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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

April 4, 2017

Regular Board Meeting

2017 Staff Recognition

April 26, 2017

Wednesday

Dakota Room | 3:45 p.m.

1300 145th Street East | Rosemount, MN 55068

35 Years

Claudette Lamprecht
Ann Kalgren

30 Years

Scott Teskey
Trina Waller
Dorinda Haasneet

25 Years

Adam Rachun
Linda Cornelius
Mary Weiland
Jennifer Klaustermeyer

20 Years

Patricia Eldred
Erin Hale-Sanford
Heather Stoesz
Andrew Evans
Barb Schmitz
Val Whitner

15 Years

Cherie Nelson
Fran Wood
Gretchen Bocherer

10 Years

John Christiansen
Wendi Renken
Cindy Hansen
Dawn Epps
Diana O'Neil
Cathleen Mattice
Susan Fox
Kathleen Smith
Pam Garretson
Dan Cater
Lori Klein
Kelli Proulx

Retirees

Val Whitner
Kitri Kylo
Alice Morris
Berdetta Long

Additional Recognition Awards

Door Prizes & Raffles Dinner & Refreshments

Please RSVP

Linda Berg at

linda.berg@isd917.k12.mn.us or
651-423-8214 by 4/19/17

Menu

Corn Chips & Salsa
Flour Tortillas
Corn Chips
Chipotle Chicken
Beef Taco

Seasoned Black Beans
Cheese | Lettuce
Pico de Gallo
Homemade Salsa
Sour Cream
Jalapenos
Hot Sauces



PERSONNEL

Personnel: *New Hires:* Troy Christiansen, Classroom Assistant, effective April 3, 2017. Kali Janssen, Classroom Assistant, effective April 3, 2017. Kristen Mulraney, Administrative Assistant, effective April 10, 2017. Alyssa Nelson, Classroom Assistant, effective March 6, 2017. Lisa Ruhland, Classroom Assistant, effective March 13, 2017. Bobbie Jo Szulim, Health Associate, effective March 13, 2017. *Change in status:* Joan Asmus, Licensed School Nurse, continue at 1.0 FTE (185 days, 8 hours per day) effective August 28, 2017, for the 2017-2018 school year only. Ashley Fischer, Special Education Teacher, medical leave request effective March 9, 2017, with an expected return date of April 10, 2017. Teresa Kane, Classroom Assistant, medical leave request effective March 12, 2017, with an expected return date of April 11, 2017. Caroline Peterson, Sign Language Interpreter, maternity disability leave effective on or about July 1, 2017, with an expected return date of September 25, 2017. MiKayla Sanocki, Physical Therapist, increase from 113 days per year (.6 FTE) to 186 days per year (1.0 FTE) effective August 25, 2017. *Resignations and Terminations:* Erin Billig, Classroom Assistant, effective February 17, 2017. Saige DeFlorin, Special Education Teacher, effective June 9, 2017. Kali Janssen, Classroom Assistant, effective April 4, 2017. Paul Roush, Program Assistant, effective March 24, 2017.

Calendar Information

April 18, 2017 - 4:30 PM, School Board Work Session, 917 Board Room

April 26, 2017 - 3:45 PM, 917 Staff Recognition Program, Dakota Room at DCTC

April 28, 2017 – 1:00 PM, DCALS Student of the Quarter, Dakota Room

May 2, 2017 - 5:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room

May 9, 2017 – 6:00 PM, DCALS Student of Distinction, Dakota Room

May 25, 2017 - 12:30 PM, Graduation, Lebanon Education Center, 4800 149th Street, Apple Valley

June 2, 2017 - 11:30 AM, DASH Graduation, Henry Sibley High School, 1897 Delaware, Mendota Heights, Room 119

June 6, 2017 - 12:30 PM, Graduation - Alliance Education Center, 14300 Biscayne, Rosemount

June 6, 2017 - 1:00 PM, DASH & PACES Graduation, Lakeville North High School, Room 248

June 6, 2017 - 5:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room

June 7, 2017 - 12:30 PM, TESA Graduation, DCTC, Dakota Room

June 7, 2017, 2:00 PM, DCALS North Graduation, 150 E. Marie Street, WSP

June 7, 2017, 7:00 PM, DCALS Graduation, DCTC

June 8, 2017, 10 AM, D/HH Preschool Graduation, Gym, Early Learning Services Center, Diamondhead Education Center, 202 W. Burnsville Parkway

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to *Carol Kurten, Program Assistant*, on the passing of her father *Ian Dellar*. Ian was 79 years old and passed away of lung cancer.



