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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES
April 10, 2018
Regular Board Meeting

10 YEARS BO YEARS DAVE RIPPELMEYER AMY ALEXANDER LOPEEN BOHNERT BRENDA SATHER DIAN ERICKSON MICHELLE VOLLBRECHT DENISE HORVATH JACKLYN PILLE GRETCHEN TOAY SHERILYN FRISQUE 25 YEARS CYNTHIA HOUGO JASON NORRING SHARON SEELIG RECOGNITION JOAN ABDULKADIR PATTI MATTOS LINDA BECKER PAMELA GREENGO 20 YEARS CAROL KURTEN PATRICIA PLADSEN ANN WENGELER DON WILLIAMS TRACY BIRTTNEN JENNIFER BAXTER NICOLLE ROUSH PAM SEVERSON TINA SHEPPARD ANN ALLEN SHANNON RASMUSSEN SCOTT ZEHNDER LINDA BERG DIANE JEFFRIES RETIREES 15 YEARS JOHN CHRISTIANSEN CLAUDETTE LAMPRECHT ANN MAYES SHARON SEELIG VICKIE BJERKE JACKLYN PILLE PAUL LANDWEHR DAVE RIPPELMEYER LAURA SCHWANZ JOHN BORUP DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLES DINNER & REFRESHMENTS PLEASE RSVP LINDA BERG AT LINDA.BERG@ISD917.ORG OR 651-423-8214 BY 4/18/18 FRESH BASIL & SUNDRIED TOMATOES: SERVED WITH A LIGHT LEMON SAUCE QUINOA & RICE PILAF PRIZES FRESH SPINACH WITH CRAISINS, POMEGRANATE GLAZED WALNUTS & SAUTEED GREEN BEANS W FOR BEST DRESSED TOASTED ALMONDS SUPER HEROS MANDARIN ORANGES: SERVED W/A CLEAR DESSERT BUFFET: FRESH FRUIT TARTS W/DARK POPPYSEED DRESSING CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE: SERVED W/FRESH ROLLS & BUTTER WHIPPED CREAM WATER SKIN-ON CHICKEN BREAST W/

PERSONNEL

New Hires: Holly Abel, Sign Language Interpreter, effective April 2, 2018. Jenny Cuttle, Classroom Assistant, effective April 3, 2018 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Bridget Kopp, Classroom Assistant, effective April 3, 2018. Autumn Lapinski, Classroom Assistant, effective March 21, 2018. Emily Nord, Classroom Assistant, effective April 3, 2018. Ellen Puff, Classroom Assistant, effective March 20, 2018. Kathryn Reuder, Classroom Assistant, effective April 2, 2018. Jeryn Waldera, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, effective July 1, 2018. Change in Status: Joan Asmus, Nurse, continue at 1.0 FTE effective August 27, 2018, for the 2018-2019 school year only. Caitlyn Haring, Program Assistant, medical leave request effective March 1, 2018, with an expected return date of 4/2/18. Resignations & Terminations: Carrie Bartel, Special Education Teacher, effective June 8, 2018. Michael Berneche, Classroom Assistant, effective March 29, 2018. Brenda Croell, Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, effective June 8, 2018. Haley Benson, Classroom Assistant, effective March 8, 2018. Theresa Bowlin, Special Education Teacher, effective June 8, 2018. Taylor Heitman, Classroom Assistant, effective February 7, 2018. David Johnson, Classroom Assistant, effective March 8, 2018. Alyssa McDonough, School Psychologist, effective June 8, 2018. Heather McElhatton, Speech Language Pathologist, effective June 8, 2017, contingent upon finding a suitable replacement. Kelly Nohelty, Special Education Teacher, effective June 8, 2018. Amanda Pagel, Licensed School Nurse, effective June 8, 2018. Richard Saintey, DAPE Teacher, effective June 8, 2018. Ashley Schaefer, Special Education Teacher, effective June 8, 2018. · Kendra Thompson, Program Assistant, effective April 12, 2018. Colleen Weis, Special Education • Teacher, effective June 8, 2018. Sarah Werner, • Interpreter, effective April 1, 2018. Retirements: Sharon Seelig, Health Associate, effective June 7, . 2018.

