

APPROVED



Sankofa Montessori

Minutes

December Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday December 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 (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 Dec 13, 2023 at 7:13 PM.

C.

Approve Minutes

E. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from October Meeting October Academic Committee Meeting on 10-18-23.

A. Allen-Thames seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Excellence

A. Dashboard Planning

No updates on dashboard planning. Will plan to continue with current Excel spreadsheet method.

B. Leadership Team's Corner

Enrollment: FTE 88, no new enrollment in December

11 K applications, 0 1st applications, 0 2nd applications

Utilizing AdBorg- a service to track site visits, ads and websites, analytics, and shadow dates

Plans for the staff to advertise within the local community with door hangers and tags, canvassing to daycares and businesses to help with recruitment

Staff: One staff member (teacher) on probation for unprofessionalism; one assistant leaving with replacement coming on January 2. Additions: 1 Special Ed teacher and 1 Behavioral interventionist. No school counselor this school year.

Suspensions: (Out of school): 3 K, 7 1st, 0 2nd

(In school): 2 K, 1 1st, 0 2nd

Expulsion: One from 1st grade, child on one year expulsion after hearing

School testing: Jan 8-12 MAP Reading and Jan 15-19 MAP Math will occur

No reporting to state until year 3, when 3rd grade students will take the GA milestones (NWEA)

Other: Holiday party was a success and teachers/staff shared wins about classrooms and learning in the school

C. Discussion of Special Education

Psycho-educational testing: No testing in 1 1/2 weeks, but resuming testing in the new 2024 year.

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 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Allen-Thames