

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, November 12, 2012

Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center

409 Lafayette Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC: When the Chair recognizes a member of the public for oral comment, Such comment shall be for five (5) minutes or less, at the discretion of the Chair. Comments will be heard at the time the subject item is addressed to the Board, or under Item VI (Items Not on the Agenda).

### **Minutes:**

- I. Call to Order (6:00)  
Attending: Erin, Sarah C., Trevor, Raymond, Tim, Chris, Tracey
- II. Family Team: no report
- III. Administrative Report: [see report].
- IV. Pedagogista Report:
  - a. Family Team connections—good participation; liaison system
  - b. GREDC connections—shared space; future educational partnerships
- V. Leadership Team Report:
  - a. Tracey: Meeting w/UPrep: Tracey, Erin and Lorissa are scheduled to meet with the U-Prep leadership in January about ways in which our two schools can collaborate and create a “cradle to college corridor” in this area. While the curriculum at the two schools is not similar, the mission is – to transform public education and provide meaningful learning opportunities to a broad range of students in Grand Rapids.
  - b. Need to reconnect w/campaign cabinet. We have not convened since last Jeanne left. A meeting will be set up shortly after Tracey, Erin, and Lorissa meet with U-Prep. Tracey, Lorissa and Erin are set to meet again with fund developer Keith Hopkins.
- VI. Finance Report:
  - a. Tim: Nothing new to add since last meeting
  - b. Need new members; discussion of contacting specific parents/potential members
- VII. Facilities Report:
  - a. Raymond: Developing building condition checklist; similar to YMCA model; works very well
- VIII. Ed Programs Report:
  - a. Chris: Need specific charge
  - b. Discussion and agreement to devote January meeting to strategic planning

- c. Education Programs Work group will facilitate meeting and solicit staff and family feedback
- IX. Updates
  - a. Erin: Dyer Ives: Erin has had fruitful discussions with the Dyer Ives foundation about help with funding the site plan. The cost has been scaled back, and Erin continues pursue grant money to fund a short term project to transform the parking lot and playground area, adding more green space.
  - b. Tracey: Move to approve agenda (Tim second)- unanimous approval
  - c. Move to approve minutes (Chris second)- unanimous approval
- X. To do list:
  - a. Come to December meeting with ideas for January strategic session.
- XI. Adjourn: (7:20)