

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 a diverse community of Grand Rapids. The Vision of the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center is to 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 Minutes

6:00-7:30 pm Monday March 12, 2018

Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center

[409 Lafayette Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503](http://www.grcps.org/409-Lafayette-Ave-SE-Grand-Rapids-MI-49503)

ITEM	Bd	Time	Purpose	OUTCOME
OPENING				
2. CALL TO ORDER	JB	6:02	Open	
2. ROLL CALL .1 AB, AS, AE, KAB, JB, JF (GJC and JF absent) .2 LNH (CDC), RN (GRPS)- absent	JB			
3. Approval of Agenda 1st- AB, 2nd KAB- all yes	JB	6:08	Approval	w/o
4. Approval of Minutes- 1st AE, 2nd AB- all yes	JB	6:08	Approval	w/o

<p>5. Public Comment Peter Johnson- institutional racism 3 things -MAP testing for all students -Outside community leaders- engaged -Identify extracurricular activities to help in problem area Sana Amash- What do parents mean when they state they are looking for a diverse school.</p>	NA	6:10	Comment	
REPORTS FROM BOARD				
6. Board reports- NONE	NA			
REPORTS TO BOARD				
<p>7. Report of the School Leader- -Curriculum- New math and science program, starting annual testing- MAP, possible changes in classroom structure and pairs for next year -Culture- classroom culture in progress Infrastructure- items needed for safety changes- GRPS has not helped with savings. Policy updates and handbook work</p> <p>Behavior- 76% incidents done by 15 kids (6%) of the kids. 77% during class time- look at teacher training, support group for the 15 students, community partners to mentor</p> <p>HR- coverage for classes with missing staff</p> <p>National School Walk out- Wed. 3/14/18</p> <p>State of School- Thurs. 3/15- 3 board to help facilitate discussion</p> <p>School improvement process- short form-JF</p> <p>Finance- Green Revolving Funds- energy improvements with loan from Consumers- identified and approved as a pilot program- look at bringing to board next month for vote.</p> <p>Next financial committee meeting at school 4pm on 3/27</p>	LNH	6:28	Report	
8. Family Team- none	NA	7:14	Report	
OLD BUSINESS				

9. None			Action	
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NEW BUSINESS				
10. Discussion regarding proposed policies- Old policy asked to strike initially- asking to add back into policy regarding curriculum- 1st- AB, 2nd KAB- all yes	JB	7:14	Action/ Vote	W/O
CLOSING				
11. Public Comments- Andrew K- excited about lights, Ted- also excited about lighting, Sana- FT clarification, Ted- letter to GRPS regarding 6th grade lottery, Sana asked about 5th grade parents help with application process- discussion over expansion to 6th and up or pre-K	JB	7:20	Comment	
12. Call to Adjourn	JB	7:27	Approval	w/O

School Leadership:

Executive Director- Lisa Nuyens Heyne- LNH
Pedagogista- Sarah Cooper- SC

GRCDC Board Members:

President- Jon Beer- JB
Vice President- Jason Ferenczi- JF
Treasurer- Andrew Brower- AB
Secretary- Abby Sutter- AS

Members at Large:

Ted Jauw- TJ
Kate Adams-Blake- KAB
Anissa Eddie- AE
Grace Johnson-Johnson-Connor- GJC

Family Team:

Steward- Sarah Cooper- SC2

GRPS Liaison:

Rick Noel-RN