



Organizational Meeting Notes

The oath of office was administered to reappointed Board Member Wendy Felton, representing South St. Paul, Dick Bergstrom, representing Bloomington, and newly appointed Board Members Byron Schwab, representing West St. Paul/Mendota Heights/Eagan, and Russ Rohloff, representing Hastings..

The Board elected the following officers for 2017-2018

Chair-Jill Lewis * Vice Chair-Bob Erickson * Clerk-Vanda Pressnall * Treasurer-Melissa Sauser

School Board meeting dates for 2017-2018 were set on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM, with the exception of August 15, 2017 and June 12, 2018. Two work sessions have been incorporated into the calendar: January 16, 2018, and April 17, 2018. All work sessions begin at 4:30 PM.

Lillie Suburban Newspapers, Inc., Sun Thisweek/Dakota County Tribune, Sun-Media Bloomington and the Hastings Star Gazette were designated as the official newspapers for ISD 917 for 2017-2018.

Motion was passed to approve the ISD 917 Public Notice regarding student records. This will be included in the Student Handbook.

Motion was passed to keep the compensation for District 917 School Board Members at \$3750 and \$4,000 for the Board Chair for the 2017-2018 school year. The stipend for the Personnel and Insurance Committee members will also stay the same. No other stipends are given.

Committee assignments were reviewed .

Calendar Information

August 30, 2017 - 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Gideon Pond Elementary Meet-n-Greet, Burnsville
August 31, 2017— 8:00 AM, All Staff Inservice—Hosanna, 9600 163rd Street West, Lakeville
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
September 4, 2017— No School for Staff and Students—Labor Day
September 5, 2017—First Day of School
September 5, 2017 – 5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room. DCTC
September 28, 2017 - 3:30 - 7:30 PM, DCALS Open House, DCTC
November 2, 2017—3:30—7:30 PM, TESA Open House, DCTC



PERSONNEL

Personnel: *New Hires:* Alexander Arana, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 24, 2017. Stephanie Bis-todeau, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Jayne Ciodaru, School Psychologist, effective August 24, 2017. Shereen Eldeeb, Community Expert, effective August 24, 2017 (from Program Assistant to Community Expert). Katherine Engel, Physical Therapist, effective August 24, 2017. Ashley Gagner, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2017 (from Classroom Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Elizabeth Garlough, Occupational Therapist, effective August 24, 2017. Addie Geske, Physical and Health Disabilities Teacher, effective August 24, 2017. Theresa Gulbransen, Assistant Director of Special Education, effective July 1, 2017. Steven Hadritz, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Justin Hoelscher, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2017 (from Program Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Caroline Jilek, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Rebecca Kruse, Licensed School Nurse, effective August 24, 2017. Kaitlyn Malloy, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Tessa Ortmeier, Administrative Assistant II, effective July 10, 2017. Terra Pingley, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 24, 2017. Jenna Plank, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Jessica Randol, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2017. Emma Richard, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Robyn Rohr, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Nathan Steller, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2017 (from Classroom Assistant to Special Education Teacher). Adrian Stinson, Administrative Assistant II, effective July 10, 2017. Megan Streed, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2017. Deric Thames, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2017. Brian Waters, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. Andrew Webster, Permanent Floating Substitute/DAPE Teacher, effective August 24, 2017. Mackenzie Witzel, Classroom Assistant, effective August 31, 2017. *Rehires:* Amanda Boehmer, Special Education Teacher, effective August 28, 2017. Brenda Croell, Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, effective August 24, 2017. Shelbee Jaeger, Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, effective August 28, 2017. Gabriela Kubik, Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, effective August 28, 2017. Joseph Lorentz, Special Education Teacher, effective August 25, 2017. Blake Mayes, Classroom Assistant, effective August 27, 2017 (Blake resigned on June 8, 2017). Alyssa McDonough, School Psychologist, effective August 25, 2017. Leah Palma, Special Education Teacher, effective August 25, 2017. Angelyn Weber, Special Education Teacher, effective August 28, 2017. *Change in Status:* Pearl Devenow, Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, continue at .8 FTE for the 2017-2018 school year only. Angelita Fleming, Speech Language Pathologist, maternity disability leave effective on or about November 13, 2017, with an expected return date of January 2, 2018. Jamie Gasior, Program Assistant, medical leave request effective May 22, 2017, with an expected return date of June 8, 2017. Shanna Knutson, School Psychologist, increase to 1.0 FTE for the 2017-2018 school year only. Laura Tennesen, School Psychologist, increase to .95 FTE for the 2017-2018 school year only. *Resignations and Terminations:* Karissa Bell, Classroom Assistant, effective July 17, 2017. Amy Lancaster, Special Education Teacher, effective June 23, 2017. Robert Menge, Classroom Assistant, effective August 8, 2017. Rashidat Oladipupo, Classroom Assistant, effective June 25, 2017. Kent Rhein-Medina, Physical & Health Disabilities Teacher, effective June 30, 2017. MiKayla Sanocki, Physical Therapist, effective June 23, 2017. *Retirements:* Debra Piper, Sign Language Interpreter, effective September 1, 2017.

