

APPROVED



Sankofa Montessori

Minutes

February Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 14, 2024 at 2:00 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 (remote), E. Moore (remote), S. Harvey (remote)

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 Feb 14, 2024 at 2:10 PM.

C.

Approve Minutes

E. Moore made a motion to Approve the minutes from January January Academic Committee Meeting on 01-10-24.

A. Allen-Thames seconded the motion.

Approval of minutes in lieu of amending January minutes to change of "9 applications completing"

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

II. Academic Excellence

A. Leadership Team's Corner

1. **Enrollment Status-** 14 approved applications for 2024, enrollment will stop March 7; 16 processing and 3 newly submitted. Required to have 88 students reported.

- Total of 141- 31 approved apps/13 apps in process/92 not submitted, but started apps/5 newly submitted apps
- **Recruitment-** 327 leads from marketing campaign; Staff finished visiting 60 daycares; Staff in process of calling/emailing to finish 92 apps pending. Data capture inconclusive for how people find out about the school.
- To fill in gaps for student population need the following: 84 K grade, 56 1st grade, 8 2nd grade, and 18 3rd grade

2. **Personnel Updates-** School has released two teachers

3. **Updates on school suspensions/expulsions:**

- K grade- 2 out of school susp/no in school susp
- 1st grade- 10 out of school susp (3 students received suspension twice each)/3 in school susp
- 2nd grade- no out of school susp/ no in school susp

4. **Results of January MAP testing (Reading/Math per grade) and comparisons to fall MAP testing-** Noted decrease in scores from January to fall in both reading and math; Staff currently analyzing data more closely to understand student trends

5. **Miscellaneous items to discuss (Montessori teacher training)-** Discussed possible changes for teacher agreement terms to ear MACDE training (Montessori cert training).

B. Discussion of Special Education

- **Discuss student enrollment #% of student population with suspected and/or identified special needs-** None, except parents resourced to tour Clayton county school district for ABA therapy and other resources where applicable.
- **Updates on staffing with Special Needs-** Hired a SPED Para

- **Updates on classroom integration of special needs and updates on external supports for special needs (i.e., Speech, ABA, OT/PT)-** None
- **Updates on psycho-educational testing for students plans/progress-** None

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 3:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Allen-Thames