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# Sankofa Montessori

## Minutes

### Governance Committee Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday September 12, 2024 at 10:30 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), A. Nash (remote), E. Moore (remote), F. Sheffield (remote), K. Karacalidis (remote)

#### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

#### **Guests Present**

Krista Harrell (remote), Rhushanda Barnes (remote), Saryea Hughley (remote)

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance**

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Karacalidis called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Sankofa Montessori to order on Thursday Sep 12, 2024 at 10:30 AM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

E. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 08-08-24.

A. Nash seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Facilities Update**

Report on Facilities (Fawn)

Demolition of islands near driveway

Key fob company contacted

Architect team attended last facilities meeting

    Provided 3D building plans

Sanctuary building can be used as office space, but not for classroom use based on permitting

### **E. Leadership Team Updates**

Looking for ESL teacher

Hiring someone to support student recruitment-doubling enrollment next year

Checking whether aides have or can get para certificate

Staff attendance-absences trending down compared to last year

Enrollment

K-58

1st-44

2nd-27

3rd-24

Want to be at 168, currently 153

30 on waitlist for K; 15 students needed to be spread out between grades 1-3

Continuing to run ads

Started the year over enrolled, but some families made the decision to leave because child's needs exceeded what Sankofa was able to provide

Looking at rebranding for next recruitment cycle

Student attendance

K-87%

1-92%

2-93%

3-87%

Making efforts to increase student attendance towards 100%

## **II. Public Comments/Questions**

### **A. Comments**

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 11:34 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
K. Karacalidis