

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, March 14th, 2022

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	6:00	Action
2. Roll Call .1 Present: KD, ST, AS, AJ, TL, AB, AE, AF .2 Absent: AG .3 Guests: Sana Amash (teacher), Lisa Nuyens	Abby		Action
3. Approval of Agenda 1st - AB 2nd - AE All - yes	Abby		Action
4. Approval of Minutes 1st - KD 2nd - AF All - yes	Abby		Action
5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes)		6:05	Comment
Reports from the Board			
6. President's Report - Nice to have guests at the last meeting - A few Family Team events coming up, let's attend if we're able	Abby	6:05	Report
7. Executive Committee Report - Policy updates to come, will be voted on at the next meeting	Anissa		Report
8. Finance Committee Report - Sticking with Plante Moran for the time being, pricing we have right now is competitive and they are giving us a 30% discount - We signed a three year agreement with them, with prices already set for - AS: we should look at the agreement at the two year point (build that in to the schedule)	Kevin		
9. Secretary's Report - no updates	Amelia		
10. Ad Hoc Committee Reports .1 Leader Evaluation - no meeting since the last board meeting		6:10	Report

.2 Marketing/Development

- Discussing social advertising strategy, want to meet with LN to discuss approaches and how to move forward
- AS: Sign for the donors, we need to revisit and finalize
- Thinking ahead to next fall (expo likely in October), will likely want to use postcards for advertising and professionally done trifold (this likely would cost \$200-300, so we may need to add to the budget for next FY) that we could use on an ongoing basis
- Want to also make sure everyone has access to accounts (VistaPrint), files on share drive, etc.

.3 Strategic Planning - no updates

Reports to the Board

11. Executive Director's Report Lisa 6:17 Report

Current Significant Updates or Issues

- Posted for special education position for next year
- Will need at least 2 paras
- Intent to return forms will go out by Spring Break
- Beginning next year's budget planning--will likely look more like previous years with the exception of Covid funding
- Signed 3 year agreement with Plante Moran for audit services
- Beginning to lighten some of our more stringent COVID restrictions: ie- share materials, more flex seating, more work spaces

2. Update on Strategic Plan Implementation

Curriculum-

Nothing new here

Culture

- Opportunity Thrive session focused on shame and guilt in the workplace
 - Will continue with Opportunity Thrive into next year
- Many important EVENTS returning this spring! Family Dance, EOY Celebration with State of the School, 5th grade Fun Day at the Y (and graduation), modified Portfolio Day!
- Thinking through a slow, modified return to community meetings, perhaps by grade level

- Wanting to teach some of the routines to the younger grades prior to fall
- Continuing to talk about masks as the spring goes on, very few staff members have had Covid and are quite cautious

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

None at this time

3. Direct Action Updates:

- **None at this time**

4. Facilities Update

- Starting facilities meetings once again! Will begin next week with Sam, Trevor, Andrew K and myself- to plan for the larger projects and the continued work over the summer. Sam has completed organizing most of the closets and taking inventory of what he needs (equipment and materials)
- Need new elevator (very expensive)- ours is outdated (not unsafe, but can't replace parts)- will plan for in the FY23 budget
 - Gathering three estimates, about a six month turnaround time

5. Finance Updates-

- None at this time

12.	Family Team Report - no updates	6:30	Report
Business			
13.	Old Business (previously moved) .1 N/A		Action
14.	New Business .1 .2	6:30	Action
Closing			
15.	Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) -SA: for the expo, consider having laptops playing our video or a QR code, narwhal bookmarks -ST: a slideshow/video can be eye catching -AS: swag also helps (pencils, etc.) -AS: can we decorate the picnic tables outside?		Comment
16.	Adjourn	Name	6:35 Action

School Leadership:

Executive Director- Lisa Nuyens- LN

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