MOTIONS, REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- ◆ Motion was passed to approve the Temporary Work Agreement Report and Addendum.
- ◆ Motion was passed to approve the membership with Metro ECSU, AMSD, and MSBA for the 2017-2018 school year.
- ◆ Motion was passed to approve the Indoor Air Quality Management Plan and Written Plans for 2017-2018.
- ◆ Motion passed to approve the Substitute Teacher Pay Rate of \$24 per hour for the 2017-2018 school year.
- ◆ Resolution was passed pertaining to business operations.
- ◆ Motion passed to approve the FY 18 student lunch prices as follows: Student Breakfast \$1.50; Student Lunch \$2.85 (.10 increase); Milk \$.45; Adult Breakfast \$2.50; Adult Lunch \$4.75.
- ◆ Motion passed approving the draft of DCALS and DCALS North Student Handbook, Special Education Student Handbook, and the 917 Staff Handbook for 2017-2018.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Michael Burgio (Teacher at YTP) and his wife Rebecca on the birth of their son Logan Michael Burgio. Logan was born on July 4, 2017 at 4:58pm. Weighing 8lbs. 12oz., and 21.5 inches. Olivia loves being a big sister!



SafeSchools IS READY!

Please log onto **www.isd917.k12.mn.us** to begin your annual training. This is an annual requirement for all staff. If you are new, please go to the website and then to:



- For 917 Staff (**log in** to this area first)
- Then go to SafeSchools Online Training and at the bottom of the page it says “Employee On-Line Training Website (SafeSchools)—Click here
- Username is your work e-mail
- No password is required. Just “Log Me In!”
- OR go to <http://www.isd917.mn.safeschools.com>

Required courses are Blood Borne Pathogens and Sexual Harassment. Additional courses may be assigned depending on your position such as back safety, defensive driving, personal protective equipment, etc.

All courses must be completed by October 2, 2017. Thank you.

ALL STAFF WELCOME BACK!

The All Staff Welcome Back event is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2017.

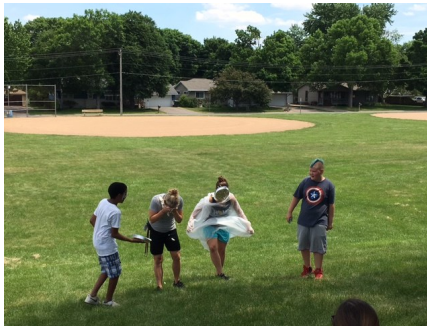
The location for this years’ event is being held at Hosanna. Address is 9600 163rd Street West, Lakeville. It begins at 8 AM with coffee and donuts.



New and current staff—the ISD 917 Staff Handbook is available online at www.isd917.12.mn.us under “For 917 Staff.” You must log in to the site with your password to view this.

