

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 9, 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 |
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| <b>Opening</b>  |        |      |         |
| 1. Call to Order  | Abby   | 6:04 | Action  |
| 2. Roll Call<br>.1 Present: AJ, LNH, TL, AF, AS, AE, KD, ST<br>.2 Absent: AG, AB<br>.3 Guests: Sana Amash   | Abby   |      | Action  |
| 3. Approval of Agenda<br>1st- AE 2nd- ST All- yes   | Abby   |      | Action  |
| 4. Approval of Minutes<br>1st- AE 2nd- ST All- yes  | Abby   |      | Action  |
| 5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes)  |        | 6:05 | Comment |
| <b>Reports from the Board</b>   |        |      |         |
| 6. President's Report- Retreat dates, sub committee, contact info, new calendar apt's<br>- Planning for Sept. or Oct. depending on COVID infection rates<br>- Sub-Committees<br>- Need Leader Evaluation<br>- Marketing & Development<br>- Probably don't need Board Membership right now<br>- Don't need reauthorization<br>- Back-to-School night will be coming up on Aug. 19th from 4pm to 7pm. We need Board representation (at least two people) to share info and coordinate sign-up for Board Committees. Abby will send info and sign up.<br>- Fill out Board contact info sheet if needed | Abby   | 6:10 | Report  |

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| - We have new monthly calendar invites for the Board |   |        |      |        |
| 7.   | Executive Committee Report  | Anissa |      | Report |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have a new Ex. Committee</li> <li>- Executive Committee meetings will be held as needed. A kick-off meeting will be scheduled after the full Board retreat</li> <li>- Current Standing Committees (other than Ex. Committee) are: Finance, Marketing &amp; Development, Leader Evaluation, and Strategic Planning (was focused on reauthorization, will now shift focus to future visioning)</li> <li>- Invite the new members to start thinking about where they'd like to support</li> </ul>  |        |      |        |
| 8.   | Finance Committee Report  | Kevin  |      |        |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approved expenditure for new technology for teachers. Budget will be adjusted according to funding</li> <li>- We are in the midst of the audit. The auditors will present in Oct.</li> </ul>   |        |      |        |
| 9.   | Secretary's Report  | Amelia |      |        |
|  | - N/A   |        |      |        |
| 10.  | Ad Hoc Committee Reports  |        | 6:20 | Report |
|  | .1 Leader Evaluation  | TBD    |      |        |
|  | .2 Marketing/Development  | TBD    |      |        |
|  | .3 Board Membership   | TBD    |      |        |
| <b>Reports to the Board</b>                          |   |        |      |        |
| 11.  | Executive Director's Report   | Lisa   | 6:35 | Report |
|  | <p><b>Current Significant Updates or Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have hired a movement teacher, 4/5 grade teacher, hybrid math interventionist and para</li> <li>- Ms. Lindsay will serve as specialized SEL support</li> <li>- We may have a special education opening</li> <li>- Started OPENING DAY TODAY!</li> <li>- We are following CDC recommendations for the opening of the school year. I have received many messages of support and 1 message of concern, and I would guess this aligns with our school community. My view is we keep doing what we have been doing. <a href="#">Link letter here</a></li> <li>- I have the Verification and Assurances meeting with the MDE charter office and Matthew Beresford tomorrow morning</li> </ul> |        |      |        |

## 2. Update on Strategic Plan Implementation

### Curriculum-

No current updates

### Culture

Opened the year with a specific focus on ADULT SEL and Strengths based teaching and learning which will arc into our session next week in prepping classroom culture plans . [View slide deck here](#)

### **SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

COVID response: we plan to follow the COVID response plan we had for the spring in terms of processes and procedures for COVID mitigation. We are unsure if this will sufficient to combat a spread of the DELTA variant, but our plan meets all of the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools at this time

### 3. Direct Action Updates

#### 4. Facilities Update

- None right now

#### 5. Finance Updates-

- We are mid-audit

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| 12.             | Family Team Report   | NA   | 7:05 | Report  |
|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The August park party was well attended<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- There were families that needed a bathroom</li><li>- Suggestion to map where kids are coming from and host park parties in areas with concentrated families</li></ul></li></ul> |      |      |         |
| <b>Business</b> |  |      |      |         |
| 13.             | Old Business (previously moved)<br>.1 N/A  |      |      | Action  |
| 14.             | New Business<br>.1 NA  |      | 7:10 | Action  |
| <b>Closing</b>  |  |      |      |         |
| 15.             | Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes)  |      |      | Comment |
| 16.             | Adjourn  | Name | 6:47 | Action  |

#### School Leadership:

Executive Director- Lisa Nuyens Heyne-  
LNH  
Pedagogista- Sarah Cooper- SC

#### GRPS Liaison:

Matthew Beresford

#### GRCDC Board Members:

##### Executive Committee-

President- Abby Sutter- AS  
Vice President- Anissa Eddie- AE  
Treasurer- Kevin Davis- KD  
Secretary- Amelia Grayson- AG

#### Members at Large:

Andrew Brower- AB  
Anne Jbara- AJ  
Stephen Tanner- ST  
Amber Fox- AF  
Travis LaFleur- TL

