

The Mission of the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center is to continuously expand the potential of children, the experiences of educators and the involvement of parents within the diverse community of Grand Rapids. The Vision: base all decisions on the principles of Reggio Emilia incorporating current research on learning as well as developmentally appropriate practice.

Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center Board of Directors Meeting

6:00 – 8:00 PM Monday, October 8th, 2012
Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center
409 Lafayette Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Minutes:

Attending: Melissa Kosters, Sarah Cooper, Melissa Ruel, Bob Fiore, Rachel Harth, Tim Glasser, Raymond McDaniel, Erin Melcher, Tracey Brame, Esther Kuipers, Trevor Gilbert

- I. Agenda approved- Hanks moved, Tim second, unanimous
- II. Minutes will be approved via email later in the week
- III. Financial report
 - a. Reviewed revised budget last meeting
 - b. Tim noted that a typo existed on previous version
 - c. Balance sheet—fund balance is approximately what was anticipated; would like to pay down the LOC
- IV. Facilities report
 - a. Some repairs are needed but can wait for now
 - b. Roof repairs were done; bill came in under estimate
 - c. Tim asked what we are not doing
 - i. Brick work \$12,000
 - ii. Roof \$3500
 - iii. Set aside funds for boiler
- V. Educational programs report
 - a. Has not met
 - b. Open to agenda items
- VI. Leadership report
 - a. U-Prep: Keith Hopkins approached in terms of possible collaboration
 - i. Donors may be interested in working with us
 - ii. Possible meeting with leadership of each school
 - iii. Chris- want to make sure there is really a shared vision
 - iv. Tracey- want to expand educational opportunities for our kids
 - b. Board recruitment:

- i. have gotten several names over the past couple weeks
 - ii. beginning of year want to have face-to-face
 - iii. want to develop a process for approval
 - c. positive report from teacher
- VII. Administrator's report
 - a. Focus school meeting: facilitator is coming next Monday
 - b. Count day- we should consider expanding into 6th grade
 - i. Should review contract w/GRPS
 - ii. Should go door to door in neighborhood
 - c. Dyer-Ives grant aligns with Green Grand Rapids—very interested in working with us
 - d. Tracey- Kim Boyers is now involved with Leadership Grand Rapids
 - i. We will participate—5 young leaders will be assigned to us
- VIII. Pedagogista report
 - a. Most time spent with staff—good conversations about what's happening in classrooms
 - b. Tim- How do reflective meetings go?
 - i. Teachers bring work, we have a conversation, I summarize and give feedback
 - ii. Erin- offer them new ideas
 - c. Erin- Sarah has done a great job of critically reflecting on teachers work and bringing new ideas
 - d. Have been offering ongoing support, rather than simply at the end of the year
 - e. Chris- have you found a smooth division of responsibilities
 - i. Erin- more like a flow of responsibility
 - ii. Nice to have people taking on things that others aren't as able to do
 - iii. Chris- might want to solidify that set of responsibilities
- IX. School Improvement Plan
 - a. Tim move to approve; Chris second, approved unanimously
- X. District Board homeless policy
 - a. Chris move to adopt; Tracey second; approved unanimously
- XI. Motion to adjourn 7:17