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## Sankofa Montessori

### Minutes

#### January Academic Committee Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM

##### **Location**

Please go to [zoom.com](https://zoom.com) and join meeting with meeting ID  
924 3266 1314

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##### **Committee Members Present**

A. Allen-Thames (remote), E. Moore (remote)

##### **Committee Members Absent**

M. Duffy, S. Harvey

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#### **I. Opening Items**

##### **A. Record Attendance**

##### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

A. Allen-Thames called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee of Sankofa Montessori to order on Tuesday Jan 10, 2023 at 7:11 PM.

##### **C. Community Building**

International travel

##### **D. Lead to Report out at Board Meeting**

## **E. Approve Minutes**

E. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 12-06-22.

A. Allen-Thames seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## **II. Content**

### **A. Enrollment Updates**

Launched lottery on 1/9/23 and open enrollment now open.

Updates on enrollment numbers to date.

Discussed forthcoming enrollment plans for recruitment, including possible "Spring Break" camp.

### **B. Hiring Updates**

Applicants for every position, except assistants to date.

Mentioned possibility of utilizing nonprofit, education platforms as an alternative to LinkedIn; Discussed the cost of LinkedIn (approx \$34 a day per position). At a minimum, committee recommends more accessible platforms for lower costs. Sarah to reach out of Errika for additional thoughts/resources.

Discussed the usage of TikTok and Instagram for educator recruitment, not on LinkedIn.

Discussed the need for a committee member(s) to interview the Montessori Academic Specialist.

### **C. Facilities (closed to the public due to active contract negotiations)**

Updated the current status of facilities.

Sarah to share architect drawings with Academic committee members for feedback.

### **D. Management Updates**

### **E. Next Steps**

Moving forward, academic committee will create and manage committee agenda in Board on Track.

Members with interview Montessori Academic Specialist.

Members will be consulted on Architect drawings for school site.

## **III. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
A. Allen-Thames