

Intermediate  
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District 917

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### ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

January 2, 2018

### Regular Board Meeting

## TIES OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

**Chef Patty LaBeau** was recognized by TIES as a 2017 Outstanding Educator at the annual TIES Workshop on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Patty has worked extensively with our member districts helping to coordinate our CTE programs as the Lead Teacher. She has also hosted a group of Dakota County youth as part of a career exploration program for adjudicated youth by offering a cooking demonstration. She connected with a food shelf to help process multiple food items that were used by the community. Finally, she conducts numerous catering options for her program and students to gain true hands-on experiences. She is a tremendous asset to our programs at ISD 917.



## Calendar Information

### PERSONNEL

**New Hires:** Carmen Baker, Classroom Assistant, effective December 4, 2017 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Daniela Gavilanes Castillo, Classroom Assistant, effective January 2, 2018. Catherine Hobbes, Classroom Assistant, effective January 4, 2018.

Amy Rensch, Classroom Assistant, effective December 12, 2017. Carin Ruegg, Health Associate, effective December 6, 2017.

Matthew Stoeklen, Classroom Assistant, effective December 11, 2017. **Rehires:**

Emma Richard, Classroom Assistant, withdrawal of resignation dated December 22, 2017. **Change in status:** Sarah Rabe,

Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, parental leave request effective January 4, 2018, with an expected return date of June 15, 2018. **Resignations and Terminations:**

Siah Alie, Classroom Assistant, effective December 11, 2017. Catherine Barstow, Classroom Assistant, effective January 8, 2018. Lindsey Deans, Classroom Assistant, effective December 20, 2017. Taylor Goergen, Classroom Assistant, effective December 8, 2017. Rebecca Moe, Program Assistant, effective January 5, 2018.

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

**February 6, 2018—**School Board Meeting, 4:30 PM, 917 Board Room

**February 19, 2018—Presidents' Day, No School for Staff or Students**

**March 6, 2018—5:00 pm,** School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room, DCTC

**March 26-20, 2018—Spring Break for Students and Teaching Staff**

*Happy New Year!*

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to **Nicolle Roush , Business Manager**, on the passing off her step-mom **Jolynn Fontaine**. Services were held on December 30, 2017 at Minnehaha Church in Minneapolis.

Our condolences to **Del Shea Perry, Classroom Assistant at Gideon Pond**, on the passing of her dad **William Eugene Perry, Sr.** on December 16, 2017. The Homegoing Celebration was on Saturday, December 23 at 1 pm with repass immediately following.

Our condolences to **Karen Hjermstad, Occupational Therapist at Lebanon Education Center**, on the passing of her husband **Kai Hjermstad**. Kai was 62 years old.



## *Baby Congratulations!*

Congratulations to **Grandma Diane Jeffries, Personnel Admin. Assistant**, on the birth of her grandson **Nixon Thomas Smolarek**, born on December 10, 2017, weighing 5 lbs., 13 oz, and 18.5 inches long. Parents are **Melissa and Ryan Smolarek**.



## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

- Resolution passed accepting donation of \$2500 from Dakota County Voiture 1457 of Rosemount, to be used for student activities for TESA and specifically the spring formal.
- Motion passed approving the Temporary Employee Report.
- Cory Langenfeld, Technology Coordinator, reported on changes in the IT Department.
- Motion passed approving the 2018 Minnesota and Federal Special Education Resolution.
- Resolution passed approving Paraprofessional Week of January 22-26, 2018.
- **Motion passed accepting, with regret, Superintendent John Christiansen's retirement effective June 30, 2018.**
- Motion passed to select Ken LaCroix Educational Consulting Services and BKB Associates. with Jerry Robicheau as lead consultant, to interview with a committee of the board for consideration as the superintendent replacement search firm. If BKB is not available with Jerry Robicheau as the lead consultant, the board will approve selection of Ken LaCroix Educational Consulting Services. Interviews with these two search firms will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018.
- Motion passed to adjourn and go into closed session as permitted by Minn. Stat. Section 13D.03 to discuss 917 labor negotiations.

## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- The Computer Networking students installed a Zmodo camera system in the Construction Trades program and adjacent area to monitor activities and keep the area safe. This included pulling (installing) power over ethernet cables, attaching the cameras and setting up the main recording program. **Russ Anthony**-Instructor
- Paul Landwehr and Chef Patty LaBeau** represented our ISD 917 CTE programs at the Farmington MS Career Day event on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Boeckman Middle School. This is the second year we have participated in this event.

