

Intermediate  
School  
District 917

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### ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

April 2, 2019

Regular Board Meeting

**THE GREATEST STAFF**

**2019 STAFF RECOGNITION CIRCUS**

**COME ONE, COME ALL  
UNDER THE BIG TOP!**

IN THE DAKOTA ROOM

**THURSDAY | MAY 9, 2019  
3:45 PM**

AT DAKOTA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
1300 145TH STREET EAST | ROSEMOUNT, MN 55068

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS  
SPECIAL ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS  
DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLES  
DINNER & REFRESHMENTS

PLEASE RSVP TO LINDA BERG AT  
LINDA.BERG@ISD917.ORG OR  
651-423-8214 BY 4/18/19

**917**  
DISTRICT INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL

## PERSONNEL

**New Hires:** Chad Brewer, Classroom Assistant, effective April 1, 2019 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Rachael Doffing, Classroom Assistant, effective March 13, 2019. Roselaine Jozamar-Inoussa, Classroom Assistant, effective March 4, 2019 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Patty Stanley, Sign Language Interpreter, effective April 1, 2019. Lori Wilson, Special Education Teacher, effective April 1, 2019 (from Classroom Assistant to Special Education Teacher). **Change in Status:** Mary Callister, Special Education/DAPE Teacher, intermittent leave effective February 27, 2019, through June 5, 2020. Stephanie Juenemann, Program Assistant, leave request effective on or about May 6, 2019, with an expected return date of August 29, 2019. Laura Schwanz, intermittent leave effective February 25, 2019, with an expected end date of June 30, 2019. **Resignations and Terminations:** Emma Mayes, Classroom Assistant, effective March 15, 2019. Kirsten Mulraney, Administrative Assistant II, effective March 29, 2019.

## Donations

Donation of \$200 from Dakota Electric (Value: \$200); donation of an insulated lunch bag with reusable bags and water canister from Lauren Kelly (Value: \$40.); donation of a spring gardening basket from Denise Horvath (Value: \$10.); donation of miscellaneous new household items from Carol Lundquist (Value: \$75.); donation of two \$25 gift certificates and four car washes from Holiday Gas Station in Inver Grove Heights (across from Concord Education Center) (Value: \$70.); donation of \$25 Target gift card from Diane Jeffries (Value: \$25). All donations to be used for staff recognition door prizes.

## Calendar Information

**April 16, 2019** – 4:30 PM, School Board Work Session

**May 7, 2019** – 5:00 PM, School Board Meeting

**May 9, 2019 – 3:45 PM, Staff Recognition Celebration, Dakota Room**

**May 21, 2019** – 6 PM – Career and Technical Student of Distinction, Dakota Room

**May 30, 2019** – Noon – Cedar Graduation, 2140 Diffley Road, Eagan

**May 31, 2019** – 10 AM Lebanon Graduation, 5800 149<sup>th</sup> St., Apple Valley

**June 4, 2019, 12-2:30, Alliance Graduations (IDEA/SUN/CASE) 14300 Biscayne, Rosemount**

**June 5, 2019** – 12:30 PM, TESA Graduation, DCTC Dakota room

**June 5, 2019** – 3:30 PM, DCALS North Graduation, 150 E. Marie, WSP

**June 5, 2019** – 7:00 PM, DCALS Graduation, Dakota Room

**June 11, 2019** – 5:00 PM, School Board Meeting



# Happy Spring!

## MOTIONS, REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Motion passed approving the Temporary Employee Report.
- Motion passed approving the 2019-2020 917 School Calendar.
- Resolution passed relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teaching contracts of probationary teachers.
- Motion passed approving the Superintendent's Salary for 2019-2020 in the amount of \$184,839 (which is 95% of the average member superintendents—minus the high and low salaries). Superintendent's salary for 2020-2021 shall be \$193,497 (which is 97.5% of the average member superintendents-minus the high and low salaries).
- Cory Langenfeld, IT Coordinator, reported on Technology in the District.

## Good News—DCALS

- The following was written in regards to **Stefanie Soukup, DCALS Physical Education and Health teacher**. Stefanie is a hockey referee for youth, HS, and college. She has worked the past few MN State HS Hockey Tournaments.

*Let's Play Hockey - Once in a while, a scenario comes into the OS mailbox which illuminates a shaving or two of civility that somehow still exists in our game.*

**Dear OS:**

*As a veteran Level 3 official at the age of 60, I've seen a lot of scenarios that have resonated with me, yet none more so than last week's high school state game which I was lucky enough to work with an experienced, young ref who I consider a friend and would probably have never met if not for hockey and officiating.*

*I'm a 60-year-old father of successful daughters, so when I meet women who officiate hockey, I'm so very proud of their accomplishments. In fact, my partner on this particular game was a woman, and her life lessons continued for me and others that evening.*

*During the contest, one player, a 15-year-old, told my partner to stick to woman's hockey. "That's where you should be," blurted out the teen, at which time he found himself glaring down the barrel of a progression that ended up with him being sent to the locker room. My partner quickly recounted the event to me as we rehashed the penalties and completed our paperwork on the way to the referees' room.*