Baby Congratulations!

*Congratulations to **Michelle Vollbrecht, Special Ed Teacher at McGuire Middle School, and her husband Drew** on the birth of their daughter **Emmalyn Ann**. Emma was born on March 23, 2017, at 5:44 PM, weighing 7 lbs., 4 oz, and 20 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great!*



Happy Spring!

MOTIONS, REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Motion passed approving the Temporary Employee Report.
- Motion passed approving the revised policy 6.76, Immunization Policy. Full copy available on the website at www.isd917.k12.mn.us, About, School Board, Policies.
- Melissa Schaller reported on the 2017-2018 Special Education Staffing.
- Resolution passed relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teaching contracts of probationary teachers. Full resolution can be found at www.isd917.k12.mn.us, About, School Board, Agendas.
- Motion passed to deny a leave of absence request.
- Motion passed to approve the ISD 917 Calendar for 2017-2018. Full copy available on the website at www.isd917.k12.mn.us.
- Discussion on removing the approval of the Treasurer to authorize the payment of bills prior to Board approval. A policy will be brought to the Board at the May Board meeting.
- Discussion on 100's policy revisions and deletions.
- Discussion on revised Superintendent Performance Evaluation Instrument.

Teacher of the Spring Quarter—Kaitlin Adams

Congratulations to Kaitlin Adams, Social Worker at Alliance Education Center on being presented with the Teacher of the Spring Quarter! Simply put, Kate is awesome!

Kate's positive energy and enthusiasm for her work is amazing. She channels all of her energy into meeting the needs of students, families, and staff on a daily basis. Some of the tasks on Kate's enormous to-do list include: Group and individual sessions with students; Classroom lessons on healthy relationships; Collaborating with Dakota County Social Services for Crisis intervention/response; Truancy diversion; Family and child resources; Anger Replacement Therapy groups; PBIS leadership; Coordinating work experience opportunities and resources for students; Organization of building activities; Fund-raising;

SMART moves training and implementation; and PCM trainer. Kate gives her all each and every day for the students at Alliance and is so very valuable to everyone she works with. She goes above and beyond and has established herself as a vital member of the Alliance team. Kate is also finishing her Master's Degree in Social Work.



Employee of the Spring Quarter—Richelle Gernes



Congratulations to Richelle Gernes, Administrative Assistant at Lebanon Education Center, on being present with the Employee of the Spring Quarter! Richelle does so much that is beyond her job description. She helps plan and participates in staff activities, and she takes time each day to read a novel with one of the high school students. Students will work hard to earn the chance to have lunch with her. She also helps with planning school-wide activities for the students. Richelle is an integral part of what is happening in the building. Congratulations Richelle!

GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- We have begun to receive and incorporate some of new technology items that were ordered as part of our upgrade. We have installed the new IMac computers in our Graphics program, new HP desktops in our Computers program, e-readers in our DCALS English classroom, and our Chromebook carts within our ALC programs. As more items come in we will anticipate a full implementation over the next few weeks.
- Over break we were fortunate to have new carpet installed in four DCALS main campus classrooms. This was done as part of the DCTC campus overall bonding projects. Two of the classrooms will house our new computers and study lab.
- Students from our North DCALS program had the opportunity to tour WCCO TV-4 station on March 16th. Students heard from marketing director about all the processes involved in the stations broadcasting. They received a behind the scenes tour of the studios and heard about all the career opportunities available in news media.

