

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: 6:00pm-7:30pm Monday, June 8th, 2020

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	6:03	Action
2. Roll Call .1 Present: AE, KAB, AB, ML, AG, AS, ST, KD, .2 Absent: TJ .3 Guests: SA	Kate	6:04	Action
3. Approval of Agenda 1st-AE 2nd- AB All- Yes	Kate	6:05	Action
4. Approval of Minutes 1st- 2nd- All- Yes	Kate		Action
5. Public Comment: Asked about iready (math until 7/31 and reading until 6/30- keyboarding available until the end of Aug.) Prodigy, Capstonebooks availability over summer, What would happen if GRPS - learning letter coming through email with info for summer learning and resources		6:05	Comment
Reports from the Board			
6. President's Report- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reauthorization approval- huge relief- large improvement in measurable data- much easier to put info together ● Special Budget meeting June 24th- Budget ● July meeting- officer elections and vote on Kevin's membership ● LNH has renewed her contract ● Will look at when we are ready to resume in person meetings- will discuss at 6/24 meeting 	Kate	6:10	Report
7. Executive Committee Report- No updates .1 Legislation	Meg	6:17	Report

8.	Finance Committee Report-	Anissa	6:17	
9.	Secretary's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see officer Nomination discussion and consider your interest in board roles for July election meeting • Oath and background check info 	Abby	6:18	
10.	Ad Hoc Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .1 Leader Evaluation- on hold until next year .2 Marketing/Development- No updates- Lisa asked about possibly doing some short FB ads about experiences with distance learning .3 Reauthorization- Approved by GRPS- pull this committee and starting back up at start of 3rd year- possibly for a GRPS relations/connections committee 	All	6:22	Report
Reports to the Board				
11.	Executive Director's Report <p>Current Significant Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All school districts will be facing budget shortfalls to come, including ours. We are not sure by how much yet • We are unsure if we will be opening in person, distance, or combo in August- this is being talked about at the ISD level and will hopefully be shared along the way. • GREA and GRPS are likely to keep their contract for next year, they are not in negotiations at this time • Reauthorization: complete • Discovery Care may open in our building as early as June 15 • The A Team is acting as our district Reopening Committee with the addition of heavy support from Rachel and a feedback loop from Teacher Council. What 2 board members would like to also give feedback as plans solidify? • 2020-2021 ENROLLMENT SURVEY 277 student responses- 100% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 231 students represent "we will be there no matter what" ○ 8 students not returning (we knew about 3 of these, the others are either moving or attending the same school as a sibling) 	Lisa	6:30	Report

- **24- “not sure” with various concerns/caveats**
- 6- only if in person
- 5- only if virtual
- 2- only if combo

Right now:

- 2nd grade full again, offered 2 spots for 3rd, other opening is in 5th
- K - 48, 1 - 48, 2 - 48, 3 - 47, 4 - 42, 5 - 47
- We have at least 1 immediate spot for 5 and 5 for 4
- Need to recruit for the 2 and 3 waitlist, confident we can keep K and 1 full

Update on Strategic Plan Implementation

Curriculum: Sarah and the Teacher Council are beginning a ROBUST instructional planning cycle. This will be centered on trying to ensure we make up ground that was lost during the COVID closure, while also having an instructional plan that is flexible enough for in person, virtual, or combination of the two.

- **Planning for the potential for rolling closures in future in case of possible closures**

Culture:

- 5th grade graduation went great
- Equity Pilot has been cut, but we are confident we can continue the work on our own- however I will have some specific feedback for the leaders of the project
- We will continue Empowering education (SEL lessons) and Conscious Discipline next year

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

Nothing new

Direct Action Updates

Nothing new

Facilities Update

- **We have new trees on the greenspace and Rachel is coordinating families to water them throughout the summer**

SIGN UPDATES AND QUESTIONS:

Nothing new

Finance Updates

Nothing beyond what we are already doing this meeting

12.	Family Team Report (Quarterly)	NA	Report
Business			
13.	Old Business (previously moved) .1 N/A		6:56 Action
14.	New Business .1 Resolution to Preserve Funding for Educational Services- brings voice and support to maintain financing for schools AE- brings motion, AB- 2nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the COVID numbers • add the term enhanced in the second paragraph pertaining to a bill to preserve and enhance... and add line on equitable outcomes • Distribution- share with GRPS and with lobbyist, state legislature for our district Roll call vote: ST-Y, AE-Y, AG-Y, AS-Y, ML-Y, AB-Y .2 Spring Policy Book Legal updates- Hold until next meeting- June 24th .3- Budget Amendment for FY 20 #3 AE- motion, ML- 2nd Roll call vote: ST-Y, AE-Y, AG-Y, AS-Y, ML-Y, AB-Y		Action
Closing			
15.	Public Comment: Sana- Sharing that staff has been more open to discuss issues due to guidance from leadership, <u>what more can we do for our students to address systemic racism</u> aside from funding and government- what can we as community do, asking about temp social workers to support students, family and staff		7:07 Comment

Discussion over Graduation, and thankful for thoughtful event, Amy Carroll volunteered to take pictures

16. Adjourn

Kate

7:17

Action

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:

GRPS Liaison:

Matthew Beresford