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District 917

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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

December 5, 2017

Regular Board Meeting

ISD 917 Employee of the Fall Quarter Amber Minick

Amber Minick has worked at Alliance as a Program Assistant. She always goes above and beyond to help her teacher, classroom, colleagues, and the students in this school. Amber is always thinking of new ways to incorporate fun learning activities and field trips related to what they are learning in class. She comes in weekly with surprise materials and activities that she found on sale over the weekend. Last year, her and another paraprofessional funded a PBIS event for the whole school, which was to bring a Kona Ice Truck to Alliance for all the kids to have free ice cones. Amber also does a spectacular job creating meaningful relationships with students and works to build trust, which allows her to motivate students to perform well and keep their goals a priority. She uses her fun and creative ideas to create individual incentive plans for students. She has been such a great asset to our school! Congratulations Amber!



ISD 917 Teacher of the Fall Quarter Taylor Thomas

Taylor Thomas, Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing at Gideon Pond, is a leader in the field of Deaf education and constantly demonstrates expertise in her use of assistive technology with her Deaf/Hard of Hearing students. Taylor is a strong advocate for student access in the classroom. She has provided many in-services to staff in our district and in non-member districts. In addition, she has presented at various state conferences and Communities of Practice. Taylor has presented on technology, complete auditory and visual access for students in the classroom, and how to provide access. Staff in our member districts respect and rely on her to provide insight into the students she serves. Most importantly, Taylor's students love working with her, and they have shown significant growth in their reading comprehension and decoding, as well as in their advocacy skills. In addition, Taylor has become quite knowledgeable in learning how to trouble shoot the hearing assistive technology, which has been a great help to her colleagues. Taylor is motivated and professional. She always has a smile to give and a positive attitude. Taylor is a dedicated employee who loves what she does. Congratulations Taylor!



PERSONNEL

New Hires: Michael Berneche, Classroom Assistant, effective November 6, 2017. Nicole Bogdan, Classroom Assistant, effective November 27, 2017 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Tara Brenner, Program Assistant, effective December 4, 2017. Riley Buschke, Classroom Assistant, effective November 14, 2017. Sheila Johnson, Classroom Assistant, effective November 28, 2017. Emily Powers, Classroom Assistant, effective November 20, 2017. Barry Rogers, Classroom Assistant, effective December 1, 2017. Rachel Stiff, Classroom Assistant, effective November 28, 2017. Lataysha Wiley, Classroom Assistant, effective November 10, 2017. **Resignations & Terminations:** Chelsea Belair, Classroom Assistant, effective November 14, 2017. Haullidey Dalbec, Classroom Assistant, effective November 21, 2017. Sara Matzoll-Phillips, Classroom Assistant, effective November 12, 2017. Robyn Rohr, Classroom Assistant, effective November 9, 2017. Stacey Ruud, Classroom Assistant, effective November 21, 2017.

Calendar Information

December 14, 2017, 3:15 PM—Interest Based Bargaining—Teachers' Union, 917 Board Room

December 25 & 26, 2017 —Closed for Holiday break

January 1, 2018—Closed for New Year's Day

January 2, 2018—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room

January 15, 2018—No school for students or Licensed Staff—Martin Luther King Day

January 16, 2018—4:30 PM, School Board Work Session, 917 Board Room



Baby Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Brittany Kneer, Program Assistant at Lebanon Education Center**, on the birth of her baby boy **Everett Matthew** born on November 25. Everett weighed 6 lbs, 9oz and was 20.5 inches long. Both are doing great!



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

Home of Career and Technical Education

- In October, the **Food Industry Careers** students sold, baked and delivered over 100 dozen cookies and 50 trays of brownies. This continued project provides work readiness skills of getting to work on time, knowing the job tasks and how to keep on task until the job is completed, demonstration of money skills, honesty and integrity, the ability to sell a product as well as food service skills such as recipe reading, follow directions, measurements, and working on mass quantities of food.



- The October sale is one of two bake sales completed by the **Food Industry Careers** program. The 2nd bake sale is just beginning as they prepare to bake cookies for the holidays. This year they will be baking 8 varieties of cookies just in time for Holiday parties and cookie exchanges. The cookies will be delivered December 13-20.

- Fundamental Chef Training** students prepared, baked, packaged, and delivered 475 Thanksgiving pies this year. There will be Sweet Potato Crunch, Pecan, and Caramel Apple pies available through the end of the year. Please contact Chef Patty at 651-423-8441.



- On Friday, November 17th students and staff from the **DCALS main campus** went to **Feed My Starving Children** in Eagan to make meals. There were 14 students who attended. On Tuesday, November 21st students and staff from the **DCALS North** campus also attended Feed My Starving Children in Eagan to make meals. These trips have been part of our work on creating community outreach opportunities for our students.
- On Thursday, November 16th students were able to visit and tour **Force America Corporation** in Burnsville <http://www.forceamerica.com>. FORCE America is one of the leading suppliers of motion and control systems in North America. **John Stenz-Chairman and CEO along with Chris Krivanek-HR** led the tour for our students. Force America provides almost all the fluid power components for the snow plows in Dakota and Hennepin counties. They are a growing industry who employs many two-year school graduates, four-year graduates, and some with a HS diploma.



