

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 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:

Attending: Erin Melcher, Esther Kuiper, Tim Glasser, Mike Joynt, Sana Amash, Patty Joynt, Chris Hanks, Raymond McDaniel, Trevor Gilbert, Sarah Cooper, Tracey Brame, Scott Ayotte

6:00- call to order

No Family Team Report

Administrative Report: discussion of CPI training; focus school hearing—discussion of achievement gap data, specific data in our school, efforts to bridge gap, milestones and benchmarks—what are areas of challenge, how are we meeting those needs;

Pedagogista: Children- Disc. D will read to preschoolers at EDC, working w/teachers on domains and scaffolding; Teachers- working w/teachers to bring work to reflective meetings—more quality and quantity, observing new math curriculum at work in classrooms, using staff development time to discuss one topic through all classrooms, acknowledging positive practices publicly; Parents- discussion of integrating traditional role w/new activities of family team, disconnect b/w teachers and FT, discussion of greater coordination in future.

Special Education update: 14 identified students, add Medicaid billing, comparison of resource room requirements, unique population, wide range of needs, need to ensure qualifications of who is providing services, new reporting requirements, performance requirements the same. Recommendation: Full time resource room teacher should be hired under GRCDC teacher contract. Erin disagrees based on contract requirements. Discussion of process for making personnel decisions—need to handle outside meetings.

Leadership Report: need to get all board proof of citizenship to Esther; board discussion needed regarding best practices and board responsibilities; board contributions; discussion of opportunities for board training (GVSU).

Finance: don't have most recent financial data; (Erin) we have reorganized the ledger; will schedule finance work group meeting.

Facilities: Brickwork underway—will take about two weeks; received architectural drawings; can start breaking down into manageable projects.

Ed. Programs: No report

New Business: Eric needs a regular wage for his work at GREDC; new brochure.

Adjourn: 7:40