Calendar Information

April 25, 2018, 3:45 PM, 917 Staff Recognition Program, Dakota Room at DCTC
May 1, 2018, 5:00 PM, Regular School
Board Meeting, 917 Board Room
May 22, 2018, 6:00 PM, DCALS Student of
Distinction, Dakota Room, DCTC
June 1, 2018, Noon, Graduation, Cedar,
2140 Diffley Road, Eagan
June 1, 2018, 1:00 PM, Graduation, Lebanon Education Center, 4800 149th Street,
Apple Valley

June 5, 12:45 PM DASH Graduation, Lakeville North High School, 19600 Ipava Ave. West, Lakeville, Room 248

June 12, 2018 - 5:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room

June 6, 2018 - 12:30 PM, TESA Graduation, DCTC, Dakota Room

June 6, 2018 - 2:00 PM, DCALS North Graduation, 150 E. Marie, West St. Paul June 6, 2018 - 7:00 PM, DCALS Graduation, DCTC

June 12, 2018—5:00, Regular School Board Meeting, DCTC, 917 Board Room



Donations were made in the amount of \$752. Full copy available on the website at www.isd917.org, under About, School Board, and School Board Agendas.

MOTIONS, REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Motion passed approving the Temporary Employee Report.
- The Board reviewed the Accounts Receivable Aged Invoice Report.
- Resolution passed relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teaching contracts of probationary teachers. Full resolution can be found at www.isd917.org
 About, School Board, Agendas.
- Motion passed to approve the ISD 917 Calendar for 2018-2019. Full copy available on the website at www.isd917.org.
- Motion passed approving the name of the new 917 building located in Inver Grove Heights to **Concord Education Center**.
- Report was tabled to the May 1 Board meeting on the revenue source options for enrollment driven staffing for IDEA, SUN, and TEA programs and support staff for adding new facility.
- Motion passed approving the new facility lease.
- Motion passed to offer the Superintendent's position to Mark Zuzek, subject to legal background check and a mutually agreed upon contract (to be voted on the May 1 board meeting.)

LEAD TEACHERS IN DCALS

Patty LaBeau Dakota County Area Learning School (Tech)
Erin Mahnke Dakota County Area Learning School (DCALS)
Don Williams Dakota County Area Learning School (North)

LEAD TEACHERS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Meghan Dobson IDEA and SUN, Alliance Education Center

Carmen Eaton YTP, Curriculum and Testing

Shanna Knutson School Psychology

Cathy Mattice SUN, Concord Education Center

Amanda Peters Anthony Louis, JSC, Options, PHD, Related Services, curriculum and

testing

Wendi Renken TEA, Lebanon Education Center

Shelli Vollbrecht DASH, PACES, TESA, and DCALS, Special Education



Teacher of the Spring Quarter—Janel Vrieze

Congratulations to Janel Vrieze, Special Education Teacher in the TESA Program, on being present with the Teacher of the Spring Quarter.

Janel is full of energy and excitement for each day as she teaches a variety of classes and lesson plans to several students, from vocational readiness to finance and budgeting. She is in the business of getting students ready to transition to adulthood whatever way she can! We are lucky to have Janet on the TESA staff here at DCTC. Congratulations Janel!



Employee of the Spring Quarter—Gretchen Toay

Congratulations to Gretchen Toay, Interpreter/Sign Language at Gideon Pond, on being present with the Employee of the Spring Quarter.

Gretchen is always hard-working and always offers to go the extra mile for her students and the teachers she works with. She is flexible and always steps up to help when there is a need for interpreter services within our program, no matter how busy she is. Gretchen plays an important role in the deaf/hard of hearing program as she provides access to information for our D/HH students in general education classes. She always displays a professional attitude and is well-respected by not only the D/HH students and teachers, but by the general education



teachers whose classes she works in as well. Gretchen understands the needs of our D/HH students and does an excellent job of clarifying and expanding information that is presented to our students in general education classes. Congratulations Gretchen!

GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- DCTC's electricians program, Mr. Ron Deutsch, has offered the Fundamental's class a mini basic electronics lab next quarter to be run by one of their work-study senior electrical students. This will tie in to the Fundamentals math in Physics unit next quarter. Lynn Morris-DCALS Math
- Fundamental Chef Training students and staff are planning for their final luncheon of the school year, which will be held on Wednesday May 9, 2018.

A Salute to Mothers Luncheon---\$12.00 per person

Wednesday May 9, 2018 in the Dakota Room at DCTC in Rosemount; starting at 10:45 AM:

Fresh Strawberry Salad of Seasonal Greens with rolls

Honey Dijon Roast Pork Loin with mashed sweet potatoes and fresh asparagus

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Coffee & a variety of hot teas

Reservation & payment due to Chef Patty or Darla by Monday 4-30-18.

Call Chef Patty or Darla at 651-423-8441 to reserve spaces.

• Dave Lord with Blackhawk Tile and Stone demonstrated tile setting and explained the potential of a high paying profession.



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GOOD NEWS—DCALS

On March 23rd the DCALS staff participated in a workshop provided by Argosy University in Eagan. The topic was "Generational Differences. Who are these People?" This presentation included a wide range of information related to how each member of the different generations now present in our workforce brings different challenges and perspective to our work environments. Argosy University provided this without cost to our staff and also provided us with a wonderful breakfast.

Cheery Nook Sidewalk Café
April 10, 11, 12 and 17, 18, 19
Serving times: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Lunch to Go- 10:30-1:30 p.m.
Call Cherry Cramer at 423-8225
Or Email: cherry.cramer@isd917.org



OPTION 1: CRANBERRY APPLE SALAD
Romaine & legeling Lettuce, Candied Walnuts,
Craisins, Parmesan Cheese, Apple Vinaigrette
Add chicken \$2.00

OPTION 2: SOUP AND PARMESAN BISCUIT
Beef Stew and Biscuit
White Chicken Chili and Biscuit

OPTION 3: SANDWICH AND FRIES
Grilled Macaroni and Cheese Sandwich
Choice of Rye or Sourdough Bread
Vegetable Wrap

\$5.00

Vegetable Wrap
 Roasted Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Carrots,
 Asparagus, Onion
 Add Chicken \$2.00

OPTION 4: MACARONI AND CHEESE \$5.00

\$5.00

\$3.00



OPTION 5: MOSTACCIOLI AND BREADSTICK



 Choice of Sauce: Sweet & Sour Sauce Honey Mustard Sauce Cheery Nook Sauce

OPTION 7: FRENCH FRIES AND DIP
Crinkle Cut French Fries
with Chipotle Ranch Dip and Ketchup

OPTION 8: DESSERT

❖ Monster cookies (3)

❖ Apple Twists (3)

❖ Ice Cream Sandwich

❖ Strawberry Lemonade
 ❖ Iced Tea

❖ Hot Tea
❖ Coffee
❖ Decaf Coffee
❖ Bottled Water

Turtle Sundae







GOOD NEWS—DCALS-Medical Careers

• We are turning up the heat in Medical Careers/ Nursing Assistant....lots of hands on skills, vital signs, such as blood pressure, temperature, pulse, respirations, height and weights. Understanding the importance of the vital signs, includes learning how to perform the skill accurately is critical, since the physicians and practitioners make their diagnosis, medication dosages, any follow-up tests, and any interventions that need to take place, based on the results the nurse or nursing assistant obtained. Students recognize the importance of this job skill for the safety of the patient. We also practice the skill of infection control with "gowning and gloving" to prevent spread of disease, especially with patients in isolation!



The Deaf/Hard of Hearing program at Gideon Pond put on fabulous productions of "Goodnight Moon" and "Peter Pan". The students did a fantastic job!