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- **Patti Mattos-Enrollment Coordinator and Deyshawn Henry-DCALS student**, were part of the Eastview High School student created news broadcast “The Flash” on November 2nd. The segment was designed to provide students at Eastview insight into what DCALS has to offer and give a positive view of what we do each day. <https://youtu.be/XsJOJ6266Wc>
- On Friday, November 17th the Dakota County Perkins Consortium hosted a workshop for its members and local business partners with a focus on “Education and Employer Engagement”. The workshop was conducted by TCI Solutions **Director Joshua Olatunde and CEO Deon Clark**. Over 50 participants took part in this workshop designed to help schools and industry develop meaningful partnerships and opportunities for career readiness skills. TCI Solutions partners: Xcel Energy, Great River Energy, Metropolitan Airport Commission, and MN DEED provide a panel discussion. Other business representatives came from Renewal by Andersen, Lyman Companies, MN/ND Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Training, SEEK Careers, MN Dept. of Labor and Industry, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, and the Lakeville Chamber of Commerce. **ISD 917 Fundamental Chef students**, led by **Chef Patty LaBeau and Tech Tutor Darla Donnelly**, provided the meal



Condolences

Our condolences go out to **Heather Stoesz, Speech Language Pathologist, and her son Evan Stoesz, Classroom Assistant at Lebanon Education Center**, on the passing of their father/grandfather Larry Clark, age 84, of Wichita, Kansas. Larry passed away on November 16, 2017.



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- Here is a copy of an article from the Faribault Daily News about the **Food Industry Careers and Fundamental Chef Training** students' Thanksgiving meal.

FARIBAUT DAILY NEWS Saturday, November 25-Sunday, November 25, 2017

LIVES & TIMES

Local businesses support Rosemount culinary class

The Fundamental Chef Training and Food Industry Careers classes at Intermediate School District 917 in Rosemount hosted its annual Thanksgiving meal Nov. 16.

The meal consisted of roast turkey, which was donated by the Jennie-O Turkey Store in Faribault. These high school students, who come from all over Dakota County, prepared traditional fixings, including mashed potatoes, homemade gravy, scalloped corn, stuffing, sweet potato casserole, green bean casserole, and cranberries. Each student shared a recipe which is traditionally a part of their family's feast. They include: chili rellenos, Somali sambusa, lefse, cornbread stuffing, collard greens, honey-roasted squash, apple crisp cheese-cake bars, arroz con leche, and a variety of desserts.

Winjum's Shady Acres Restaurant & Resort also donated a variety of supplies used to prepare the meal.

This meal is one of the highlights of the school year for these students, said Patty LaBeau, fundamental chef instructor. "It is a gathering of culinary students from a variety of backgrounds and a chance for them to share about their personal traditions and celebrations. The Thanksgiving table is beautifully decorated when the students arrive. The group shares what they are thankful for, the students go through the buffet, and we gather at our table. It is amazing to witness the camaraderie as the students learn more about their classmates."

Faribault Dance Team to offer community performance

Faribault Dance Team has a community performance at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4 at Faribault High School.

Here's where and when Truth-In-Taxation hearings are being held

Minnesota counties, cities and school districts have scheduled Truth In Taxation hearings over the next few weeks where residents may offer comment and opinions on the entity's proposed 2018 levy and budget.

Meetings are set as follows:

- Rice County — 7 p.m. Thursday Dec. 7, Rice County Government Services Building, 320 Third St. NW, Faribault
- Dennison — 7 p.m. Thursday Dec. 7, Dennison City Hall, 37622 Goodhue Ave., Dennison
- Dundas — 7 p.m. Monday Dec. 11, Dundas City Hall, 216 Railway St. N, Dundas
- Faribault — 7 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 12, City Hall Council Chambers 208 First Ave. NW, Faribault
- Lonsdale — 7 p.m. Thursday Dec. 14, City Council Chambers, 415 Central St. W, Lonsdale
- Morristown — 7:30 p.m. Monday Dec. 4, Morristown Community Center Council Chambers, 402 Division St., Morristown
- Nerstrand — No meeting required
- Northfield — 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, City Council Chambers, 801 Washington St., Northfield, MN 55057

School Districts

- Faribault Public Schools — 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, District Office, 710 17th St. SW, Faribault
- Northfield Public Schools — 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, High School Media Center, 1400 Division St., Northfield
- New Prague Public Schools — 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 410 Central Ave. N, New Prague
- Medford Public Schools — 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, Medford School Community Room, 750 Second Ave. SE, Medford
- Waseca Public Schools — 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, Central Building 2nd Floor Conference Room, 501E Elm Ave., Waseca
- WEM Public Schools — 6 p.m. Monday Dec. 18, WEM Board Room, 500 E Paquin St., Waterville
- Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools — 6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27, K-W Elementary School, 225 Third Ave., Wanamingo
- Tri-City United Public Schools — 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, TCU High School Band Room, 700 Fourth St. NW, Montgomery

FHS Class of 1963 lunch planned for Nov. 29

Faribault High School Class of '63 will meet at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at Gran Plaza, 520 Central Ave.

