

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, September 12th, 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	6:04	Action
2. Roll Call .1 Present: KD, AG, TL, PS, AS, AJ, ST, Exec Dir. LN .2 Absent: .3 Guests: Sana Amash	Abby		Action
3. Approval of Agenda 1st- AG 2nd- KD All- yes	Abby		Action
4. Approval of Minutes 1st- AJ 2nd- TL All- yes	Abby		Action
5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) - Some discussion about how many staff students are out for sickness currently. How the beginning of the school year is going.		6:06	Comment
Reports from the Board			
6. President's Report - Need to schedule board retreat - Need to figure out who is on what committee - Tentatively came up with Sept 28th from 5:30 to 7:30pm - Tentatively food from Luna - Several parents are interested in committees. Abby has these names. - All board members need to sign volunteer form (can do on Skyward? Or e-mail Rachel for a electronic copy) - Still need lunch volunteers.	Abby	6:08	Report

<p>7. Executive Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Made up of officers - Abby, Anne, Kevin, Amelia - Only meet if needed 	Anne	Report
<p>8. Finance Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No new business 	Kevin	
<p>9. Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facebook introduction of board members - Better board website with our pictures and bios - Amelia will start by introducing herself and board meeting invitation beginning of October. 	Amelia	
<p>10. Ad Hoc Committee Reports</p> <p>.1 Leader Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Philip needs to be trained - need to meet in October to decide on Lisa's goals for the year. <p>.2 Marketing/Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teacher pictures done - bookmarks done - teacher pictures folder - two teachers have uploaded pictures. - needs to meet with Lisa about new trifold prior to Expo - GRPS expo dates not planned yet. - Travis missed last meeting. Asked what is going on with new website? Need a new meeting to talk about this. <p>.3 Strategic Planning and Reauthorization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No new update - have a meeting at the end of the month. Will give an update at the planning retreat. - Board that parent's wrote on during orientation is at Abby's house - she will send a picture of it to that committee. 	All	6:25 Report
Reports to the Board		
<p>11. Executive Director's Report</p> <p>Current Significant Updates or Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finished screening interviews for the SEL interventionist position. 16 candidates, 7 screeners, 3 will be invited to in person interview - REALLY smooth, good start to the school year - So far our COVID protocols seem to be at the right spot- we are fully following CDC/MDHHS guidelines now, with the addition of a COVID positive student or staff member having a negative Rapid test if returning before day 10 of isolation 	Lisa	6:31 Report

- Need PCR to come back to school if have symptoms. Harder to get this due to government grants ending.
- Our enrollment is at 287 right now, highest it has ever been (full enrollment is 288).

2. Update on Strategic Plan Implementation

Curriculum-

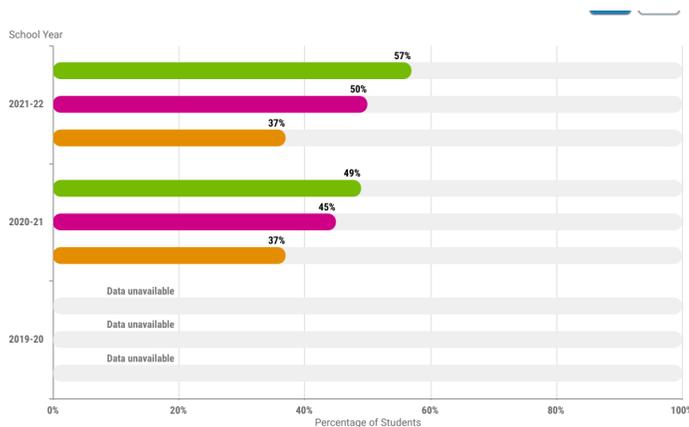
Preliminary Overview of our MSTEP data (greater analysis to come)

OVERVIEW OF OUR MSTEP DATA

green= GRCDC pink= schools with similar demographics

orange=the state of MI

All Students in All Subject Areas Combined



CONTEXT:

- GRCDC is 20 pts above state average
- GRCDC is 8 points above our 2021 average

Comparitively:

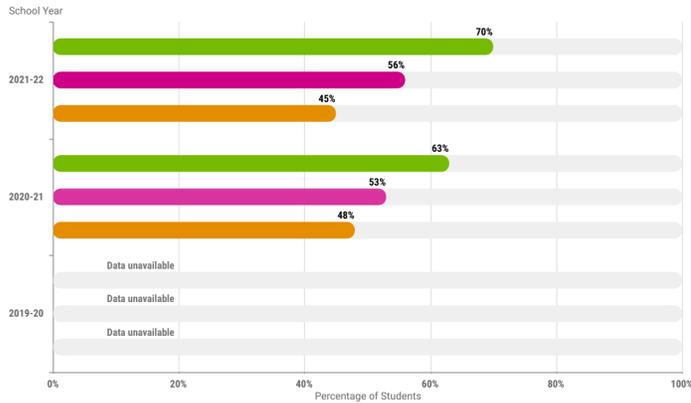
North Park Montessori- GRPS: 40% (GRCDC 17 points above)

CA Frost-GRPS: 43% (GRCDC 14 points above)

River City- NHA: 11% (GRCDC 32 points above)

Breton Downs- EGRPS: 65% (GRCDC 8 points lower)

All Students English Language Arts:



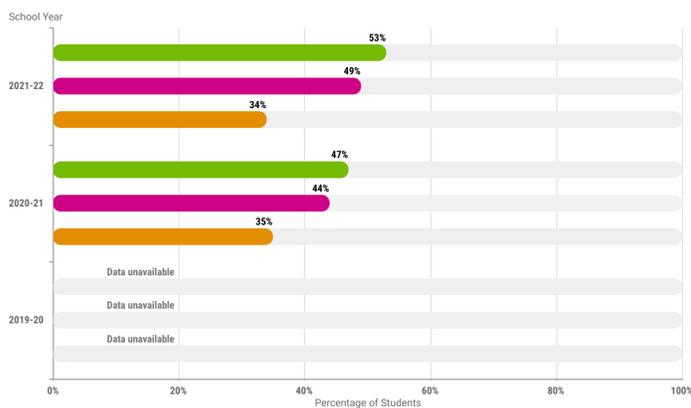
CONTEXT:

- GRCDC is 25 points above the state average
- GRCDC is 7 points above our 2021 average

Comparitively:

North Park- GRPS: 56% (GRCDC 14 points higher)
 CA Frost- GRPS: 55% (GRCDC 15 points higher)
 River City- NHA: 19% (GRCDC 51 points higher)
 Breton Downs- EGRPS: 73% (GRCDC 3 points lower)

All Students Math:



CONTEXT:

- GRCDC is 19 points above the state average
- GRCDC is 6 points above our 2021 average

Comparitively:

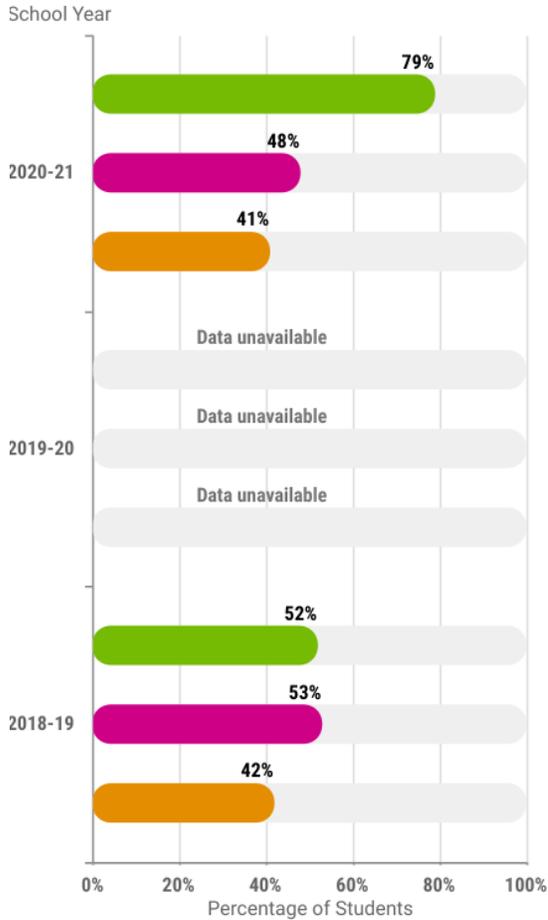
North Park- GRPS: 27% (GRCDC 26 points higher)
 CA Frost- GRPS: 35% (GRCDC 18 points higher)
 River City- NHA: 8%(GRCDC 45 points higher)
 Breton Downs- EGRPS: 63% (GRCDC 10 points lower)

