



# Sankofa Montessori

## Minutes

### Academic Committee Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM

#### **Location**

Meeting ID: 601 495 1069

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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.

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#### **Committee Members Present**

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

#### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

#### **Guests Present**

Parent (1) (remote)

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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 Wednesday Feb 12, 2025 at 2:06 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

E. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Committee Meeting on 01-08-25.

A. Allen-Thames seconded the motion.

Amendment rec for wording in Jan minutes.

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

### D. Leadership Team Updates

#### Leadership Team Updates (PPT presentation)

##### 1. Enrollment status- current status & School Attendance

*Enrollment w/ currently 125 students + 70 new applications= 195 total*

*Enrollment by grade: 47 K, 36 1st, 25 2nd, 19 3rd*

*Goal for SY25-26 of 200 students*

*Daily Attendance: K- 91.3% (↑2%), 1st- 94%(↑1%), 2nd- 91.2%(↓1%), and 3rd- 93%(↓1%)*

##### 2. Personnel Updates- Updates on staffing and updates regarding professional development of staff.

*23 flight crew (9 flight captains, 5 co-captains, 4 staff support, 4 flight control, 4 contractors). Contractors: 1 recruitment, 1 SPED para, 1 gifted teacher, 1 ESOL teacher. Hiring for SY25-26 by adding 1 K teacher, 2 Lower EI, 1 Upper EI and 2 teaching assistants. Staff absences overall decreased*

##### 3. Updates on school suspensions/expulsions by grade

*Out of school suspensions: 0 K, 0 1st, 1 2nd, 2 3rd w/ reason for suspensions as physical assault*

##### 4. Standardized Testing and Screening Data Updates- Outcome data per grade for the following fall assessments from August:

**NWEA MAP (Math vs. Reading)/SELweb/Reading Acceleration Pathway/GKIDS for K only**

##### **MAP Fluency Reading Test**

*No updates on data. School preparing all students for Spring MAP and 3rd graders for GA Milestones in April.*

**5. Discuss School-Parent (PTO)-** *Currently, PTO helping school with parent communications and school wide events. Specifically, "Love day dance" and "Black Wall Street project"*

**6. Organizational Chart and Miscellaneous-** *No current SCSC metrics measure for Academics (3rd grade cohort pending metrics testing in Spring). 100 day celebration on 1/17 went well with lots of fun community activities. First school takeoff celebration on 1/31 around core value of Joy and introduced February value of Love (Chants, songs, and recognition of perfect attendance and Student of the Month).*

## E. Special Education

### Discussion of Special Education

- **Discuss student enrollment #/% of student population with suspected and/or identified special needs**

*27 students total w/ IEP's (↓ 3%)- {K 7, 1st 8 (+3 from prev mth), 2nd 5, 3rd 7}*

*7 students w/ 504 plans (K-1, 1st-3, 2nd-1, and 3rd-2*

- **Discuss ESOL- Total 4 students {K-1, 1st-1, 2nd-1, 3rd-1}**
- **Any updates on staffing for Special Needs and progress of Special Ed classroom- None**
- **Any updates on classroom integration of special needs and updates on external supports for special needs (ie Speech, ABA, OT/PT)- 21 students w/ Speech services and 12 w/ OT**
- **Any updates on psycho-educational testing for students- plans/progress- None**

## F. Gifted Student Services

### Discussion of Gifted Services

**Discuss student enrollment #/% of student population with suspected and/or identified**

**for gifted services- Gifted teacher contractor working with 2 students, but 5 additional recently qualified (=7) to receive services.**

**Discuss plans for data tracking/allocating #/% of students for appropriate funding per**

**student for special services or gifted services- 4 students currently in the process of testing for gifted services.**

## G. SY 24-25 Goals

**Any updates or changes to the short term and long term goals for this school year**  
*School continues with priorities around Small Group Instruction, Students Receiving Feedback, Classroom Management. Short term goals around Math for each grade, prep for Interim 3 of Reading Remediation Pathway, Lexia reading intervention program, and prep for GA milestones. Students unable to complete K fluency passage ("A Fox") in grades 1-3, given word walls in classroom and sent home with high freq word lists for spelling and enrichment packets.*

**Any outstanding items from last year's committee- updates on grants/funding/external partnerships- N/A**

## **II. 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 2:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
A. Allen-Thames