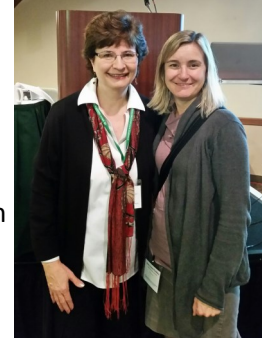


- Secondary Principal **Eric Van Brocklin** attended the ACTE National Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. in mid-March. Highlights of the trip included a visit to the Swiss Embassy where we heard from representatives of Buhler Corporation and the Buhler Apprenticeship Academy. Buhler is a Swiss company that has a plant in Plymouth, MN. We heard from the Apprenticeship director and a young lady who is currently taking part in the program. We also heard about the overall Swiss model of apprenticeship programming for all young people in Switzerland. We also spent two days on Capital Hill meeting with **Sen. Klobuchar's office, Rep. Lewis, Rep. Paulsen, and Rep. Duffy of NW WI.**
- Congratulations! The application for **917 Technical Careers Academy** has been received and reviewed. This partnership between **Dakota County Area Learning Center** and **Dakota County Technical College** is approved through the 2019-2020 school year. Your program will need to re-apply by March 1, 2020. The Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Act provides funding for students enrolled in state-approved Early/Middle College programs to access developmental courses [Minnesota Statutes 124D.09, subd 9(b)]. In order to receive PSEO funding, your students must complete and submit the **PSEO Early/Middle College Program Notice of Student Registration**. We have begun discussions with DCTC on how we best market this to our students



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Recently, **Amy Rowley** who was the subject of case law as a child that shaped the FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education) standard in special education visited Minnesota to be a keynote speaker at a law conference. The Rowley case centered around sign language interpreting services. **Kitri Larson Kylo** had the honor of providing Amy's transportation to and from the airport.



- Eddy Perry**, a 12th grade student at St. Thomas Academy, currently supported by **Ann Mayes**, ISD 917 Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, was honored this weekend at *The Sanneh Foundation's Gala 4 Goals*. Eddie has volunteered with **Taylor Thomas**, ISD 917 Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, at The Sanneh Foundation's soccer camp for youth who are deaf/hard of hearing that Emily Manson (St. Paul Public Schools Teacher of D/HH), with the assistance of Ms. Thomas, has organized for the last four summers. On Saturday, February 25, Eddy was given the *2017 Most Inspirational Award* for his commitment to empowering students who are hard of hearing and deaf through his strong leadership and soccer skills. He is a tremendously talented young man and will be the FIRST Division 1 soccer player in history with a cochlear implant at Depaul University next year. The pictures below are of Eddy receiving his award from **CEO Tony Sanneh**, the former professional soccer player for the LA Galaxy (courtesy of the Sanneh Foundation). Congratulations and way to go, Eddy!



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- On Friday, March 16 just prior to St. Patrick's Day, learners arrived at school to see that a very mischievous leprechaun had played naughty tricks in ISD 917 D/HH Teacher **Amy Granger's Deaf/Hard of Hearing** classroom. The learners were nearly jumping out of their skin so excited to discover he had tipped over and tied up chairs with green crepe paper ribbon, moved learners' desks, shrunken their cups, spilled items, and left green footprints everywhere, but was nice enough to leave chocolate coins on the learners' desks and under the 'rainbow' in the classroom!



- Congratulations to **Greg Waletski**, ISD 917 Sign Language Interpreter, for recently earning national certification as a sign language interpreter! Greg has served learners in the ISD 917 Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program at Century Middle School and Lakeville North High School this year.
- On Tuesday, March 7th, a contingency of staff and students attended MOFAS day at the Capitol. The students and staff went to show their support of, and the need for increasing awareness of the effects of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).
- On Tuesday, March 16th, **Kristi Sellwood** from Metro Transit came to Alliance to speak to high school students about accessing and using public transportation successfully and safely. The information she shared was excellent and so exciting that a group of students and staff are planning a field trip to practice using the bus and light rail system.
- The week of March 20-26 was Spirit Week at Alliance! Students showed their spirit by dressing in the following ways:

Monday	Pajama Day
Tuesday	Jersey/Hat Day
Wednesday	Costume Day/Super Hero Day
Thursday	Dress Like Mr. Saintey Day
Friday	Patriotic Day (Red, White, & Blue)

