



Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center
General Executive Director Report to the Board of Directors
General Report
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1. Current Significant Issues

- **MONDAY MARCH 18-** Leann from MiExcel is coming ALL day! Ted and Anissa- what COULD work for you that day?
- Next upcoming event to talk about: STATE OF THE SCHOOL FOR THIS YEAR- I think we could use a public update, maybe also co-sponsored by the family team and board again
- We WERE approved for the 3 day waiver from the state for snow days. We are still 2 days over for snow days so stay tuned
- We have completed enrollment for 2019-2020 school year. Right now, we have full classes at every grade level AND wait lists at every grade level. We could use a few more students on our 1-3 waitlists, judging from movement on the lists from last year.
- Our enrollment matches the racial trends of the last several years, as predominantly white. We have to change our enrollment strategy if we wish to overrepresent families of color in the applicant pool I will work on a proposal for this over the smme

2. Update on Strategic Plan Implementation

Curriculum

- We are into our next round of district testing. I will have a full academic data set for you in April
- We had a lot of big curricular changes this year: new math curriculum, full adoption of the new science curriculum, 4 quarters, aligned scope and sequence for teachers, NWEA/MAP testing- what we are expecting is to KEEP these changes going into next year and really start to see the benefits of them. SHOUT out to the teachers for all they are doing to improve instruction for students at GRCDC

Culture

- One of the big shifts we made for this year was the change in class configurations. As spring gets underway, we are working to assess all the changes we made to plan for next year. The Teacher Council reports that this change has been very, very positive- not just on the culture of their classes but academics as well.

SAFETY AND SECURITY (3.B.1, 3.B.2):

- No current updates

4. Direct Action Updates

- We will be adjusting our assessment schedule and pacing due to all the changes in the calendar
- Sending out "Intent to Return" Forms. Hope to keep all current staff for next year so that we can truly focus on solidifying all the many changes that we made this year

5. Facilities Update

- Sensory room grand opening 3/28- just a reminder that this will be happening on the night of portfolio day! Would love to have a board member or two there!
- Can't imagine what this winter would have been like without our new roof!!!

6. Finance Updates

No updates