

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 April 8th, 2024

Posting Address: 409 Lafayette Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Location: Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center

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This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item "Public Comment"

Agenda	Person	Time	Purpose
Opening			
1. Call to Order	Travis	6:08	Action
2. Roll Call .1 Present: TL, AG, AS, PS, DM, JB, Lisa Nuyens. .2 Absent: ST, KD, CMK .3 Guests: none	Travis		Action
3. Approval of Agenda 1st- AS 2nd- DM All- aye	Travis		Action
4. Approval of Minutes 1st- AS 2nd- JB All- aye	Travis		Action
5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) No public tonight		6:08	Comment
Reports from the Board			
6. President's Report Stephen is not here	Travis	6:09	Report
7. Executive Committee Report Nothing to report.	Anne		Report
8. Finance Committee Report Kevin not here - nothing to report	Kevin		
9. Secretary's Report Nameplate ordered - not here yet.	Amelia		
10. Ad Hoc Committee Reports- .1 Marketing/Advertising- Travis - no report	All	6:10	Report

- .2 Strategic Planning Committee- Phil - no report
- .3 Reauthorization- NA
- .4 Evaluation/Leadership- Abby
 - Had to reschedule a meeting
 - Still planning to do a closed session after May meeting (review Lisa's self ratings, ask any questions) and June Meeting (finalize board rating and give Lisa feedback) - both shorter than in the past.
- .5 Policy- Travis - none to report.

Reports to the Board

11. Executive Director's Report Lisa 6:12 Report

Current Significant Issues:

- Successful portfolio day!
- The spring survey is going awesome so far, 118 respondents representing 151 children (out of 285 children) - please make sure your family has taken the survey. Computers set up to take survey on portfolio day got 20 people to do the survey.
- I have been working for a few months with NCSI on admin guidelines to compliment our policies, this should be complete by the end of the year

Continuous Improvement Plan:

- Updated data day today - beginning of the 3rd cycle
- [Deck from data day](#)
- Sarah and Lisa will present this to the board at next meeting. Things are moving in a good direction - reading, math and SEL..

Committee Updates:

Finance- We had a meeting the week before spring break. Moved meeting to Wednesday mornings. So far, everything looks good- no surprises. We are working on next year's budget

Facilities- Need to fix drain in staff parking lot. \$2500 dollars from maintenance budget. Will also patch asphalt when fix the drain.

Evaluation-

I have communicated monthly "Dialogue with the Director" dates for the remainder of the year-
Still upcoming:

- April 4/11 after community meeting 8:45-9:30 am
- May 5/20 from 6 to 7pm

I will have my draft of my self eval next meeting. We need to reschedule a meeting of the committee.

Marketing and Tech- none from me

Safety committee (this is a parent/school based committee, not a board committee): Working on door prop alarms

Strategic Planning-

Dawn and Libby have confirmed that they are incorporating feedback into the SOAR report. Draft of strategic plan to Lisa this week. One of the overarching asks was to re-look at the information from this lens:

- GRCDC is a school district
- GRCDC is a non-profit
- GRCDC is a school

Equity Strategic Planning:

The equity strategic planning team has designed a professional learning process around our new vision that centers equity in our learning - this will be shared with full staff tomorrow in preparation of designing next year's professional learning calendar this spring

Curriculum:

- Applied for a grant for Literacy professional development. 1 year grant.
- Looking into a new writing curriculum, eventually will look into the social studies curriculum (currently use State of Michigan curriculum) and science curriculum in years to come..
- Travis - how does it work for board to approve new curriculum?
- Lisa - curriculum committee will go through the process to pick a curriculum, Sarah will present curriculum to the Board and explain why curriculum was picked, Lisa will make a recommendation prior to board vote.
- Doug - how can the board help with adopting curriculum faster? Appropriate funds, board finding science and social studies curriculum important and wanting to fund them when found. Targeted fundraising for curriculum use.

- Pick this up in finance committee?
- What is our deficiency between school funding and what our current curriculum/intervention costs once ESSR funds are gone? Lisa should have this number by next meeting. Should also have draft of strategic plan by then.

Moving Forward:

- Marketing meeting to plan for advertising/celebrating our grade from the state and standing with US News?

End of the year celebration - can be hard for some kids with neurodiversity. Is there a way to do a low sensory experience for those who need it?

Abby - really appreciated how Ms. Trout did portfolio day.

12.	Family Team Report (Quarterly) Not tonight			Report
Business				
13.	Old Business (previously moved) .1 N/A		7:03	Action
14.	New Business .1 N/A 1st- 2nd- All- .2 1st- 2nd- All-			Action
Closing				
15.	Public Comment (Please limit comments to 3-5 minutes) No public			Comment
16.	Adjourn	Abby	7:03	Action

School Leadership:

Executive Director- Lisa Nuyens LN

Pedagogista- Sarah Cooper- SC

GRPS Liaison:

Matthew Beresford

Members at Large:

Abby Sutter - AS

Justine Burdette- JB

Courtney Myers-Keaton- CMK

Philip Strom - PS

GRCDC Board Members:

Executive Committee-

President- Stephen Tanner - ST

Vice President- Travis LaFluer - TL

Treasurer- Kevin Davis- KD

Secretary- Amelia Grayson- AG