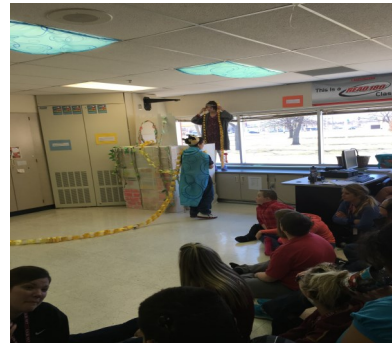
GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- On Tuesday, March 21st, staff from Alliance served customers at the Rosemount Culver's. Culver's graciously offered to partner for a fundraising opportunity. A percentage of all proceeds earned during the 5:00-7:00 hours were donated to Alliance to enhance opportunities for our students.
- Each year the New Chance program at the Juvenile Services Center have a luncheon with their families and other professionals in their lives. This year school staff coordinated with county staff to create an event for the Riverside program. For the first time at Riverside, parents were invited into the school area for a dinner and student presentations. For their presentations, students researched someone who had an impact in the civil rights movement or significance in African-American history. In **Ms. Boehmer's** class, they researched and developed a presentation. County staff prepared a meal for the students, their families, and other significant people in their lives to enjoy. It was a fabulous evening for everyone who attended. Family members stated how proud of their child they were and witnessed all their hard work. For the first time, this was an opportunity for family members and other people involved in the students' lives see them doing something positive and showing pride in their projects. Since this event was so positive for students and their families, county staff, and teaching staff, a barbeque is in the works for this spring/summer.
- **Becky Hague**, teacher in the SUN program at Cedar, recently took her early elementary aged students to the fire station as part of their social studies curriculum on community services. As you can tell from the picture, the students have been practicing raising their hands and waiting to be called on.



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- The staff and students from **Maureen Sullivan's** and **Kim Martin's** Cedar SUN classrooms wrote and performed their own version of the Rapunzel fable. They had a great time putting the play on for other staff and students in the program.




- Staff at Lebanon Education Center have been organizing regular staff events so they can come together for activities not related what is happening during the work day. One group planned, cooked and served a meal at the Ronald McDonald House. Several staff participated in the Polar Plunge. (Left to right in the group photo: **Caitlyn Fitzgerald, Brian Moga, Robbie Menge, Caitlyn Haring, Kyleen Harms, Richelle Gernes, and Alex Buttedal.**) Prior to Spring Break, staff participated in a Cup Stacking Tournament. **Brittney Kneer** pulled out a come from behind victory over **Stephanie Adix** in the championship round. There are unfounded rumors that **Dave Stoll** cheated during his round by throwing one of **Matt Trainer's** cups to the other side of the gym.



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- There was a great turnout for the TESA caregiver support group. Attendees included 8 caregivers, and 2 students. The caregivers appreciated the dinner prepared by **Diana O'Neil** and her students in home living basics. The next meeting is set for Thursday, April 20th. The caregiver support group was organized by **Becky Zuehlke and Pat Arneson**.

- Student at LNHS PACES got a wonderful surprise earlier this month. One of the seniors on the basketball team at LNHS brought down t-shirts for each of the students. The students were excited about the shirt they received. 



- Student at LNHS DASH recently participated in ZOT Art. ZOT Art is a one of-a-kind product that offer individuals of all abilities an opportunity for creative expression through arts and mobility an assist in developing cooperation, problem solving, concentration, social interaction and self-esteem. The Zot Arts are designed so participants with limited movement or lack of fine motor skills can be successful in using what mobility they have to create, paint, draw and print. Students made pictures, cards and even a mother's day project utilizing ZOT Art. It was a great experience for all students and staff. **Claudette Lamprecht** got the idea while attending the ISD 917 Assistive Technology fair in January.

- Monday, March 20th the **40 & 8 Club, also known as La Societe des Quarante Hommes at Huit Chevaux**, made a \$1500 donation to the TESA Program to be used for the Spring Formal. For over 30 plus years, the 40 & 8 Club has been donating to the ISD 917 TESA Program for special events. The 40 & 8 have a tradition of promoting the well-being of veterans, widows and their children, and actively participating in selected charitable endeavors including programs that promote child welfare; ISD 917 TESA Program has been honored by them once again this year.



- Students in TESA will celebrate **Spring Formal** on Friday, April 28th from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Dakota County Technical College in the East Commons. This year's theme is "Hollywood". Students will start arriving at 5:30 p.m. and the Grand March will start at 6:00 p.m.

