

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 8, 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
<b>Opening</b>			
1. Call to Order	Anne	6:04	Action
2. Roll Call .1 Present: Anne, Stephen, Phillip, Kevin, Amber, Lisa .2 Absent: Abby, Amelia .3 Guests: Sana	Anne		Action
3. Approval of Agenda 1st- Stephen 2nd- Kevin All-	Anne		Action
4. Approval of Minutes 1st- Stephen 2nd- Kevin All-	Anne		Action
5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) Sana reported that they're back & had a good teacher PD today		6:05	Comment
<b>Reports from the Board</b>			
6. President's Report	NA	6:10	Report
7. Executive Committee Report	Anne		Report
8. Finance Committee Report No new information. Appraisal is in process.	Kevin		
9. Secretary's Report	Amelia		
10. Ad Hoc Committee Reports .1 Leader Evaluation .2 Marketing/Development .3 Strategic Planning Had a meeting in July & reviewed the data from the family survey. Another meeting is scheduled for this week to review additional portions of the data. Stephen shared an article about the new Mary Freebed Children's hospital that is scheduled for construction to start at the end of the school year. A question was raised about a Facilities Committee, which is made up of staff members. It was suggested that a board member is added to that committee.	All	6:20	Report

## Reports to the Board

11. Executive Director's Report

Lisa

6:35

Report

### **Current Significant Updates or Issues**

- **Hired for 3rd grade, 5th grade, 1 para, 1 academic interventionist so far**
- Still have 1-2 open para positions
- SEL interventionist will be posted this week or next
- Meeting with Dr. Roby today - Stephen, Annisa & Lisa attended. Dr. Roby and Matthew Breseford attended on behalf of GRPS. Was a getting to know you meeting & learned about their strategic plan. Initial actions steps- 1) show last 5 years of data of % of students who go to GRPS and those who don't where do they go & why? 2) Contact Anya Lusk who took Sharon Pitt's place to start that relationship and to make sure they are on the same timeline as what was in place in the past with Sharon. 3) Make sure our reauthorization goals align with their goals and strategic plan.
- Our theme from the year for project work, provocations, inspiration, etc is BLOOMING IN COMMUNITY
- I have not yet connected with the appraiser and I know I MUST this week- all of my time at work (and much outside of "work") has been spent ensuring we would be fully and expertly staffed

### **2. Update on Strategic Plan Implementation**

#### **Curriculum-**

Instructional staff had our kick off day today. It was an incredible day of learning and alignment. You can review the slide decks [here](#) and [here](#).

#### **Today, we did the following:**

- Co-constructed some meaning around what it means to BLOOM in COMMUNITY
- Recommitted to and did a very close read of our Common Purpose (vision) and Core Values document
- Ensured are common purpose and core values aligned with GRCDC's goals and strategies for the year (walking our talk)
- Spent time within team determining how the team structure can best support the work of the year

**Culture:**

Our deep focus going into the new year is equity through Tier 1 fidelity. We will be focusing heavily on a few specific tier 1 strategies for SEL:

- Morning Meeting and Closing Circle
- Interactive Modeling and Positive Adult Language
- Classwide Problem Solving Conference
- Conscious Discipline SCHOOL FAMILY routines and structures (meaningful jobs, visual schedule, children and families reflected in the environment, celebration corner and class ritual)

We are planning a return to community meetings this fall, but mindful that COVID level is medium right now in our county, so we are determining a plan that separates K-2 and 3-5 at least for the first half of the year

This year, we will be returning to the 5th Grade Leadership priority, with 5th graders being able to apply for and perform a number of meaningful jobs schoolwide- such as safety patrol and lunch distribution.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

- Considering back door cameras shared with the EDC

**3. Direct Action Updates:**

- Sana and I met and she is heading up and forming a committee to direct our planning for outdoor classroom space.

4. **Facilities Update-** Brick work happening this week. Painting in the bathrooms.

5. **Finance Updates-** Audit is THIS WEEK

12.	Family Team Report	6:33	Report
Business			
13.	Old Business (previously moved) .1 N/A		Action
14.	New Business .1 .1 Approval of P. Strom to GRCDC BOARD- approved by GRPS on 7/18/22- OATH of Office Stephen motioned to approve & Anne seconded.	6:33	Action
Closing			
15.	Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) Sana asked about Monkey pox. Lisa shared that we will have a monkey pox response plan.		Comment

16. Adjourn Anne motioned to adjourn & Stephen seconded it.	Name	6:41	Action
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**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