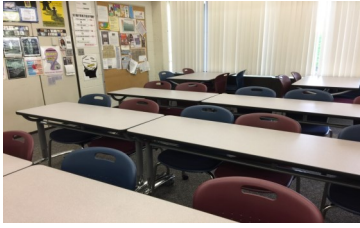
GOOD NEWS—SPECIAL EDUCATION

- The staff food drive at Lebanon was a huge success! Every student went shopping and left with at least a shopping bag filled to overflowing with food for the summer. Thank you to everyone who organized the drive and donated food. I am sure that the students and their families appreciated it. It was wonderful to listen to the students as they went through and selected items that a sibling or parent would like, not just what they liked.
- The staff at Cedar hosted an afternoon of events for the students on the last day of school. There were different art projects students could choose to do, obstacle course races, face painting, water balloon toss, and gym activities. The day ended with an all school kick ball game. The highlight of the day may have been the pie in the face. SUN **teachers Saige De-Cleene and Melanie Manninen** received the most votes and were selected to be the recipients of said pies.



- **Mary Callister, Wendi Renken, Jessica Sinkinson, and Jen Petersen** organized a Field Day as a school wide activity at Lebanon Education Center. Students participated in potato hockey, hula hooping, water balloon races, basketball, clothesline relay race and washer game. Everyone enjoyed the games, the weather, and the chance to interact as a school!
- Why do seagulls fly over the sea? Because if they flew over the bay they would be BAY-GELS! Every Thursday in **Ms. Boehmer's** class at the Juvenile Service Center the students have a geography activity. The students use an atlas for the task. Lately, **Ms. Boehmer, Ms. Anna, and Ms. Jenna** have taken puns to another level combined with props for the activity of the day. The students have completed: Boehmer Ninja Scavenger Hunts where students need to track Ms. Boehmer down by using longitude and latitude coordinates; WATER we doing? Geography which are focused on water systems throughout the world; and most recently, a pirate geography activity where students were aboard a pirate ship traveling places they never knew existed. They decided to dress like pirates and talk like a pirate all day. The students just shake their heads and complete the assignments. At this point they know on Thursday they will have some punny geography activity and their teaching staff are bound to dress the part

GOOD NEWS—DCALS and DCALS North



- First of all . . . A special thank-you to our School Board, ISD-917, our Administration and all the staff involved in making decisions to update our learning environments to current industry standards, while also making it a creative and pleasant learning experience that we are all proud of!

- Nursing Assistant & Home Health Aide students all worked hard this last semester to complete their nursing skill sets, mantoux testing, background and fingerprinting, while maintaining a “B” average. The next step is successful completion of a 20 hour clinical rotation with one of our adjunct RN’s, outside of school hours, at either Trinity Care Center in Farmington, or Northfield Retirement Community in Northfield, MN, which earns them 5 college credits! Their final accomplishment in Medical Careers, after taking care of all the criteria mentioned above, is to sit for the State of Minnesota, Certification Examination for CNA/HHA - Certified Nurse Assistant & Home Health Aide. This is a two part examination, which includes written and skill competencies. It is an ALL day test. The cost is \$190.00 which students/parents pay for themselves. *This year we had 21 students sign up and take this examination and are proud to share with everyone that we now have 19 new Certified Nurse Assisting/Home Health Aide professionals that we can add to our work force!* Approximately 87% of these students are going on to LPN, RN, Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, Military, and Sonography! We are so incredibly proud of each and every student who attempted this journey and may have chosen another road, and/or those who completed this journey in full and are now Certified Healthcare Professionals through the State of Minnesota!

Congratulations to all of you, YOU did the WORK!



