

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

Date: 6:00-7:30 pm, Monday August 12, 2019

Posting Address: 409 Lafayette Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Location: Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center

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Agenda	Person	Time	Purpose
Opening			
1. Call to Order	Kate	6:00	Action 6:13
2. Roll Call .1 Present: ML, AG, KB, TJ, AE .2 Absent: AB, AS .3 Guests: SA, ST, LNH	Kate		Action
3. Approval of Agenda 1st- TJ 2nd- AE All-	Kate		Action
4. Approval of Minutes 1st- ML 2nd- AE All-	Kate		Action
5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) SA - Comment on waiting list (47 in K)		6:05	Comment
Reports from the Board			
6. President's Report -TJ will fill 3-4 on 15th -Aug 26th at WK Kellogg	Kate	6:15	Report
7. Executive Committee Report .1 Legislation	Meg		Report
8. Finance Committee Report LNH reported on updates on budgeted v. changes in Fall AE reported on pre-audit will be scheduled and reporting after Labor Day. No expected problems.	Anissa		
9. Secretary's Report N/A	Abby		
10. Ad Hoc Committee Reports .1 Leader Evaluation - AG volunteered to fill opening	All	6:25	Report

.2 Marketing/Development
.3 Reauthorization

Reports to the Board

11. Executive Director's Report Lisa 6:45 Report

Current Significant Issues:

- Floor in computer lab will not be completed before school starts, so it will need to happen over winter break
- First day of full staff August 8!
- Sarah C-she will return the first week of December
- I was accepted to the 2019 Leadership Grand Rapids Cohort!
- POSSIBLE flag about a bandwidth problem (iReady, 2 chromebook carts and the computer lab)

Update on Strategic Plan Implementation

- We are moving forward with our implementation of iReady
- We are going to give the NWEA 3 times this year
- We are eager to start some 20th anniversary storytelling with Stephen Tanner
- We will be monitoring our work and our growth in a very different and specific way this year- using the [Building Performance Tool](#) (designed by the Teacher Council through the MiExcel Blueprint Installation Process). This will allow us to have true, consistent internal markers that allow us to analyze what is working and what isn't, action plan and course correct.

Curriculum

- we are implementing Atlas Rubicon- this will keep our lesson plans and grade level common assessments all in one place, so when we lose people we don't lose institutional knowledge
- We are starting this year with Teacher Collaborative Routines, which will be driven by our NWEA and HQ! walk through data
- We are shifting our focus to Tier 1 differentiation and Tier 2 support for math!

- Difference in instruction must come before changes in student achievement- our internal data is moving in the right direction, especially in math
- Parents are rallying around the idea of “one year’s growth in one year’s time”- the board should be ready to speak to this as well

Culture:

- We began the Conscious Discipline 10 module sessions on 8/9
- We have created a clarified culture section to the handbook with a progressive discipline matrix that matches our school’s needs
- Next step: communicating this all to parents

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

- We will continue the dismissal procedure of last year

Direct Action Updates

- None right now

Facilities Update

- Sign question?
- Computer floor
- Cleaning complete

Finance Updates

Preparing for Audit

Question about decisions around the spend down of some reserve funds- is this through the finance committee?

Discuss Investments Policy

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible vote on updated Investments Policy

12.	Family Team Report (Quarterly)	NA	Report
Business			
13.	Old Business (previously moved) .1 N/A	7:15	Action
14.	New Business .1 Oath of Office- Meg L.		Action

.2 New Board member consideration- Stephen T. 1st- AE 2nd- ML All-WO (will be moved to GRPS)				
Closing				
15.	Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) SA - Related a story about a celebrity who was bullied by a teacher.			Comment
16.	Adjourn	Kate	7:30	Action 6:58

School Leadership:

Executive Director- Lisa Nuyens Heyne- LNH

Pedagogista- Sarah Cooper- SC

GRCDC Board Members:

President- Kate Adams-Blake- KAB

Vice President- Meg Lckard-ML

Treasurer- Anissa Ebbie- AE

Secretary- Abby Sutter- AS

Members at Large:

Andrew Brower- AB

Ted Jauw- TJ

Amelia Grayson- AG

Family Team:

Steward- Sarah Cooper- SC2

GRPS Liaison:

Matthew Beresford