

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, February 11, 2013

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- 6:04  
Present: Tracey Brame, Trevor Gilbert, Erin Melcher, Sarah Cooper, Chris Hanks, Tim Glasser, Sana Amash, Raymond McDaniel, Jenn Milanowski
- II. Approval of agenda- Hanks move, Glasser second, unanimous approval
- III. Approval of minutes- Hanks move, Glasser second, unanimous approval
- IV. Reflection- Erin: MEAP scores comparisons over time and comparison with district/state
- V. Family Team- Jenn: teacher appreciation contributions over \$1,000; looking for better record-keeping system; focusing on fun events—roller skating party, plant sale; Girls on the Run starting soon, Girl Scouts and Odyssey of the Mind are up and running; two new stewards selected (Amy Brouwer, Amanda Rimer)
- VI. Administrator's report
  - a. See written report
  - b. Technology grant from state (\$2,200); designed to help us set up competitive buying agreements
  - c. On-site review coming up
  - d. open enrollment; NAREA conference in Tucson; lots of opportunities to improve the environment
  - e. **Hanks- Motion to add Erin Melcher as signer on Founder's LOC and other accounts (McDaniel second); unanimous approval.**
  - f. Jefferson appraisal: need to make a strategy and get a handle on the financial picture
    - i. Erin will follow up with Chris
  - g. Title I; summer school
  - h. Tim: How is the Kellogg grant coming; Erin- it's going very well, have hired web designer to help create document
- VII. Pedagogista report
  - a. See written report

- b. Attending meetings; developing reflective culture with teachers—piloting a “classroom walk-through” method;
  - c. Discoveries have slightly altered their project topics—mostly about collaboration
  - d. First shared reflective meeting: brainstormed “what does our Reggio approach look like?”—many responses were just theories; moving forward with ways to improve practice
  - e. NAREA reflections: offering inspiration
- VIII. Leadership team
- a. Four potential board members invited to open house
  - b. Working on community collaborations
- IX. Finances- Tim: don’t have last month’s financials and work group hasn’t met. Finances are doing fine. Erin- things are going OK; will need to amend budget in May
- X. Facilities- Tracey- Raymond’s group was assigned to explore signage; Erin- a design has been created. Raymond has nothing new to report.
- XI. Ed. Programs- Chris: nothing to report.
- XII. Community Retreat discussion
- a. Sarah- Family Team discussed and there was some concern
  - b. Jenn- Can be a really great experience; it would be good to find a way to keep it
  - c. Erin- another thing is to just have activity in this building
  - d. Sarah- the idea of sharing students’ experience maybe could be combined with summer event idea
  - e. Getting in touch with the daily experience is a good thing
  - f. Ideas: change the name; incorporate direct experiences (Materials Experience, etc...); move to summer; combine with event for students
- XIII. Adjourn
- a. Hanks move to adjourn, McDaniel second unanimous approval (7:35).