- Three Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing were accepted to attend the Literacy in Disabilities Camp this summer. The teachers received a scholarship from the Minnesota Department of Education to attend this week-long professional development in literacy. Congratulations to Amy Grainger, Kelsey Mlodozyniec, and Gubby Kubik!
- 88 Deaf/Hard of Hearing students from ISD 917 member districts and District 196 attended the 5th Annual Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students' Night Out. Students had their pictures taken with a Green Screen Photo Booth and played a lot of different board games. In addition, the students completed a community service project of making blankets for Minnesota Hands and Voices. These blankets are then given to families who have recently had a child identified with hearing loss. Students also had the opportunity to see a CART captionist in action. The event was a smashing success!















- Alliance Education Center took their annual trip to EkoBaken sledding hill. Over 2/3 of our students attend. It was a blast to see the students so excited for a fun day in the snow and just how tired they were when they came back from their day of fun!
- AEC had a very successful Valentine's Day candy-gram fundraiser. Students and staff participated in purchasing a BlowPop sucker with a friendship focused message. Suckers were purchased, labeled, and hand delivered by students in our SUN transition classroom.
- Recently, AEC celebrated the full-time transition back to his resident district for a 14 year old student of the IDEA program. He had been in the IDEA program since he was 7 years old!
 Everyone is so proud of his accomplishments. It was a bittersweet day for all staff that worked with him.
- CASE program teacher, Justin Hoelscher, applied for and received a grant from Education MN to develop a sensory garden. The sensory garden will allow students in the program to connect to science, sensory needs, and life skills. We look forward to watching this garden grow.
- Staff and students at Lebanon Education Center and Cedar School celebrated Spirit Week from March 19th through March 23rd. The event was organized by the student council. They set up a fun week with themed days, including Wacky Socks, Sports, Hats, Pajamas, and Class Colors. Lauren Dame, teacher, and Kayla Nelson, paraprofessional, scheduled daily events for the students and staff. The themed days at Cedar included Pajamas, Hawaiian, Animals, Wacky Dress, and Rainbow. On Friday, there were all school activities with kick ball and pig. They also had events for staff after school including Hungry Hippo, Don't Drop the Potato and Pin the Glasses on the Dave.
- Cedar students participated in the 2018 Cedar Winter Olympics which were held from February 14th through the 23rd. Events included scooter races, floor hockey, frisbee toss, longest jump, pin card, and "ski" races. Staff and students throughout the building participated. On

Friday, there was a closing ceremony with staff and students wearing the Olympic colors.

 Becky Hague's elementary SUN class at Cedar School took a break from their usual morning routine and made breakfast to get the day rolling. Sporting their class t-shirts, they created a feast of eggs, bacon, and cinnamon rolls. One student proclaimed it as "the best day ever"!



- Students in TESA will celebrate Spring Formal on Friday, April 27th from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Dakota County Technical College in the East Commons. This year's theme is "Music of the Decades." Students will start arriving at 5:30 p.m. and the Grand March will start at 6:00 p.m.
- Theresa Bowlin wrote and received a classroom grant from Education Minnesota for \$3000 to be used in the health and wellness class at TESA. With this grant, students have been able to attend workout out activities in the community, learn to prepare healthy meals, and use Fitbits to track movement.
- Jacob Nelson, a student in TESA from ISD 192, was featured on WCCO regarding an app that allows emergency responders knowledge of his disability and how to best interact with him. The link is the news story that ran about Jacob and the app.

http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/video/3816439-this-is-a-life-changer-new-app-helps-officers-interact-with-people-with-disabilities/

Carmen Eaton, Special Education Teacher at Anthony Louis, created a lesson on the pros
and cons of setting goals. The class evaluated and discussed the differences between setting
short term and long term goals. Students then created Vision Boards using magazine pictures and words to represent their short and long term goals. Each of the students did an
amazing job of representing what they would like to accomplish for the future.

