, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

RICHARD ARUM, SECRETARY