

APPROVED



Sankofa Montessori

Minutes

September Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Location

Please go to zoom.com and join meeting.

ID to join: 601 495 1069

Through a culturally responsive, child and family-centered Montessori education, Sankofa Montessori ensures that all of our students develop the knowledge, skill, and agency to have a life of purpose.

Committee Members Present

A. Allen-Thames, E. Moore, S. Harvey

Committee Members Absent

None

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 Wednesday Sep 13, 2023 at 7:03 PM.

C.

Approve Minutes

E. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from May Academic Committee Meeting on 05-09-23.

A. Allen-Thames seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Excellence

A. Dashboard Planning

Discussed and shown the current Excel spreadsheet tracking data on enrollment, attendance, behavioral issues, standardized testing, and special needs/support.

B. Executive Director's Corner

Sarah reviewed dashboard data with committee. Excel spreadsheet via Google doc, which will be ongoing for this school year. In future, a representative from leadership team will be present at meetings to share this data while Sarah is on maternity leave.

In summary, the testing done thus far has a school wide average of 31% for MEFS and 37% for MMRP. MAP testing is pending for future date in the coming weeks.

Urgent needs of special education with approximate rate of 30% of student body as potentially identifiable by January 2024; local/state average around 10-11%.

C. Discussion of Special Education

Sarah discussed the current staff plan with an additional para support for special Ed and rotation of staff to support classrooms for behavioral /disruptions.

Process ongoing for renewal of existing IEPs for students as well as working with families to identify new students. Discussed the possibility of whether contracted psychologist from Clayton county could perform psychoeducational assessments at the school for the future.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Discussed upcoming Sarah lunch n learn with academic committee Mtg members on 9/29 to have a Montessori Parent Q&A.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Allen-Thames