



Ashé
Preparatory Academy

Ashé Prep Board Meeting – Minutes
February 19, 2019 (Rescheduled from 2/12/19 Due to Snow)

- ❖ Location: Ashé Prep Office at 11625 Rainier Avenue South Seattle, WA 98118
- ❖ Call to Order: 5:45 pm
- ❖ Present
 - Board: Casey Castello, Khavin Debbs, Ed Jefferson, Jim Valiere, Debra Sullivan
 - Staff: Fa'izah Bradford, Monique Harrison, JT Williams
 - Guests: Jaebadiah S. Gardner
- ❖ Absent
 - Board: Derrick Johnson, Marjon WayBonkanna
- ❖ Core Value Discussion/Check-In
 - Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility) – To partnership internally & externally on behalf of other people's children
 - Imani (Conviction) – To believe in ourselves, our peers, our families, and our communities
 - Nia (Purpose) – To know the purpose of our lives and bring our people to greatness
- ❖ Public Comment: None
- ❖ Consent Agenda Items: None
- ❖ Review January Minutes: There are no changes to the minutes.

❖ Facilities Update

- We discussed a prospective facility: 500 SW 7th building in Renton now has space.
- Letter of Intent has been sent to the building landlord. Our goal is to have a lease to sign by March 1, 2019.
- Washington Charter Schools Development will be the project manager.
- This space with proposed expansions would allow us to extend to our K-8 goal.
- Jaebadiah S. Gardner, J.D. (Developer Onpoint Real Estate Services) presented to the Board what a multi-use project could look like in terms of ownership beyond our initial lease. They are a full-service brokerage firm specializing in taking visions and realizing them.
- We discussed that communication and actions need to be intentional for intended area Skyway/West Hill. We discussed that we should, at some point, have a conversation about owning vs. renting. What are our thoughts about temporarily not physically being in Skyway?

❖ Budget Discussion

- We are working to get the accounts organized to be in position by March's Board meeting to report out on payroll and cash flow; the Board currently has the 5-year budget proposal
- We have a Charter School Program reimbursement grant of \$200K for the planning year, covering costs related to the educational plan

❖ Fundraising/Development Update

- We were hoping to have a fundraising event this month, however, we haven't identified a lead host and we wanted to have "Founding Families" present, which we will not know until March 1.
 - Homework: Select 1-3 people who can give money, passion, voice (time, talent, treasure). Cultivate these relationships over the next couple of months (Collective Responsibility for our Work).
- ❖ Casey Castello will take the lead on researching donors who have/are supporting or funding initiatives and schools in the charter sector.
- ❖ Each person is being asked to bring to the next board meeting, a list of at least 5 people or entities who may be "funds and/or friends"
- ❖ Casey Castello created a deck to help tell our story and share our vision & mission. It can be helpful to share with prospective investors and supporters.

- ❖ Principal's Report
 - Signatures on bank account - Current Signers are Debra Sullivan, Monique Harrison, and Natalie Hester. Natalie Hester needs to be removed and replaced with Fa'izah Bradford.
 - Casey Castello motioned to remove Natalie Hester from the bank accounts and add Fa'izah Bradford. Ed Jefferson seconded the motion. This motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

- ❖ Enrollment
 - JT Williams gave an enrollment update. We are currently at 100/150 students enrolled. He invited the Board to the March 9, 2019 Enrollment Celebration/Package Pick-up.
 - Enrollment closes March 1, 2019. We will confirm with the Commission when we are able to reopen if we don't have a lottery.

- ❖ Other:
 - Board Training - Governing for Greatness & Charter Board Growth & Development (February 21st, 9am - 4pm at Impact Schools)
 - Committees - Facilities Committee and the Fundraising & Development Committee are currently active and making progress. We need to activate the Principal Support & Evaluation Committee and the Board Governance and Development Committee.
 - The recent Snow Days reminds us that we may, at some point, need a more extensive plan for inclement weather (e.g. study plan for students, increasing the number of "make up" days built into our school calendar)

- ❖ **Next Meeting: March 12, 2019**

- ❖ **Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm**