

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, May 12, 2014

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, Suchcomment 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).

Agenda

	<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>TYPE</i>
OPENING				
1	Call to Order	Tim	6:00	
2	Roll Call	Tim		Action
3	Approval of Agenda	Tim		Action
4	Approval of Minutes	Tim		Action
5	Reflection	Eric and Tim	6:05	Information
6	Public comment on items not on the agenda (limited to 3-5 minutes by policy of the Board)			
REPORTS				
7	Family Team Report	Family Team Liason	6:15	Information
8	Administrative Report	Erin	6:20	
9	Pedagogista Report	Sarah	6:25	
10	Finance Work Group Report	Tim	6:35	Information
11	Facilities Work Group Report	Raymond	6:45	Information
12	Educational Programs Work Group Report	Chris	6:50	Information
13	Fundraising Report	Eric	6:55	Information
OLD BUSINESS				
NEW BUSINESS				
14	Adjourn	Chris		

6:04 PM- Call to order (Tim)

Present: Scott Ayotte, Eric Doyle, Mike Joynt, Raymond McDaniel, Tim Glasser

Regrets: Erin Melcher, Trevor Gilbert, Esther Kuiper, Chris Hanks (arrived late), Tracey Brame

Opening: Motion to approve agenda (Scott, Mike second); approved unanimously.

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Reflection: Eric reflected on the Tapestry Square presentation currently being held in the school gymnasium as the board meeting began. Roughly 50 people participated in the presentation on the

development of the block near Division and Wealthy. Tim reflected on the Pleasant Park renovation work going on further on down Madison and how it was also a nice addition to the neighborhood.

Public comment: N/A

Special Education Report: Postponed until next month.

Family Team: Written report submitted. Plant sale was cancelled at the last minute, which was the only major fundraiser for the team. This will significantly impact the funds as it typically raised between \$3,000-4,000. The new yearbook effort will hopefully help to raise money. Recent Family Team meetings have been held in the mornings to try and draw a new parent crowd.

Admin report: Written report submitted. The principal search and transition plan was a major component of the discussion. The first review of applicants begins tomorrow at 3:30pm. The next board meeting will include the proposed budget. Follow up meeting is being scheduled to finalize charter renewal by June 30th.

Proposal to create an ad-hoc meeting to discuss the charter renewal. (Scott, Mike second); approved unanimously.

Pedagogista report: Students and teachers are creating an ArtPrize exhibit out of one of the projects to pull photographs out of the Grand Rapids Public Museum photograph archive. Goal is to get the fifth graders over to the archives to review photographs for the project soon. Kay Waterson, Trevor Gilbert, Sara Dews and Sarah Cooper will act as the artist but the children will be the key participants.

Final documentation (large 4x8' foam board panels) presenting the classroom studies are to be completed by June 2. These will discuss the school values or Reggio principle.

Discovery E's studio work (eight 4'x1') will represent different images of what they would like to see in the park.

End of year celebration (cake) will be June 2 from 5-7pm. Family Team offered a grant to cover the costs.

Finance work group: Not much has changed since we last spoke. Tim will send out March financials prior to the next board meeting where it will be discussed. We need to think about staffing and structure for next year, as it will have implications with the budget.

Facilities work group: May have a solution so that we don't have to remove all of the concrete beneath the brick. The contractor proposes to remove damaged bricks, spray an acrylic material to settle the concrete and replace with new bricks. Estimate is approximately \$3,500 to complete this work. We shouldn't need approval from the historic preservation group to do this work. The roof continues to leak and could use some improvements near the roof hatch over the summer.

Educational programs workgroup: Last meeting was postponed.

7:12 - Motion to adjourn (Mike, Tim second); approved unanimously.