Dear Career Day Participants,

On behalf of the 8th grade students and staff, we would like to thank you for taking your time and effort to come share your experiences with the students. The conversations I overheard were fantastic and the feedback from staff was great. Many students have gained invaluable information and inspiration from your efforts and I hope that you could feel that throughout the day. We thank you again for your time and efforts and hope to see many of you back again next year. Thank you again and we wish you the best,

The 8th Grade Students and Staff

Our students have continued to visit and tour a variety of sites over the past month. We have toured Hoffman/McNamara Landscape in Hastings, Floyd Total Security in Bloomington, US Bank Stadium, and Inver Hills CC.



## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- 2017 Winter Elympics held with the other ALC programs throughout the state. Another TOP TEN finish for our DCALS Stars. They did a really good job of working together and checking their answers. Those that participated were: Kayla B, Lauren E, Ashley S, Alvin T, Gigi W, Emily W, Lauren Z.

### Final Results

Team name	Program	Username	Score	Rank
Knights Academy	Knights Academy-Thorson	Knights Academy Thorson	280.05	1
Knights Academy	Knights Academy-Hutter	Knights Academy H.	264.01	2
Fridley A.	Fridley A	Fridley A.	261.30	3
Southwest Metro	SWMetro Cyborg Dolphins	SWMetro Cyborg Dolphins	260.29	4
St. Croix Valley ALC	Minnesota Jabberwockers	Minnesota Jabberwockies	242.62	5
St. Croix Valley ALC	St. Croix Valley ALC	St. Croix ALC PickleZ	239.52	6
REBC Pathways	Pathways	REBC Pathways	226.84	7
<b>DCALS</b>	<b>DCALS</b>	<b>DCALS Stars</b>	<b>219.55</b>	<b>8</b>
Long Prairie	Long Prairie Team 1	Long Prairie Team 1	205.72	9
JGESA	JGESA O	JGESA One	198.92	10
Brainerd AEA	Brainerd 2	Brainerd2 B.	185.65	11
Owatonna ALC	Owatonna A	Owatonna A	184.03	12
Youth Educational Services	YES Parrots	YES Parrots	177.91	13
Knights Academy	Knights Academy-Conigliaro	Knights Academy Conigliaro	176.68	14
Freshwater Edu District Staples ALC	Freshwater Fox Squad	John Fox	162.29	15
Freshwater Edu District Staples ALC	Freshwater Ferret's	Jeff Foss	145.95	16
Owatonna ALC	Owatonna B	Owatonna B	144.62	17
Brainerd AEA	Brainerd 3	Brainerd3 B.	131.60	18
Freshwater Edu District Staples ALC	Freshwater Fishsticks	Leah Bloemendaal	114.55	19
Brainerd AEA	Brainerd 1	mary.tollas	103.45	20
Freshwater Edu District Staples ALC	Freshwater Funguys	Tracie Borders	90.71	21
JGESA	JGESA T	JGESA Two	71.75	22
Ivan Sand am only	Ivan Sand Dat Way	Hailey	64.14	23
White Bear Lake ALC	White Bear Lake Stars	Laura Watters	63.84	24
White Bear Lake ALC	White Bear Lake Bears	Katrina Geske	55.57	25
Ivan Sand pm only	Ivan Sand Squad	April O'Leary	54.82	26
Ivan Sand am only	Ivan Sand Divas	Lyric	42.11	27





## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- Students in **Pam Biegler's** Math Art class have been working on designing and creating a variety of items to be used as Christmas gifts and donations. This is an annual activity in her class that teaches math skills and community giving skills.



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- With a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education, using federal funding CFDA 84.027A, Special Education – Grants to States, three Community Participation Days are sponsored by Regional Low Incidence Projects – Region 11 and offered to students in the metro area. On December 7, 2017, **Sheri Frisque, Teacher of the Blind/Visually Impaired and Sarah Johnson, Certified Orientation and Mobility Instructor** brought eight high school students from our 917 member districts and joined an additional 16 students from the metro area to attend the **Community Participation Day for High School Students with Visual Impairments**. The students enjoyed a day of bowling, senior recognition, and pizza at Memory Lanes in Minneapolis. All students were required to complete pre and post tests on the rules and terminology of bowling and received prizes, of course! This annual event is always an exciting opportunity to (re)connect with other students with visual impairments from the area. Students swap ideas and tech tips that they find beneficial and just hang out. The next **Community Participation Day for Elementary School Students with Visual Impairments** will be **February 1, 2017**. This event will be a Felted Geos Activity at the Textile Center in Minneapolis.

