

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

Date and Time: 6:00-7:30 pm, Monday, December 10, 2018

Location: Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center  
409 Lafayette Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

### Agenda

Topic	Person	Time	Action
<b>Opening</b>			
1. Call to Order	Kate	6:03	Action
2. Roll Call, Welcome, Overview Present: JF, GCJ, ML, AE, KAB, AS, AB, TJ Absent:na	Kate	6:04	Action
3. Approval of Agenda 1st:AE 2nd:JF All yes	Kate	6:05	Action
4. Approval of Minutes 1st:JF 2nd: GCJ All yes	Kate	6:05	Action
5. Public Comment - Andrew K and Sana A- completing 2 year teacher leadership program -Advanced teacher certification		6:07	Info

6. Family Team Report-unable to come- will get update in Jan.	Sarah Marie	6:07	Info
<b>Reports from the Board</b>			
7. Finance Committee Report: 1st amendment for year- Budget info is posted on the GRCDC school website- will be voted on new business	Andrew	6:07	Info
8. Executive Committee Report: NA	Abby	6:13	Info
9. Evaluation Committee Report: no updates	Jason	6:13	Info
10. Development Committee Report: Having meeting at Rising Grinds, reaching out to Great Start Readiness to meet or send info, handing out info	Abby/Grace	6:14	Info
<b>Reports to the Board</b>			
<p>11. School Leadership Report:</p> <p><b>Current Significant Issues-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Still waiting to hear from GRPS around Domain 1- the thinking from the ISD is that this WILL stay 40% for this school year</li> <li>-Our change in lights from the GRF are not yet resulting in savings- though this is explained by air conditioners and user behavior</li> <li>-Trevor was out for about about 3 weeks and is coming back slowly but surely. It's been a tough fall for the ops team</li> <li>-We hired a para for Ms. Abby's class!- Thank the board because of approved funding and fiscal savings</li> </ul> <p><b>Curriculum -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-In an assessment cycle right now, will have a new round of data for next meeting.</li> <li>-Teachers currently working on common formative assessments across grade bands</li> <li>-December 14th PD day will be around iReady math and teacher partnership planning.</li> </ul>			
	Lisa	6:23	Info

**Culture:**

- We are currently coming up with a plan for classroom management/class culture training for all staff for our PD in January
- Our PD in February will be all staff training on the Equity Project

**Safety and Security-**

- We are dismissing students from the gym for the winter and so far that is going very well
- There have been a few very minor hiccups as we merge processes with the preschool (mainly during morning drop off)
- Back up onto Lafayette is an ongoing issue. I have literally no idea how to solve for this and cannot imagine it hasn't always been an issue.

**Direct Action Updates-**

-HUGE news that we passed our Fidelity Appraisal for the Mechanical Level of the MiExcel Blueprint. We received the highest score of any district thus far, and we are moving on to the Lobby Level- we should be able to get through the Lobby Level pretty quickly as we have started a lot of that work already.

<b>Old Business</b>			
12. NA		6:40	Action
<b>New Business</b>			
13. Budget Amendment Approval			
1st- AE			
2nd- AS All yes	Lisa/Andrew	6:40	Action
14. Strategic Planning Workgroup assignment--	Kate	6:41	Action

**Marketing** - Craft the statements and materials to show how we envision ourselves. Tell our “story”

- Meg
- Jason
- Grace (Point Person)
- Abby

**Reauthorization pre-work** - What do we have to offer an authorizer? What do we want from an authorizer? What is vital and what is nice to have?

- Andrew (Point Person)
- Jason
- Ted
- Meg

**Authorizer research** - what options are out there and how do we determine where to go to start discussions?

- Ted (Point Person)
- Abby
- Anissa

**GRPS Relations** - initial discussions regarding reauthorization options and appetite for renewal

- Andrew
- Meg
- Kate (Point Person)
- Anissa

Point person connect with group and Lisa with meeting ideas, general overview of goals by Jan. 2019 meeting.			
Closing			
15. Public Comment: Sana has new classroom shelves, impressed with the new website and happy with how user friendly, Mr. K enjoyed the new format of the open house		6:54	Info
16. Call to adjourn:no objection	Kate	7:01	Action

**School Leadership:**

Executive Director- Lisa Nuyens Heyne- LNH

Pedagogista- Sarah Cooper- SC

**GRCDC Board Members:**

President- Kate Adams-Blake- KAB

Vice President- Ted Jauw- TJ

Treasurer- Andrew Brower- AB

Secretary- Abby Sutter- AS

**Members at Large:**

Jason Ferenczi- JF

Anissa Eddie- AE

Grace Johnson-Connor- GJC

Meg Lockard- ML

**Family Team:**

Steward- Sarah Cooper- SC2

**GRPS Liaison:**

Matthew Beresford