

APPROVED



Sankofa Montessori

Minutes

January Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Location

Please go to zoom.com and join meeting with meeting ID
924 3266 1314

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

M. Duffy, S. Harvey

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