

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, January 11, 2021

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
2. Roll Call .1 Present: AS, KD, AB, LNH, AG, AE .2 Absent: TJ .3 Guests: SA	Kate	6:03	Action
3. Approval of Agenda 1st- AB 2nd- KD All- Yess	Kate	6:04	Action
4. Approval of Minutes 1st- AB 2nd- KD All- Yes	Kate	6:04	Action
5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) Sana- students back to Hybrid tomorrow. Happy New Year!		6:05	Comment
Reports from the Board			
6. President's Report- Thank you to Lisa for leadership with the resources after events in DC, ML has resigned from the board effective 12/31/20- will have a board opening and will re-post on website- will have several leaving in June at end of term as well	Kate	6:06	Report
7. Executive Committee Report- re-open discussion with Exec committee .1 Legislation- None	Anissa	6:12	Report
8. Finance Committee Report- Changes in teacher contract, all going smoothly right now	Andrew	6:12	
9. Secretary's Report- None	Abby	6:14	
10. Ad Hoc Committee Reports .1 Leader Evaluation- Meeting in Jan to make more plans	Amelia Abby	6:14	Report

.2 Marketing/Development- updates on virtual tour stuff-
idea of having an alumni student do some intro's.
Discussion overshirt designs.

Reports to the Board

11. Executive Director's Report Lisa 6:20 Report

Current Significant Issues:

- We will return to hybrid as of tomorrow. Yay!
- The positivity percent in Kent County has gone way down in comparison to November and we are not sure what MDHHS will do as of 1/15, when their current orders expire
- We had almost 100% participation in the family survey, again! We are so thankful to our school community for sharing their feedback with us
- Our staff and teachers have received a link to make vaccine appointments. We will be monitoring when everyone has their first and second appointments made
- The executive committee/COVID advisory team affirmed over email that waiting to expand in person options until staff and teachers have had the opportunity to be vaccinated is what we will do for now.

Current Unknowns:

- How long it will take for all teachers and staff to receive both doses of the vaccine
- Gov stated March 1st as a goal for “in person” instruction, but indicated continued support of hybrid model and making sure families also have a fully virtual options if desired. As soon as we know the timeline for vaccination, we will have to see how many families will want to come back for expanded hybrid. The issue is students will not be vaccinated and will need to remain distanced AND we use the same staff for hybrid and virtual. It seems we have a number of weeks to work this out, as vaccinations will take some time

Update on Strategic Plan Implementation

We will be sending out another ALL family survey this week, following up on the one that we gave in the fall. All Hybrid families will be asked re-commit to Hybrid and any open spots will be offered to the wait list

Curriculum

NO UPDATES SINCE DECEMBER- we are in a testing period and will report out to the state and the Board in the beginning of February our midyear data

Culture:

- No updates since December

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

- Air purifiers purchased and delivered

Direct Action Updates

- None

Facilities Update

- Routers installed
- Getting quotes for electric to sign

Finance Updates

- Subrecipient Audit for the pass through grant from KISD
- Had all new routers installed over break
- Teacher pay increase

Covered the data from the 2nd parent survey- lots of wonderful responses- Teachers are doing an amazing job!			
Pupil accounting audit went well. Was done virtually. No follow up required.			
12.	Family Team Report (Quarterly)- none	Abby	Report
Business			
13.	Old Business (previously moved) .1 N/A		6:50 Action
14.	New Business .2 Covid 19 ECOL Plan Approval - January 1st- AB 2nd- KD All- yes (AS, KD, AB, AG, ST, AE)		6:50 Action
Closing			
15.	Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) Family Team is planning a sledding event for this coming weekend to connect with MLK day, also doing a jacket/ warm clothing drive		6:52 Comment
16.	Adjourn	Kate	6:55 Action

School Leadership:

Executive Director- Lisa Nuyens Heyne- LNH

Pedagogista- Sarah Cooper- SC

GRCDC Board Members:

President- Kate Adams-Blake- KAB

Vice President- Anissa Eddie- AE

Treasurer- Andrew Brower- AB

Secretary- Abby Sutter- AS

Members at Large:

Andrew Brower- AB

Ted Jauw- TJ

Amelia Grayson- AG

Meg Lockard- ML

Kevin Davis-KD

Family Team:

GRPS Liaison:

Matthew Beresford