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School
District 917

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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

February 6, 2018

Regular Board Meeting



School Boards are Essential to School Success!

Celebrating School Board Recognition Week February 19-23, 2018

The Intermediate School District 917 School Board members serving our district and their years of service are as follows:

Chair – Jill Lewis – Board Member since 1995 - 23 years (Officer for 20 years) – Representing Inver Grove Heights

Vice-Chair – Bob Erickson - Board member since 2013 – 5 years (Officer for three years)-representing Lakeville

Clerk – Vanda Pressnall – Board Member since 2001 - 17 years (Officer for 13 years) – Representing Randolph

Treasurer – Melissa Sauser – Board Member since 2013 – 5 years (Officer for one year) – Representing Farmington

DeeDee Currier – Board Member since 2017 – 1 year - Representing Burnsville

Russ Rohloff – Board Member since 2017 – 1 year - Representing Hastings

Dick Bergstrom – Board Member since 2014 - 4 years – Representing Bloomington

Byron Schwab – Board Member since 2017 - 1 year – Representing West St. Paul/ Eagan/Mendota Heights

Wendy Felton – Board Member since 2016 – 2 years – Representing South St. Paul

School Board members play a vital role in establishing policies to ensure an efficient, effective school system and represent our local education interests to state and federal government, ensuring compliance with state and federal law.

School Board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public. All School Board members recognize the importance of public education in our community.

Thank you to all our School Board members for their year-round commitment to 917!

PERSONNEL:

New Hires: Nicole Anderson, Classroom Assistant, effective January 16, 2018. Katherine Bonine, Classroom Assistant, effective January 10, 2018. Timothy Davis, Long-Term Substitute English Teacher, effective January 31, 2018, through June 8, 2018. Lauren Melzer, Classroom Assistant, effective February 1, 2018. Alaina Raway, Classroom Assistant, effective January 16, 2018. Ellis-more Rogers, Classroom Assistant, effective February 5, 2018. Abby Rouster, Classroom Assistant, effective February 12, 2018. Mariah Settell, Classroom Assistant, effective February 5, 2018. Luke Sommerlot, Classroom Assistant, effective January 16, 2018. **Change in Status:** Joan Asmus, Nurse, medical leave request beginning December 18, 2017, with intermittent time off through June 8, 2018. Emily Mateo, English Teacher, general leave request effective February 5, 2018, with an expected return date of November 5, 2018. **Resignations & Terminations:** Ajuda Alwal, Classroom Assistant, effective January 18, 2018. Ellen Barnhart, Classroom Assistant, effective January 19, 2018. Kristina Eddleston, Classroom Assistant, effective January 26, 2018. Erica Golofski, Classroom Assistant, effective February 23, 2018. Ashley Graber, Custodian, effective December 29, 2017. Caitlin Hart, Program Assistant, effective February 15, 2018. Lindsey Mahnesmith, Program Assistant, effective January 7, 2018. Tessa Ortmeier, Administrative Assistant, effective February 13, 2018. Del Perry, Classroom Assistant, effective January 19, 2018. Carin Ruegg, Health Associate, effective February 6, 2018. Emily Schriener, Classroom Assistant, effective February 15, 2018. Kelly Spiess, Classroom Assistant, effective February 2, 2018. Brytani Witt, Program Assistant, effective January 26, 2018.



Calendar Information

February 19, 2018—No School for staff or students—Presidents' Day



February 20, 2018—3:15-5:00, Meet with Ken Lacroix,

Supt. Search Consultant — Alliance, Dan Sullivan Conference Room

March 6, 2018—4:30 PM—Special Board Meeting, Cedar School

March 6, 2018—5:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Cedar School

March 20, 2018 —Noon to 6 PM, 1st round of interviews for Supt.

March 26-20, 2018—917 Spring Break

April 3, 2018—4:30 PM, Board Work Session, DCALS North

April 3, 2018—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, DCALS North

April 10, 2018—2-6 PM, 2nd round of interviews for Supt.

April 17, 2018, 4:30 PM, Special School Board Meeting (Approve finalist for Supt.)