*A couple of minutes later, "knock- knock," on the door. Amazingly, it was the coach along with his player coming to issue an apology to my partner. And this is what she said: "You don't know me, you don't know who I am and what I had to do to get to this point in my career as an official. You can't know how hard I had to work to be able to officiate at the highest levels of hockey, all the way to international competition. It's very difficult for women to be taken seriously, even though my passion for hockey is no different than yours. Yeah, we are all players, coaches and officials who love this game, and that is what binds us together as equals on and off the ice, so please remember that, not just in this moment, but going forward in life."*

*As a father of two daughters, I sat there smiling and brimming with pride as I watched this young lady hit the nail on the head in her response. Yes, she, along with the young man and his coach enjoyed the benefit of such a very important teachable moment.*

*OS, please consider publishing this as we don't see it often.*

*Thank you*

## Teacher of the Spring Quarter—Amanda Peters

**Congratulations to Amanda Peters, Special Education Teacher, on being presented with the Teacher of the Spring Quarter.**

Amanda demonstrates exemplary professionalism, compassion and tenacity. She serves as a leader for our district in assistive technology and brings many years of experience to the table both in the private and public sectors. Amanda has been pivotal in changing our approach to AT and in starting and implementing initiatives. I can't even imagine where we would be without her leadership. She tirelessly provides trainings for staff both in large groups and individually when needed. Regardless of how busy she might be, Amanda is always willing to take the time to assist others. As a teacher of the physically impaired, she provides outstanding programming to students, and actively solicits collaboration with other team members. Words cannot express my gratitude to Amanda for all that she brings to our staff and students!



## Employee of the Spring Quarter—Billie Edmonds

**Congratulations to Billie Edmonds on being presented with the 917 Employee of the Spring Quarter.**

Billie is a Classroom Assistant at Alliance and is a very welcoming and kind person. Billie is not shy and will always stand up for her rights! By that I mean.....Our rights!! She keeps up to date with our rights as paraprofessionals and helps keep the rest of the staff informed, as some of the staff do not attend our union meetings. Billie is a great co-worker and friend. Congratulations Billie!





## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

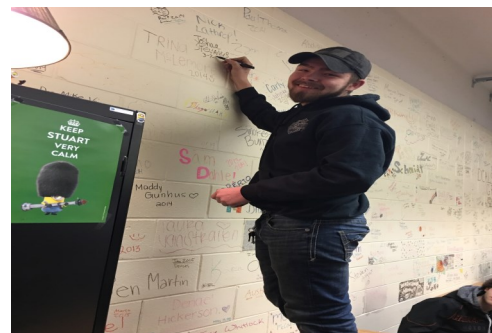
- Heavy Duty Truck student **Anthony Ventura** is in **Tom LeDoux's** 3rd shift. After much deliberation on a career path, Anthony went with UTI auto and is currently taking his ASE Air Conditioning Certification for 609 in class.
- On Tuesday, March 19th students from the DCALS main campus program visited and toured UW-River Falls Agriculture and Science programs. This has been an annual opportunity for our students. **Adam Rachuy** and **Erin Mahnke**, DCALS teachers brought the students to the campus.



- Carol Lundquist-teacher** and **Becky Rachuy-tutor** had their Medical Careers students show how happy they are to be part of ISD 917 CTE programs with this great photo. It was shared with our new social media outlet. **Supt. Zuzek** made an appearance as well.



- As spring approaches, more and more seniors are finishing their credits for graduation. Pictured here are **Josh Stevanus from Rosemount** and **Parker Hansen from Hastings**. They are signing the wall of graduates in **Erin Sanford's** room.



## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

Fundamental Chef Training Students present a  
Classical Dessert Buffet in the Central Commons at DCTC  
Thursday April 18, 2019 from 10:00 AM -1:00 PM

Offering:

Fill a sampler plate (single layer) for \$6.00

Fill a box for your Easter celebration \$14.00

Selections include:

tiramisu, cheesecake, raspberry butter bars, chocolate mousse shooters, eclairs, Key lime pie, specialty cookies, flourless chocolate cake, fresh strawberry pie shooters, and more creative selections.



For details contact: **Chef Patty or Darla @ 651-423-8441 OR [patty.labeau@isd917.org](mailto:patty.labeau@isd917.org)**

Thanks for your support of the Fundamental Chef Training program & students.

- **Rachael Opseth, counselor at DCALS North** took students from DCALS North to visit Saint Paul College. It was an awesome day! Attached are two pictures of our students touching "Grace" the fake human body!





## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- DCALS students conducted a Festival of Nations project in early March with the support of numerous staff members. They presented to each other and staff through projects and food examples.