Students who are making progress towards proficiency overall or increasing their score from the previous year

Progress Summary



Percent of students who are making progress towards proficiency or increasing their proficiency in all subjects on the state tests.



Key:

CONTEXT:

- GRCDC 38 points above the state average
- GRCDC 27 points above our average in the previous measured year (2019)
- **Comparitively**

North Park-GRPS: 46% (GRCDC 33 points above)

CA Frost- GRPS: 27% (GRCDC 52 points above)

River City- NHA: 21% (GRCDC 58 points above)

Breton Downs EGRPS: 63% (GRCDC 16 points above)

All in all, good news, especially in context of the national news we are hearing about the impact of COVID on learning and test scores

Culture:

- 5th graders are applying for their schoolwide jobs this week. All classrooms have “classroom” jobs but 5th graders can do a job application for a schoolwide job. Lisa posted job descriptions. Had an assembly of 5th graders to discuss this today. They are excited about this.
- With the grant I received from WMLA (West Michigan Leadership Academy), I will be attending a 3 day Conscious Discipline training in October. The rest of the grant will be used to partner with a consultant to inventory and revise our SEL strategies with a lens of cultural responsiveness.
- Our first SEL data round will be at the end of this month
- We have begun collecting [SEL walkthrough data](#) based on teacher actions, student actions, and environmental conditions we would see that would support the development of each individual CASEL competency (**self awareness, self regulation**, social awareness, social skills, responsible decision making) - only focusing on those in bold currently.
- Teachers are going to do Peer to Peer walkthroughs

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

- Parking lot work completed in staff and parent parking lot
- Doors being replaced in October.

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.
- Sana will call a committee meeting for this.

4. Facilities Update

- Elevator will be scheduled summer 2023

<p>- Bumpy transition as the last custodian left with a lot undone. Mr. Trevor was very helpful during this time.</p> <p>- Andre Earles has begun work as our new custodian. While there is a significant learning curve to this position (Mr. Trevor training), many parts of the school are cleaner than they have been in years. We are lucky to have Andre, or Mr. Dre, with us. If you see him, please give him some encouragement!</p> <p>5. Finance Updates- Audit is complete in draft form. We will have the presentation next month</p> <p>Kevin asked about valuation for the building - Lisa will update the strategy committee about this.</p>				
12.	Family Team Report (Quarterly)			Report
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update today - Jonathan Kloote is still a rep. For the family team. Kelly was hired as a parapro and trying to find someone to take over her Family Team role but has not found anyone yet. 			
Business				
13.	Old Business (previously moved)		6:52	Action
	.1 N/A			
14.	New Business			Action
	.1 N/A			
Closing				
15.	Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes)			Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sana asked about board member pictures on the website. - Lisa will talk to the guy who did staff headshots about doing this. Needs him to do new staff photos already. - Asked about what kind of photos Stephen wants in the teacher photos folder. Basically anything that would look good in a brochure/yearbook. 			
16.	Adjourn	Abby	6:59	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- Anne Jbara AJ

Treasurer- Kevin Davis- KD

Secretary- Amelia Grayson- AG