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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

August 15, 2017

Regular Board Meeting



ALL STAFF INSERVICE

August 31, 2017—8:00 AM

**Come early for Farmington Bakery Donuts and Coffee!
(Sponsored by the Teachers' Union and Interpreters' Union)**

Hosanna

**9600 163rd Street West
Lakeville**

Check the website at www.isd917.k12.mn.us for specific workshop dates

Welcome Back!



PERSONNEL: *New Hires:* Maren Aalgaard, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Donn Anderson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Jacob Bauer, Community Expert, effective August 24, 2017 (from Classroom Assistant to Community Expert). Tara Blackert, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 24, 2017. Brianna Donohue, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Billie Edmonds, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Kathleen Everson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Kim Fuerstenberg, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Kirstie Gabbert, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Thomas Garding, Community Expert, effective August 24, 2017 (from Classroom Assistant to Community Expert). Erica Golofski, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Ashley Graber, Custodian, effective July 10, 2017. Amina Grass, Health Associate, effective August 31, 2017. Danielle Hewitt, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Nicole Hird, Health Associate, effective August 31, 2017. Courtney Inman, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Robin Knight, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Andrea Kranz, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Maya Lawrence, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Lindsey Mahnesmith, Program Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Savanna Mead, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Jane Mehlhaff, Sign Language Interpreter, effective August 31, 2017. Andrea Menzia, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Dominique Moran, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Emily Payne, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Anjali Rao, Program Assistant, effective August 31, 2017 (from Student Assistant to Program Assistant). Briana Ruiz-Bruce, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Krista Swanson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Jocelyn Thompson, Program Assistant, effective August 31, 2017 (from Student Assistant to Program Assistant). Heather Webb, Community Expert, effective August 24, 2017 (from Classroom Assistant to Community Expert). Christina Wilkin, Community Expert, effective August 24, 2017 (from Classroom Assistant to Community Expert). Nicole Wolters, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Katey Zahn, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). *Rehires:* Lindsey Jackson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Debra Strese, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Matthew Trainer, Community Expert, effective August 25, 2017. *Change in status:* Michelle Dodge, Sign Language Interpreter, Lead/Mentor Interpreter stipend effective August 31, 2017, for the 2017-2018 school year only. Gretchen Toay, Sign Language Interpreter, Mentor Interpreter stipend effective August 31, 2017, for the 2017-2018 school year only. *Resignations and Terminations:* Alexander Arana, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 1, 2017. Jacob Guenther, Classroom Assistant, effective August 8, 2017. Karey Heim, Special Education Teacher, effective July 31, 2017. Erica Kline, Program Assistant, effective July 31, 2017. Shannon Lamppa, Classroom Assistant, effective July 11, 2017. Blake Mayes, Classroom Assistant, effective August 3, 2017. Samantha Perez, Classroom Assistant, effective August 3, 2017. Amber Regan, Classroom Assistant, effective August 15, 2017. Jacob Stone, Classroom Assistant, effective August 7, 2017. Brenda Tollefson, Speech Language Pathologist, effective August 14, 2017. Natalie Weierke, Program Assistant, effective August 14, 2017. Janie Yang, Classroom Assistant, effective August 3, 2017.

Calendar Information

August 30, 2017—4:30—6:30 PM, Gideon Pond Elementary Meet-n-Greet



August 31, 2017, 3-7 PM, Lebanon Open House, 5800 149th Street, Apple Valley

August 31, 2017 - 3-7 PM, Cedar Open House, 2140 Diffley Road, Eagan

August 31, 2017—3:30—7:30 PM, Alliance Open House, 14300 Biscayne, Rosemount

September 4, 2017—Labor Day— No School for Staff or Students

September 5, 2017— 5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room. DCTC

September 28, 2017 - 3:30 - 7:30 PM, DCALS Open House

October 3, 2017 - 5:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, DCTC, 917 Board Room

October 26, 2017— 8:30 AM, Member District School Board and Superintendent Workshop

November 2, 2017—3:30—7:30 PM, TESA Open House, DCTC

Boardbook!

917 is using Boardbook for School Board meeting agendas and minutes. You may view it online at www.isd917.k12.mn.us under About, School Board. Minutes are published the month after they are Board approved.



Watch for children!

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to **Caroline Peterson, Sign Language Interpreter, and her husband Brian**, on the birth of their baby girl **Lena Rose Peterson**. Lena was born on July 8, 2017, and weighed 8 pounds 6 oz, and was 20.25 inches long.



