

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, April 14, 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, 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).

Agenda

	<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>TYPE</i>
OPENING				
1	Call to Order	Tracey	6:00	
2	Roll Call	Tracey		Action
3	Approval of Agenda	Tracey		Action
4	Approval of Minutes	Tracey		Action
5	Reflection	Rotate	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	6:10	Information
8	Administrative Report	Erin	6:15	Information
9	Pedagogista Report	Sarah	6:25	
10	Leadership Team Report	Tracey	6:30	Information
11	Finance Work Group Report	Tim	6:35	Information
12	Facilities Work Group Report	Raymond	6:40	Information
13	Educational Programs Work Group Report	Chris	6:45	Information
OLD BUSINESS				
NEW BUSINESS				
14	Update on Principal search	Tracey	6:50	
15	Adjourn Public Meeting	Tracey	7:00	

Attending: Mike Joynt, Sarah Cooper, Sana Amash, Erin Melcher, Tim Glasser, Tracey Brame, Raymond McDaniel, Eric Doyle, Trevor Gilbert, Chris Hanks, Esther Kuiper (arrived 6:20)

6:05- Call to order

Motion to approve agenda (Hanks, McDaniel second)

Administrative report- (see written report); discussed focus school information

Pedagogista report- worked with Sherri Martin to develop professional development around PBIS and Choice Theory, also including Reggio Principles.

Leadership report- asking board to solidify plans for serving next year, think about potential new members. Need to set aside time for strategic planning, team-building, possibly during summer retreat. Discussion of possibilities for having someone facilitate—Terri Horton or Matthew Downey. Tracey will follow up.

Finance report- don't have March financials yet. Need to start putting together budget for next year, need to make some decisions. Work group will be meeting soon. Discussion of balance sheet—still running in the black, enrollment increase will improve next year's budget.

Facilities- Will get estimate on front step brickwork. Should be able to do that work in the summer; will have other expenses—currently have roof leakage, for instance. Eric- Consumers Energy will give us estimate for updating lighting in the building.

Fund development update- Open House, gave free family photos in return for donation, time. Friends of Grand Rapids Parks initiative moving forward. Possibility of selling part of the park to city, using revenue to complete park project. Interim backup plan to cut back current parking lot to shift parking to south end and get close to plan.

Ed. Programs- distributed surveys to staff and family team. Haven't synthesized feedback but includes a lot of information

Update on principal search- only one applicant so far, need to broaden scope of search, consider other venues. Interview team has system in place, working with staff and parents. Discussion of other locations: LinkedIn, CareerBuilder, professional journals. Erin- need to work on a budget. Esther- maybe David Gray could distribute through charter school network, GRPS may distribute, Mike- KISD website posts once per week, Eric- maybe get paper to do an article, mention principal search, Tim- NAREA. Discussion of extending deadline—to April 30th? May 2nd as a latest date.

7:09- Motion to adjourn (approved unanimously)