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

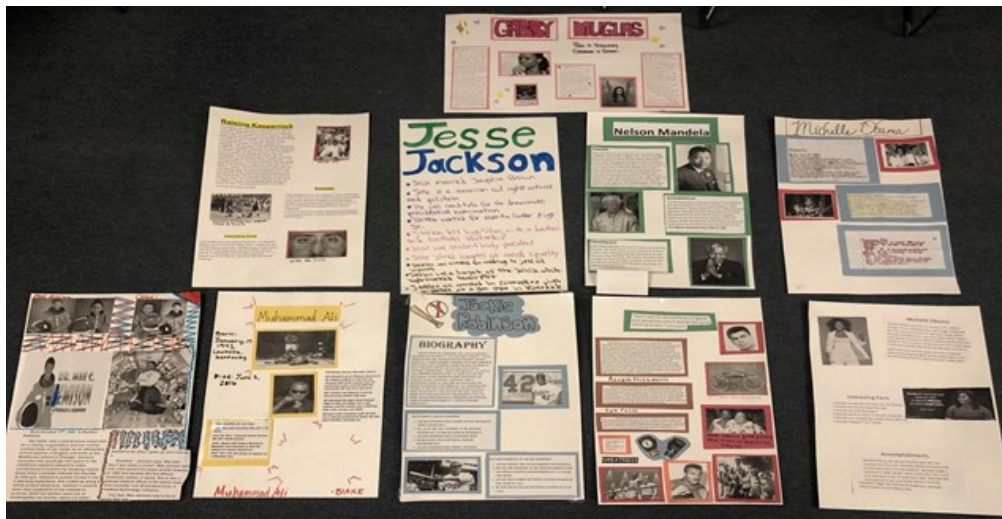
- Spring formal invite: Students in **TESA** will celebrate Spring Formal on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Dakota County Technical College in the East Commons. This year's theme is "An Enchanted Night" students will start arriving at 5:30 p.m. and the Grand March will start at 6:00 p.m.
- On Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> the students in TESA went to Apple Valley Place for their annual Extreme Bowling event. The students bowled a few games and were able to spend time socializing with one another. This was an exciting event in which students in TESA have been looking forward to all school year.
- **Cedar SUN** students traveled to the U of MN and visited the new Bell Museum. Students had an outstanding time touring the new facility and enjoyed all the interactive exhibits. Their favorites were the hands-on science lab and getting to pet a live snake. Another popular exhibit was the animated bird which mirrored their movements. Of course, they were all impressed with the woolly mammoth. Following the tour, the students took in the Phantom of the Universe show in the planetarium. For many students this was their first experience in a planetarium. Students learned a great deal about black space and the massive size of the universe.





## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- As part of PBIS, all of the classrooms at **Lebanon Education Center** participated in a video challenge. Each classroom needed to create a short video to teach what “Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible” (the 3 B’s) looks like for an area of the building (cafeteria, hallway, outside, restroom, sensory room, gym, arrival and dismissal). Students and staff will vote on which is the most creative, best demonstrated the 3 B’s, and overall favorite. The videos will be used to teach and review the expectations throughout the year.
- It was the annual Black History Month celebration at **Riverside and New Chance** on February 21-22nd. Students selected past and present people and topics that have impacted the abolishment of slavery, civil rights movement, equality rights, and activism. Students researched their topic and then presented it in either a digital presentation or as a front page of a newspaper. In the New Chance program, a luncheon is organized. Each student’s family, case-worker, and other supports in the community are invited to celebrate Black History Month and see each student’s presentation. In the Riverside program, parents are invited into the school at the Juvenile Services Center for a dinner. Parents are able to see the presentations and also tour the school. The luncheon and dinner provides an opportunity for the student and the supportive people in their life to share a meal and celebrate Black History Month!



- Congratulations to **Kelsey Funk, teacher of deaf/hard of hearing**, who is being awarded with other alumni from College of Education & Human Development (CEHD) at the University of Minnesota for the 2019 CEHD Rising Alumni Award. She is being recognized for early distinction in her career, demonstrating outstanding leadership, or showing exceptional volunteer service in her community at reception on April 18, 2019.

## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- On February 13, 2019, the ISD 917 Program for Students Who Are **Deaf/Hard of Hearing** held their first annual Deaf/Hard of Hearing Night Out at Concord Education Center. **Kelsey Funk and Taylor Thomas, itinerant teachers of deaf/hard of hearing**, provided leadership and organization for the event, securing donations as well as sign language interpreter and Communication Access Real-Time (CART) services. Check out these happy faces at the event which included deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing students at Concord Education Center, the resource programs at Gideon Pond Elementary School, Century Middle School, Lakeville North High School, and students who are in member districts and served by itinerant teachers. Teachers of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Deafblind Interveners, Sign Language Interpreters, and Assistants supported students. Fun was had by all!



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Concord Education Center held its school-wide bowling activity on Monday, March 18. DAPE teachers **Kristin Goeser** and **Keith Bartholomaus** organized the event to align with physical education standards and IEP goals and objectives. Classroom teacher **Hannah Radant** assisted with coordination of the event, and related service staff attended to support their students. The students had a great time!