All classmates in the area are encouraged to attend. Spouses invited. Call and invite others that may not have email or read the paper.

Patry LaBeau, fundamental chef instructor, helped lead the preparation of ISD 917's annual Thanksgiving meal. (Photos courtesy of Pam Sartor)




GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- On Friday November 10th students in **TESA** participated in a Veterans Day assembly at DCTC. Once again, TESA students welcomed **Chad Pemble** to speak to them. Chad, a member of the Air Force Reserves, provided his insights and information about the time he has spent in the Armed Services. The presentation led to many questions and was well received by staff and students in TESA.
- The TESA Student Council will be hosting the “6th Annual TESA Holiday Showcase” December 15th in the Dakota Room from 12:30-2:00. As the name infers, the TESA Holiday Showcase will give students the opportunity to display a variety of classroom projects, accomplishments and community service projects, as well as group and individual talents. Families, alumni, district faculty and board members are all welcome to attend this event.
- The **PACES at LNHS** will be hosting another play. This time they will be doing The Gingerbread Boy in Winter on Wednesday, December 13th at 1 p.m. in room 248. A reception will follow the play. If you are able to attend, RSVP to Betsy Larson (betsy.larsen@isd917.k12.mn.us or 952-232-3746) by December 6th.
- During the month of November students at **Alliance** have taken time to continue to give back to others through time at **Feed My Starving Children**. High school students in the IDEA program take part in service learning project two times a month. Each time they come back with huge smiles and brag about how much food they packed for others. It is exciting to see the pride they bring to this task.
- The student council at AEC led a door decorating contest; the theme was foreign countries. The winning classroom won a pizza-party. They have also organized a school wide soccer tournament for late November. Plans for December include a Hot Cocoa and Cookies event for families to attend during the school day.
- **Alliance Education Center** continues to have students transitioning back to their home districts. Just this month a student in the high school IDEA program transitioned back full-time and another student will transition half-days. Although these may be small steps to some, we see these accomplishments as huge motivators for other students and our staff to keep doing the work we do so well. With students transitioning, we are also busy getting ready to welcome new students in to all three of our programs.
- Some of the staff at Alliance have started attending a monthly equity cohort meeting where topics of racial and cultural equality are explored, discussed, and challenged. All participants have given only positive praise for this opportunity. Additionally, weekly our staff have been rotating through topics including data analysis, American Sign Language, evaluation practices, discipline, Nurtured Heart, Behavior Tools, and PCM.

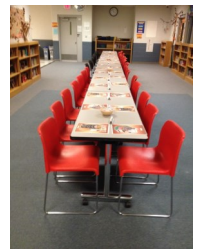
GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Students in **Brenda Szoka's** class have been at the Wescott Library in Eagan using the iLab to create a newscast. The class met with librarian Tom Jorgensen to learn about video production and how to use the GoPro camera with the green screen. They also learned how to edit their videos using iMovie. Together the students created Cedar SUN's first newscast. Each student created a segment for the newscast. The class was excited to share their production with the school.



- Elementary students at **Lebanon Education Center** have been learning about community helpers in social studies. **Amy Hurla** organized a community day inviting various community resources to visit with their equipment and staff. The north parking lot was filled with police, fire, and military vehicles. There was also a garbage truck and snow plow. The students had a great time checking out the vehicles and talking with the community helpers.

- On November 16, 2017, the **Juvenile Services Center** staff worked alongside the ISD 917 school staff to make a full thanksgiving feast for the students of **Riverside School and New Chance School**. The students worked hard on decorations for the walls, as well as centerpieces for the tables. They also put a lot of effort into their Thanksgiving presentations. Some students wrote about what they are thankful for, while others did research on Thanksgivings in other countries. Parents and loved ones were invited to the dinner, and the students presented their projects for everyone. Families, students, and staff enjoyed a meal together, and the JSC Thanksgiving was a huge success.



- The students in the **D/HH Resource Program** at Gideon Pond Elementary got a chance to visit the Crayola Experience at Mall of America last week. They had a blast with hands-on coloring activities, making a crayon, painting with melted wax, and exploring a variety of other color focused activities.



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- These last few weeks have been walks down “Memory Lane”. Graduated students call, and want to come in to share their experiences, successes and failures with the current students. We had Anna Renner, and most recently our own Kelly Hoyt. She spent all day, November 9th with us! She shared her experience as a student and how her own personal growth was beneficial for the person she has become. She is working on a “LifeMap” with our students and will return during this month. It was so nice to see her again, and the students enjoyed and were in “awe” about her presentation.



- * Stay at home Mom to Sophia (5) and Logan (3)
- * Lives in Lakeville
- * Teaches Children’s Ministry
- * Volunteers at her Church
- * Works with “Teen Groups”
- * Married to Levi Hoyt
- * Happy for our former ISD 917

Motions and Resolutions

- Motion passed accepting the 2016-2017 Audit as presented by Jim Eichten of MMKR.
- Policies 300’s were reviewed on a first reading basis.
- Closed session was held to discuss labor negotiations.