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- A wonderful celebration and memorable event took place on the beautiful, sunny last day of school, June 8, 10 am, at Gideon Pond Elementary in Burnsville, the school which has hosted the ISD 917 Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program for 35 years. Greeted by Vikings mascot, Victor, and Vikings cheerleaders, the entire school attended an outside celebration to witness U.S. Bank executives issue a check of \$50,000 to **Gideon Pond Principal, Chris Bellmont**, a generous amount now allowing the school to realize its dream of a brand new, state-of-the-art, barrier-free playground. **Lisa and Eddie Sardinha**, parents of **Victoria**, a learner in the ISD 917 D/HH Program Gideon Pond, who have been on the Gideon Pond Playground Committee the past two years, were part of the program, in which Lisa thanked all for helping to see through the creation of a playground which will no longer be inaccessible for her daughter. It was so fitting to receive this generous gift on June 8, Victoria's 9th Birthday! Also pictured here is **Thomas Klobe**, another ISD 917 learner, with Vikings mascot, Victor. Gideon Pond Elementary is on the leading edge of a movement to make playgrounds more inclusive and right for EVERY child. **Kitri Kylo**, ISD 917 Assistant Director of the D/HH Program and also on the Gideon Pond Playground Committee, thanks the amazing Pond Playground Committee for embracing, supporting and seeing through with great tenacity and determination the vision of a barrier-free playground! While the playground will benefit the whole community, there is no question it will allow ISD 917 learners with physical challenges a real playground experience where they get to participate side-by-side in play activities with their peers. *This is profound!* This accomplishment gives new meaning to 'leveling the playing field!'



GOOD NEWS—DCALS & DCALS NORTH

- Due to a generous donation and the use of a Leadership Grant through the MNState System, the ISD 917 CTE programs were able to purchase a forklift from Quality Forklift of Shakopee, MN. Todd **Doege, owner of Quality Forklift** was willing to provide an extremely generous donation of \$2500 towards this purchase. The forklift will be used in our Heavy Duty Truck Technology and Total Auto Care programs so students can experience hands-on learning on a slightly more modern piece of equipment.



- The North campus renovation is making progress. All the old carpet has been removed and the wallpaper has been taken down. The floors and walls are being prepared for new carpet and paint, which will provide for a great new atmosphere when the students return in the fall.



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

The 2016-2017 school year was a wonderful year for staff and students at Alliance! The last few weeks of school were filled with a variety of activities to celebrate, including;

- ◇ May 25th – Quiz Day: The students visited classrooms throughout the building and answered trivia questions listed on several doors. We've always known our students were smart, but Quiz Day proved it!
- ◇ May 26th – The students enjoyed root beer floats at the end of the day.
- ◇ May 30th – **Mr. Saintey** organized a day of bowling for all the students at Alliance. During their scheduled gym time, staff members drove all students to a bowling alley in Apple Valley for an hour of bowling. There were lots of strikes and spares to celebrate!
- ◇ June 2nd – A school carnival was held in several of the classrooms during the morning hours. Many games and activities, such as balloon popping, guessing games, scooter races and many more were enjoyed by students (and staff who were adventurous enough).
- ◇ June 5th – The students were treated to a fun-filled water afternoon. To help celebrate “water day”, the Rosemount Fire Department came to Alliance and showed the students their fire trucks. With a little encouragement, the members of the fire department sprayed the hoses and students who wanted to were able to get pretty wet!
- ◇ June 6th - Six students celebrated the completion of their high school experience at Alliance! There were several family members, former staff members and district representatives in attendance, including **School Board Chair Jill Lewis from Inver Grove Heights and School Board Member Vanda Pressnall from Randolph**. Thank you to all who made this celebration an amazing way to recognize the hard work and wonderful accomplishments of our graduates.

As the students boarded the busses on the afternoon of June 8th, all staff were outside to do the traditional end of the year send-off. As they waved and cheered, I heard many staff reflecting on what a wonderful year it has been. Thank you again to everyone at Alliance, and those who support Alliance in any way. We couldn't meet the needs of our students without this huge village!

- Extended School Year began on July 10th for staff and July 11th for students and will run through August 3rd.

In total, we anticipate 215 students participating in ESY. This is about 15% fewer students than last year.

ESY-196 DASH – 14 TESA – 28 PACES - 27 DHH Preschool-12
VI-ECC-7 (to be held in August)

- We continue to work on staffing for the 2017-2018 school year. At this time a number of positions are still available. This includes a speech/language pathologist, two teachers of the blind/visually impaired, eight special education teachers, two board certified behavior analysts, two mental health practitioners, and a physical therapist. We also have a variety of openings for paraprofessionals.
- Our annual event for member district directors and school board members is on July 19th at Mount Olivet in Farmington beginning at 11 a.m.