

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, December 9, 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).

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	6:35	Information
11	Finance Work Group Report	Tim	6:40	Information
12	Facilities Work Group Report	Raymond	6:45	Information
13	Educational Programs Work Group Report	Chris	6:50	Information
OLD BUSINESS				
14	Principal evaluation process	Chris	6:55	Information
15	Board orientation	Tracey	7:15	Information
NEW BUSINESS				
16	School Charter Contract	Erin	7:30	Information
17	Adjourn	Tracey	8:00	

Minutes:

6:03- Call to order

Attending: John Sienicki, Sana Amash, Sarah Cooper, Tracey Brame, Erin Melcher, Shari ???, Mike Joynt, Eric Doyle, Raymond McDaniel, Chris Hanks, Tim Glasser, Patty Joynt

Family Team Report: Eric Doyle summarized; see written report.

Motion to approve agenda (Glasser, Joynt second, approved unanimously)

Minutes: discussion of Johnson Center programs; **Erin will invite Terry to present in January**; *motion to approve (Joynt, McDaniel second, approved unanimously).*

Public comment: Patty Joynt gave Special Education update; 15 identified students; two potential referrals; 1 student considering added support; facing challenge to fill resource room role; need a plan in case no replacement. Discussion of back up plan in case no hire is available; need to stay in compliance. Erin noted that the process is underway and she expects to fill the role. We've been in similar situations before. Discussion of process of meeting fluctuating demand for special education services.

Administrative Report: See written report; discussions of MDE teacher eval requirements and sex ed curriculum development.

Pedagogista Report: See written report; discussion of squadra structure.

Leadership Report: Reflection- affirmation of the sense of community in this school; positive comments from Teresa Neal; discussion of special education compliance and staffing; board is aware of issue, but Erin is responsible; next step should be revisiting structure; Tracey will meet with Esther Kuiper to gain insights, and with Patty to discuss compliance issues; board governance issue- review of by-laws, criteria for board membership; educational mission of the school.

Finance Report: no report since last meeting; budget is solvent; need to modify budget to reflect incidental changes. **Will bring budget amendment to January meeting.**

Facilities Report: no updates.

Ed Programs Report: presentation of principal evaluation process; support docs indicate what it would look like. Discussion of timeline; what message is being sent by request for documentation; don't want to solicit only negative feedback. Discussion of which elements should be made public; should a growth plan be automatic? **Chris will raise these questions with Scott Ayotte.**

Motion to table principal evaluation process (Doyle, second by McDaniel, approved unanimously).

School charter contract: distributed to the board. Erin will talk to John Helmholdt this week to get more information about getting on the GRPS board agenda. **Recommendations for modifications to the contract should be brought to January board meeting.** Discussion of school's structure, relationship with GRPS, issues surrounding decisions about chartering institutions.

Motion to adjourn (Joynt, second by Doyle, approved unanimously)