APPROVED

Sankofa Montessori

Minutes

Full Board and Budget Public Hearing Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 6:30 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.

Directors Present
A. Allen-Thames (remote), A. Grant (remote), E. Moore (remote), F. Sheffield (remote), G. Edward (remote), K. Karacalidis (remote), K. Williams (remote)

Directors Absent
A. Nash

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Moore called a meeting of the board of directors of Sankofa Montessori to order on Wednesday Apr 23, 2025 at 6:34 PM.

C.

Approve Minutes

E. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from March 26, 2025 Full Board Meeting on 03-26-25.
K. Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Committee Highlights

- March 12th- 100 total application; 83 submitted
- Staffing- 23 staff members
- Georgia Milestones
- Glows: PTO, Field Trips, Attendance Incentives are working, Suspension is leveling out and at a low
- SY25-26: New Curriculum (Wonders and Science Curriculum)- will be discussed at next meetings
- SpEd (26 students are currently receiving Speech services)

III. Finance

A. Committee Meeting Highlights

B. Public Hearing

SY25-26 Budget Reviewed
$470K or 43 days of Cash on Hand
CSP is at $500,000 and may need to be lowered to a more conservative number of $250,000

Questions:
Number of SpEd teachers

IV. Facility Task Force

A. Highlights and Updates

Fawn discussed plans for modular classrooms, including Sarah's request for individual restrooms in each classroom. The team is gathering information on costs and feasibility from the modular company and general contractor. They have received preliminary approval for the modulars, which will be located where the gymnasium is to be demolished. Fawn explained that using modulars instead of renovating the second floor will result in cost savings and allow for easier expansion. The team has also requested reimbursement of $14,344 from another school for legal costs. Gregory asks for an

updated site plan showing the modular layout, which Fawn agrees to request from the architectural team.

V. Governance

A. Board Members

Kim updates the board on governance matters, including the need to fill Finance Committee slots and complete required training sessions. She confirms that returning board members only need to complete 6 hours of in-person or virtual training, while those not returning may not need to complete training if they step down by June 30th. Kim also mentions upcoming votes on the school schedule and budget. Errika clarifies that all current board members are considered "veteran members" due to their length of service.

VI. Public Comment

A. Community Talk

No one from the public attended the meeting.

VII. 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 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Moore