April 25, 2018—3:45 PM, 917 Staff Recognition, Dakota Room, DCTC

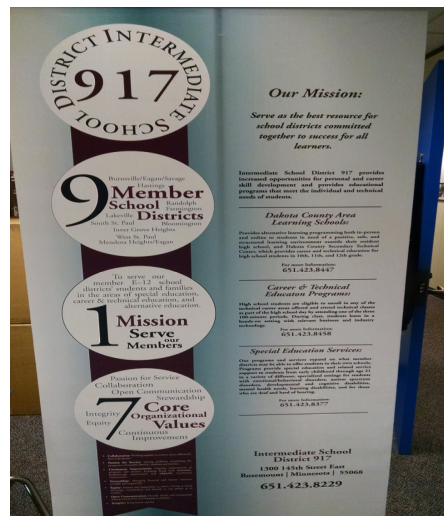
May 1, 2018—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room, DCTC

DONATIONS

Resolution passed accepting donations in the amount of \$900. Donation of three new display banners that outline DCALS programs and the Dakota County Perkins Consortium. This was an anonymous donation. Full copy available at www.isd917.k12.mn.us, About, School Board, Agendas.

GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- The DCALS/CTE programs received a generous and anonymous donation of 3 new display banners that outline our programs and the Dakota County Perkins Consortium. This donation was made possible through a personal interest in our students and programs. The cost for all 3 of these displays would be in the \$900 range.



Motions, Reports and Resolutions

- Ken LaCroix, Superintendent Search Consultant, discussed with the Board the upcoming search process. If you would like to meet with Ken, he will have an open meeting for anyone on Tuesday, February 20, from 3:15 to 5 PM at Alliance in the Dan Sullivan Conference Room.
- Motion passed approving the participation with South St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, West St. Paul/Mendota Heights/Eagan School Districts in an Innovative Research Zones Pilot Project Application to MDE.
- Motion passed approving the maintenance payments to member districts.
- Motion passed approving approve the request to move forward on the Rainbow building foot print planning, a request for an amendment to the PUD for use as a special education school, submission of permit requests, and initiate the naming process.
- Resolution passed Directing Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefore.
- District Focus items were reviewed by all administrators.
- Accounts Receivable Aging Invoice report was reviewed.
- Dick Bergstrom was appointed to the 2018-2019 calendar committee.

GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- A change is being made to how we refer to the services our member districts purchase from Intermediate School District 917. These have previously been referred to as Purchase of Services and will now be called Itinerant Services.
- The itinerant teachers for deaf/hard of hearing and audiology are really taking off with Google! They have started using the Team Drive to create folders for member districts. Within these folders they are putting important documents, schedules, grades, etc. so that the teacher and audiologist can easily access information to serve students.
- It is confirmed! The D/HH Winter Program will be:
February 21 @ 10:10 for whole school
February 23 @ 11:00 for parents
The plays haven't been determined but look for more details soon.
- The middle school, high school and transition age students from Cedar School set off for an adventure on Thursday, January 11th. They traveled to the University of Minnesota's Northrop Theater to attend the Physics Force demonstration. The Physics Force is an outreach program that does things on a grand scale to bring excitement and wonder. The Physics Force team demonstrated over 20 different experiments as they explained how they work. The demonstrations involved waves and sound, air pressure, the Bernoulli Effect, mechanics-projectile motion and mechanics- inertia. The Cedar SUN students and staff loved the entertaining interactive educational show.




For many of the Cedar students it was their first visit to the U of M. They were very excited driving through campus, discussing the different housing, buildings and shops in the area. The students enjoyed seeing what a college really looks like. Many of the students were impressed by the whole experience. It has sparked a new interest in planning for their futures and where they may want to go.



