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Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 6:00-7:30 pm, Monday, November 8th, 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	Abby	6:02	Action
2. Roll Call .1 Present: AB, AE, AF, ST, AG, AS, KD, TL, AJ .2 Absent: LNH .3 Guests: none	Abby		Action
3. Approval of Agenda 1st- AB 2nd- TL All- yes	Abby		Action
4. Approval of Minutes 1st- AF 2nd- AB All- yes	Abby		Action
5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) NO PUBLIC PRESENT		6:03	Comment
Reports from the Board			
6. President's Report - Briefly went over committees for Anne who was not able to be at board retreat. - At December meeting would like main goals and meeting schedule from each committee.	Abby	6:03	Report
7. Executive Committee Report - Nothing to report	Anissa		Report
8. Finance Committee Report - Nothing to report	Kevin		
9. Secretary's Report	Amelia		
10. Ad Hoc Committee Reports .1 Leader Evaluation - Need to get 3 new board member registered for Advance training on Nov. 16th .2 Marketing/Development	All	6:25	Report

Reports to the Board

11. Executive Director's Report Abby 6:09 Report

Current Significant Issues:

- New custodian has stress fracture in foot on short term medical leave with non load bearing boot. Ms. Ann has been filling in along with support from Trevor and some hired help
- Of ALL the students we have quarantined as classroom close contacts, NONE have ended up positive for COVID. We are coming up with a plan to use rapid testing instead of quarantines for CLASSROOM close contacts to get them back in the classroom sooner.
- Ellie Edgar's first day is today - taking over for Ms. Hegarty's 5th grade class.

Update on Strategic Plan Implementation

Curriculum

- No updates

Culture:

We have a Family survey out right now and also conducted a staff survey for the fall. We plan to do this 3 times a year, as we did last year. It was so helpful.

The Family survey is still open- so far we have 152 responses! We will start reminder phone calls this week, as we are committed to making sure ALL families are represented on the survey.

We will use both surveys to guide our planning for next quarter. The A Team will follow the Collaborative Learning Cycle data analysis protocol in their meeting tomorrow to review the staff survey data.

Staff had a Full Staff PD on Equity and SEL on Friday. This culminated in staff preparing a 4-6 week Tier 2 support plan for their children that is specifically focused on SEL. This is the first time we have done this and the staff worked so hard and they are ready!

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

Abby is checking in to any possibilities of the city fixing the big dip at the end of our drive on Cass. Is a city street but is

mostly used by Mary Free Bed and GRCDC. Hope to get this done before snowy season.

Direct Action Updates

- No update

Facilities Update

- No update

Finance Updates

- We only had one firm (Plante Moran) respond to our Audit RFP, so we extended the deadline
- We will have a budget update/amendment in December

Anne - question re are we continuing masks all year now that vaccines are available for this age group?

- Leadership team is probably thinking about this - will expect to hear from Lisa about.

12.	Family Team Report (Quarterly)		Report
Business			
13.	Old Business (previously moved) .1 N/A	6:23	Action
14.	New Business N/A		Action
Closing			
15.	Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes)	6:23	Comment
16.	Adjourn	Abby 6:25	Action

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