

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, December 9th, 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	6:04	Action
2. Roll Call- ST, AE, AB, AS, AG, ML, KAB, TJ	Kate	6:05	Action
3. Approval of Agenda- add FT 5.1- AS- 1st, AB- 2nd-all yes	Kate	6:06	Action
4. Approval of Minutes- AS 1- AE 2nd- all yes	Kate	6:06	Action
5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes)- Sana- Andrew- Mr K appreciates the funding for extra para 5.1-FT update-TH- \$7726.35 as balance- help with teacher lounge- \$300 towards clothing drive, restaurant fundraisers, FT host,		6:07	Comment
Reports from the Board			
6. President's Report- all updates in other areas	Kate	6:24	Report
7. Executive Committee Report- Meeting with GRPS 12/13	Meg	6:24	Report
8. Finance Committee Report- was able to connect with lawmakers on school funding and make some connections	Anissa	6:26	Report
9. Secretary's Report- all intros done- will start going back around with FT intros and updates on committee work and interests with the board- start collecting updated resumes from board in Feb- to be submitted to with reauth	Abby	6:30	
10. Ad Hoc Committee Reports .1 Leader Evaluation- no updates .2 Marketing/Development - sign update- need meeting .3 Reauthorization		6:36	Report
Reports to the Board			
11. Executive Director's Report Current Significant Updates or Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TEMP PARA HIRE for third grade- Chloe is an alum of GRCDC and has worked in our after care and 	Lisa	6:41	Report

summer programs. She is attending college to become a teacher

- Looks like funding may be restored!
- Coop is back as of 12/2!!!!

Update on Strategic Plan Implementation

Curriculum-

Our staff is working on building a shared definition of the world “curriculum”. This is part of the intensive work we have been doing for almost 2 years, but really in earnest for a year and a half.

Next, we will do a full audit of our ELA curriculum materials to be able to align our needs with the school improvement plan and budget process.

Culture

We are continuing our book study and application of the ideas in Conscious Discipline- we are studying the two skills that make up “safety” for the school family: Composure and Assertiveness.

We are also working to get good and grounded in our Behavior Response Matrix- now that we have one, how is it being used? How its use being documented?

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

- Revamp and articulation of Accident and Injury Procedures- in process. I will share when complete.

3. Direct Action Updates

4. Facilities Update

- Parking lot holes filled

5. Finance Updates

3B3 Finance Committee- budget amendment

Looks like there will be a legislative fix in the form of a supplemental bill to restore funding to charters. I do want to note that we did not receive any lobbying support from GRPS

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget amendment- voting			
12.	Family Team Report (quarterly)	See above	Report
Business			
13.	Old Business (previously moved) .1 Resolution regarding State of MI per pupil funding- leave it tabled	7:07	Action
14.	New Business .1 Policy Book updates for approval- adding Bylaws to policy book to make 1 complete document for reference and updating language to match in both documents exception of #4 wording needs updating- Motion- Meg- 1st, AE- 2nd- no objections to change in motion- all yes .2 Budget Amendment for approval- AE- 1st, ML-2nd-	7:09	Action
Closing			
15.	Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) - Sana- we should add names to green space sign to match front sign	7:36	Comment
16.	Adjourn	Kate	7:39 Action

School Leadership:

Executive Director- Lisa Nuyens Heyne- LNH

Pedagogista- Sarah Cooper- SC

GRCDC Board Members:

President- Kate Adams-Blake- KAB

Vice President- Meg Lockard-ML

Treasurer- Anissa Eddie- AE

Secretary- Abby Sutter- AS

Members at Large:

Andrew Brower- AB

Ted Jauw- TJ

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Family Team:

Tim Hayataka- TH

GRPS Liaison:

Matthew Beresford