



Sankofa Montessori

Minutes

Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday May 14, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Location

Meeting ID: 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)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Parent (remote)

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 May 14, 2025 at 2:04 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

E. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from April Academic Committee Meeting on 04-10-24.

A. Allen-Thames seconded the motion.

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

D. Leadership Team Updates

Leadership Team's Corner (PPT presentation shared, see notes below)

1. Enrollment status- current status & School Attendance

Student enrollment- K 46, 1st 36, 2nd 22, 3rd 11. Withdrawals in March- 3 in 2nd grade, 1 in 3rd grade.

Currently, for SY 25-26, there are 124 applications, 99 applications submitted, 92 re-enrollment packets completed. SY 25-26- K 73, 1st 12, 2nd 6, 3rd 5, 4th 3.

Whole School Average Daily Attendance of 90.6%, 1% decrease from last month

Staff Absences (overall decreased from prior month; Flight Captains-7, Co-Captains-4, Staff support-1, Flight Control-1.

2. Personnel Updates- Updates on staffing and updates regarding professional development of staff. *23 Flight Crew Members (9 Flight Captains, 3 Co-Captains, 4 Staff Support, 4 Flight Control, 4 Contractors). Contractors include recruitment, SPED Para, gifted, and ESOL. For SY 25-26, hired 4th grade teacher, specials teacher, kindergarten teacher, and 1&2 teacher. Hiring ESOL contractor, EIP teacher, and K teacher (on pause).*

3. Updates on school suspensions/expulsions by grade- *Out of school suspensions with increases from previous month in K-2nd grades; K 8, 1st 4, 2nd 3, 3rd- 0. Most common reason of physical assault or combination*

4. Standardized Testing and Screening Data Updates- Any outstanding outcome data

per grade from fall assessments if applicable. Updates/Preliminary Results of Spring

NWEA MAP (Math vs. Reading) and GA Milestones for 3rd Grade. *Awaiting results of GA milestones. Discussed Math MAP data in 3rd graders and gaps in achievement scores.*

5. Discuss School-Parent (PTO)-any updates for upcoming SY25-26- None

6. Organizational Chart and Miscellaneous- *Shared about the Takeoff celebration on 4/30, scholar attendance awards for 40 students, Lower EI trip on 4/23 to Braves game, and GA milestones pancake breakfast for 3rd grade students. Upcoming bridging ceremony for students on 5/21.*

7. Curriculum Review- *pending for next Academic meeting.*

E. Special Education

B. Discussion of Special Education

- **Discuss student enrollment #/% of student population with suspected and/or identified special needs-** *Total of 28 students. K-9, 1st-6, 2nd-5, 3rd-8; Six students with 504 plans (K-1, 1st-3, 2nd-0, 3rd-2). ESOL- Four students- one in each grade.*

- **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)-** *Speech for 25 students. OT for 16 students*

- **Any updates on psycho-educational testing for students- plans/progress-** *N/A*

F. Gifted Student Services

C. Discussion of Gifted Services

Discuss student enrollment #/% of student population with suspected and/or identified for gifted services- *Total of 7 students*

Discuss plans for data tracking/allocating #/% of students for appropriate funding per student for special services or gifted services-*N/A*

G. SY 25-26 Goals

SY 25-26 Goals Discuss

Any updates or changes to the short term and long term goals for next school year- *Discuss next meeting*

Any outstanding items or updates on grants/funding/external partnerships for next school year- *None*

H. Curriculum for SY25-26

Curriculum for SY25-26 Discuss

- **Discuss curriculums vetted by staff to implement across multiple subject areas for SY25-26 (Leadership Team to lead)-** *No updates at this time, follow up at next meeting*

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 2:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Allen-Thames