Breaking a brick while lying on a bed of nails

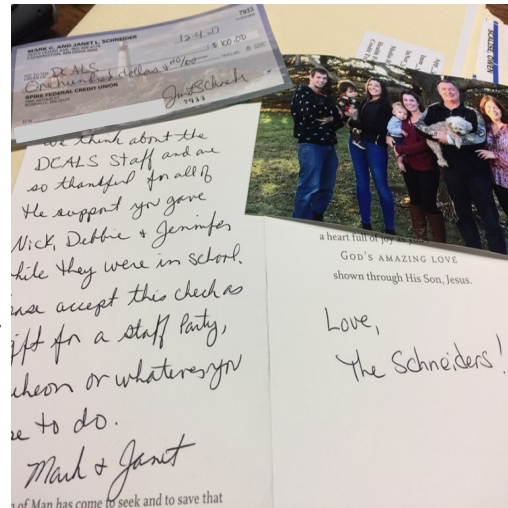


GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- The Juvenile Services Center staff are excited about the training and coaching they started in January for Yoga Calm. **Kathy Flaminio from 1000 Petals** has been contracted by Dakota County Juvenile Corrections to train all staff at the Juvenile Services Center on implementing Yoga Calm and mindfulness. The training teaches staff how to creatively integrate yoga-based movement, breathing techniques, mindfulness practices and social/emotional skill-development activities into their work with children and teens. The staff and students at the Juvenile Services Center will work with 1000 petals for the next 18 months. The curriculum is guided by five principles: stillness, listening, strength, grounding and community. The staff will receive instruction that includes practical practice on research-based interventions that impact a child's focus, attention, and connection to others.
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- Students in the **TESA program** have been volunteering at Neighbors Inc. this school year. **Neighbors, Inc.** is a non-profit, social-service agency providing emergency assistance and supportive assistance programs to low-income community members in the northern Dakota County communities of Inver Grove Heights, South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, Mendota, Sunfish Lake, and Lilydale. They have been assisting in their food shelf with sorting, organizing, and checking dates on canned goods. Recently, Neighbors treated the students to a pizza lunch to show their appreciation for all of the students' hard work. The students involved with this activity are in Workplace Readiness class, taught by **Jen Klaustermeier**.
 - Like in past years, the Minneapolis Division of the U.S. Department of Customs and Border Patrol adopted each of the students in all three of the programs at Alliance Education Center. Each student fills out a mitten with items that they would like in early fall. The company then works together to fill one or two of the students' requests. Staff deliver the gifts to the students the day before winter break. Students wrote individual thank you cards to the company and those were sent in early January. The link is to the video that was also sent as a thank you: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Kz_E6AaFTTypjp-XnW9_u9PXiaZ2M_jZ/view?usp=sharing. The student council is working on ideas to "pay it forward" for this upcoming spring. They are focused on community service projects the students can participate in with staff support.
 - Three high school age students from Alliance Education Center have transitioned to taking some classes in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) division of ISD 917 at DCTC over the past few months. Our SUN transition class recently visited DCTC to learn more about the possibilities and programs including TESA and CTE.
 - More transitions are happening to general education as well. One student in the middle school IDEA program has transitioned half days and one elementary student will be transitioning to general education two hours per day in January. Staff at AEC are so proud of all of our students and staff!

GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- The DCALS program, under the guidance of our main campus **Lead Teacher Erin Mahnke**, helped set up a fundraiser for our student recognition and other student activities needs with Chipotle restaurant in Rosemount. Thanks to the support of ISD 917 students, staff, and families we raised \$418.
- The Schneider family**, who had their children attend and graduate from our DCALS programs gave a generous donation to the staff. They wanted to thank the staff for all they did in helping their kids find success. Always great to receive recognition from our parents.



- The Food Industry Careers students of Intermediate School District #917 will be hosting a Valentine Gingerbread Village on Wednesday, February 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the East Commons at Dakota County Technical College, in Rosemount, MN. All Staff, School Board members, parents, relatives, guardians and friends are invited to attend. Vote for your favorite gingerbread house and sample some Valentine goodies. Please bring canned food items for the food shelf. The students will collect the cans and they will be delivered to local food shelves. Thank you for your support! **Cherry Cramer, Food Industry Careers Instructor**

- The Dakota County Perkins Consortium will be hosting its **4th Annual Career and College Fair at Hastings High School on Thursday, February 22nd from 8-11:30 a.m.** This event brings in close to 100 vendors that include local industry, 2 and 4 year colleges, County Service Agencies, and branches of the military. We anticipate over 1000 students will be in attendance again this year. **Lynn Colvin, Career Counselor at Hastings HS** is the vital coordinator of this great event.



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- Fundamental Chef Training students participated in a Carnitas Cooking Challenge on Thursday. Carnitas, literally meaning "little meats", is a dish of **Mexican** cuisine originating from the state of Michoacán. Carnitas are prepared by braising or simmering pork in oil or preferably lard until **tender**. Six teams of three prepared their own batches of carnitas using unique recipes, some of which were family recipes. The students slow cooked the pork on Wednesday and presented their creations on Thursday.
- Patti Mattos, Linda Berg, Erin Hale-Sanford, and Timothy Davis** were our esteemed judges. The judging criteria included: taste/balance, temperature, and texture. The third shift students who participated are from the following high schools: Simley, Hastings, Lakeville South & North, Bloomington Kennedy & Jefferson, and Burnsville Alternative. All of the teams were surprised how quickly the time went as they prepared their pork and accompaniments for the judges. All of the participants were able to sample the other teams' pork after the judging had finished.

