



Ashé
Preparatory Academy

**Ashé Prep Emergency Board Meeting – Minutes
September 24, 2019 at 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Ashe' Preparatory Academy**

This Emergency Meeting is to consider the viability of the 6th grade level offering, and overall viability of Ashe' Prep, due to teacher absences/resignations

Called to order at 4:30pm

Board Present: Ed Jefferson, Casey Castello, Jim Valiere, Marjon Way-Bonkaana, Derrick Johnson, Khavin Debbs

Others Present: Debra Sullivan, JT Williams, Rekha Bhatt (WA Charters) Mitch Price (WA Charters)

6th Grade is now under-staffed; coverage unreliable

- One new teacher determined that for health reasons, unable to stay
- Another teacher called in today to say she wouldn't be coming today because of a doctor's appt. - this teacher is also unlikely to be returning to work / has not had reliable attendance or properly requested leave
- Paraeducator not responding to outreach, nor reporting for work
- Motion: Vote to suspend 6th grade level offering due to insufficient staffing, date of suspension yet to be determined pending more information
- 2nd: Marjon
- Vote: Unanimous

Next steps / communication plan

- Debra will inform the Commission
- Debra will work with WA Charters to set up the timeline and thoughtful transition plan
- WA Charters to advise on language to share with families re: plan about phasing out 6th grade

- Board to reconvene later in the week to determine when that phasing out should occur

Staffing

- In the meantime, WA Charters suggested and Board request that Exec Director provide daily staffing updates to the Board, so Board can ensure certificated staffing is available for all classrooms, all day long, all week long
 - Need information about what staffing will look like this week and beyond in order to cover the 6th grade; need to understand staffing coverage for K-2 also to ensure certificated staffing for all classrooms, all day long, all week long
- ❖ Next Special Board Meeting – to be determined; later this week

Adjourn 5:30pm