

April 27, 2017

Dear Parents, Faculty and Sagemont Friends,

On behalf of Nobel Learning Communities Inc., I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert M. Mockrish as the Head of The Sagemont School effective May 15, 2017.

This appointment is the culmination of an extensive national and international search in which the Nobel Learning search committee -- with the help of our consulting firm Carney Sandoe & Associates -- screened over 75 candidates and interviewed seven highly qualified candidates before inviting 3 candidates for a visit to the Sagemont campus for additional interviews with the search committee, students, parents, staff, and administrative team. Beyond a distinguished resume and many notable accomplishments, Rob emerged as an excellent choice to lead The Sagemont School at this important time in our history.

Rob's credentials and background are impressive and include over 26 years of private school experience. After graduating from Furman University with both a bachelor's and master's degree, Rob began his teaching career. He quickly assumed administrative positions and served as the middle school Principal at the Canadian Academy in Kobe, Japan. He completed additional graduate-level coursework in Education at Emory University and Columbia University and earned his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Union Institute & University. Throughout his professional career, Rob served in roles with increasing levels of international school leadership including Director of the American Embassy School in New Delhi, Director of the International Community School of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Director of the International School of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Superintendent of the Cairo American College and most recently, the Head of Raffles American School in Malaysia.

Rob has 3 grown children in the U.S and was looking for an opportunity to lead a strong, private K-12 school that was closer to his children as they begin to have families of their own. Rob was a candidate in a number of searches and held off making a decision about other Head of School positions, as Sagemont was his preferred position.


Rob's educational philosophy statement reflects his commitment to students, staff and families. *"I am first and foremost, a learner. I try to model my belief that education is a path to influence the future and change the world for the better. In today's society, with the virtual explosion of available information and content, a curriculum grounded in lifelong learning skills is essential. If we are to prepare students for their future, in addition to helping them acquire content knowledge, we must also provide them with the skills to solve problems, communicate with others in a variety of ways, research appropriately, organize their ideas, and show respect and responsibility for themselves, others, and our world. If children and young adults acquire these skills, they become learners for life."*

We believe that Dr. Rob Mockrish is the ideal person to lead our school today and to continue the extraordinary work of Dr. Brent Goldman. We express our particular gratitude to Mr. Chuck Connor, who served as the interim Head of School while we conducted this most successful and rewarding search for the next leader of The Sagemont School.

With best regards,



George H. Bernstein  
Chief Executive Officer



Linda Grobman, Ed.D.  
Chief Academic Officer