Congratulations to **Kellie Lange, Classroom Assistant in the SUN program at Alliance, and her husband Josh** had a baby girl **Harper Rae Lange**. Harper was born on August 2, 2017 at 11:29 a.m., weighed 10 pounds 5 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to **Sarah Rabe, Deaf/HH Teacher at Diamondhead Education Center and her husband Lucas** on the birth of their twin boys born on August 9. **Ryan Caleb** was 4 pounds, 3 ounces and 18 inches long and **Gabriel Thomas** was 3 pounds 13 ounces and 17.25 inches long.



MOTIONS AND REPORTS

- Motion passed approving the addendum to the Temporary Employee Report for June 2017.
- All Food Service Contracts were reviewed by the School Board.
- Donations were approved. (Full copy available at www.isd917.k12.mn.us, About, School Board, Agendas and Minutes.)
- 2017-2018 draft Operational Initiatives were reviewed. This will be Board approved at the September 5, 2017, School Board Meeting.
- Motion passed approving the Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County and Scott Carver Dakota CAP Agency to Establish a Dakota County Collaborative.

ANNUAL ONLINE TRAINING SAFESCHOOLS IS READY!

Log onto www.isd917.k12.mn.us, For 917 Staff, SafeSchools Online Training, to begin your annual training. **All due by October 2, 2017.** Go to the website: www.isd917.k12.mn.us and "Login." Username and password is the same one you use to log into your e-mail. Go to "For 917 Staff." Then go to the bottom to SafeSchools Online Training. At the bottom click on "Employee On-Line Training Website." The Username for SafeSchools training is your FULL email. No password required. Just hit "Log me in!"



Or go directly to: www.isd917.mn.safeschools.com and type in your full e-mail and click on "Log me in."

Condolences

*Our condolences go out to **Roxy Johnson, Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**, on the passing of her dad, Louis Carter on July 20, 2017. Louis was 92 years old.*

*Our condolences also to **Jean Beattie, Special Education Teacher at McAuliffe**, on the passing of her dad, Ray Neumann. Ray was 90 years old.*



Good News—DCALS

- Attached is a bird's eye view of the Dakota County fairgrounds. With luck Ken will pull the cabin over this evening. Patty has called some staff so we hope to have it staffed 5-9 PM at night to answer question about our programs. What a great spot! High foot traffic area. With that white railing in front of the cabin (*will look like a white picket fence*) it will look great and we can face the wall of window facing the street.



KEN JILK

G.I.S Tech

Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative

- We had eight students at our North campus and almost 15 at our main campus complete summer school courses this summer. We had five students graduate by completing these credits. **Pam Biegler, math teacher** on our main campus coordinated, taught, and monitored this program.
- We currently have 254 students signed up for our fall CTE programs. This does not reflect students from Bloomington Kennedy, Hastings, Branch Out, and those that we get once counselors return over the next couple weeks.

Good News—Special Education

- The addition at Alliance Education Center is nearing completion. We are looking forward to putting everything together in the next few weeks.
- Staffing for the 2017-2018 school year continues. We have approximately 12 licensed staff positions open as well as many paraprofessional positions.
- Details of the August workshop schedule can be found on the website. Monday, August 29th will begin with all licensed special education staff gathering for a morning session in the gym at AEC. Our theme this year is mindfulness.
- **Angie Weber, special education teacher at Cedar SUN**, will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for Upper Iowa University on September 8th. Angie still holds two records as a pitcher for the women's softball team. She holds the record for most strike outs over 4 years with 950 and most wins in a season with 15!
- It has been a busy summer at Alliance Education Center. Extended School Year (ESY) was very successful. Students participated in community outings to local parks, grocery stores, Feed My Starving Children, and community events. Some classes made delicious food and shared with the office. Lastly, and probably the biggest accomplishment of ESY, is that a from Farmington successfully completed graduation requirements. A small ceremony and celebration was held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 attended by previous staff, administration, and the student's family. What a huge success!
- A graduation celebration was held on July 21, 2017 for two students at Riverside School. Plans for the two graduates began in March when the discussion began regarding whether both students would be eligible to graduate in 2017. Originally, graduation for these two young men was set for September of 2017, but due to amazing progress on goals and housing opportunities that came up earlier than expected, their graduation dates were moved up to July 21, 2017. Both students worked hard to make it happen. We are so excited and happy for them and wish them all the best as they move forward!
- This summer at Gideon Pond, students worked hard on reading, spelling, math, and much more! In Kristin **Engelhardt-Fischbein's** class students studied sea life, learning interesting facts about sea creatures. Did you know that octopus CANNOT HEAR and the mouth of a whale shark is 5 feet wide? These are things that students studied this summer.
- In **Taylor Thomas'** class students had a blast, literally and figuratively, with science experiments. They made slime, dissolved an egg shell, created duct tape wallets, watched a chemical reaction with Diet Coke and Mentos, created their own animations, and invented their own clock/sundial.

