APPROVED

Sankofa Montessori

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

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

Committee Members Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
S. Harvey (remote)

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

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