- The students in **Melinda Vancamp's** class at the **Youth Transition Program (YTP)** had the opportunity to grow their own crystals. This hands-on experience helped them to engage in learning the properties of minerals in the minerals and rocks unit of study. Students learned that minerals are defined/identified by their properties and by how they are formed. This includes: forming from inorganic processes, having a chemical structure and crystal composition. The purpose for doing the crystal growing project with students was to show them how crystal structures form as crystals then go on to form minerals. It was a two-week project and students had the opportunity to grow, observe and monitor their own crystal forming. Students surpassed expectations with their patience and curiosity. The students loved the project and were excited to see their crystals grow each day and with the end result. Their crystals ultimately came out unique and beautiful.



- On December 8, 2017 students in our program at Alliance Education Center invited parents and guardians in to decorate winter cookies and enjoy hot chocolate together. The kids were so excited to share this experience with loved ones and their trusted school staff.
- The student council at AEC has started up a superstar student program where students will be recognized for great acts of kindness throughout the school such as being helpful, positive, and being safe to everyone around them. Students chosen will be awarded with a special lunch treat throughout the month. Students also continue to take part in community outreach projects such as feed my starving children and volunteering with our younger students in the building.

## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Alliance Education Center has 35 students/families who utilize our mobile pantry program. Each student is able to "shop" on a mobile bus that comes to the school twice a month and provides both perishable and non-perishable items. The students have a blast picking out food for their families and get sent home with three to four bags full of food.
- The "6th Annual TESA Holiday Showcase" held on Friday December 15th in the Dakota Room and it was a resounding success. The event gave students the opportunity to display a variety of classroom projects, accomplishments and community service projects, as well as group and individual talents. Many families and several board members attended this event. There was great deal enthusiasm of the part of students, staff and members of the audience. Students and families were able to socialize and enjoy holiday treats upon after the successful event.
- Earlier this month the 40 & 8 Club, also known as **La Societe des Quarante Hommes at Huit Chevaux**, made a \$2500 donation to the TESA Program to be used for the Spring Formal. This generous donation is \$1000 more than previous donations. For over 30 plus years, the 40 & 8 Club has been donating to the ISD 917 TESA Program for special programming events. The 40 & 8 have a tradition of promoting the well-being of veterans, widows and their children, and actively participate in selected charitable endeavors including programs that promote child welfare. The ISD 917 TESA Program has continues to be honored by this gracious club.
- During December, **Brenda Szoka's Cedar SUN** class collected donations of small toys, school supplies, music instruments, clothing and personal items. The students then sorted the items by age and sex. The class also wrote personalize letters and decorated the outside of the shoe boxes. The class was able to make seven boxes. These boxes were then donated to Operation Christmas Child. This organization delivers these gift shoe boxes to children ages 2-14 in need all across the globe. Last year the shoe boxes we made went to Madagascar.





## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- On Friday, December 8th, Brenda's class volunteered at Operation Christmas Child's processing center in Lakeville. The team of five students and five staff worked together as a team on an assembly line. They inspected the shoe boxes for cash donations and inappropriate items. They then filled boxes with other items if needed, taped the boxes shut and used the scanner to record the bar code to track where the box is being shipped to. Two students also worked on sorting and packing the boxes into the shipping cartons. The boxes that the students worked on are being sent to South Africa. The students worked hard and did a great job.
- For being superheroes, the class then went to Arby's for lunch where they worked on their ordering and money skills.



- The production team of **Sather, Stevens, Stiff and Knight (i.e. Brenda Sather and staff)** guided the students in one of the TEA elementary classrooms in writing and producing the play "Tug of War". Besides writing and acting in the play, the students also made their masks and helped with the props and scenes. After presenting the play to the younger students at TEA, they took the show on the road. They packed up the scenery and traveled to Cedar SUN to put the play on for some of the students there. The students put in a lot of hard work and enjoyed the whole process.

