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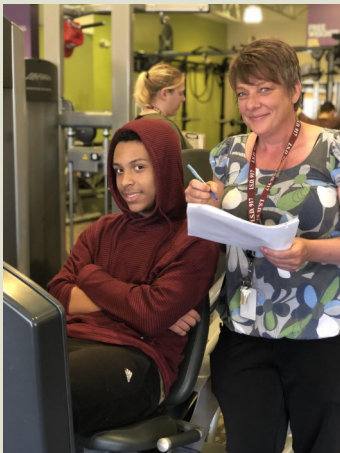
ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

June 11, 2019

Regular Board Meeting

GOOD NEWS-Special Education

The secondary students at **Concord Education Center** have been benefitting from a partnership with Anytime Fitness in Inver Grove Heights. The students have been working on an adaptive fitness curriculum that they will be able to carry over to their adult lives. It's been a great experience organized by **Kristen Goeser**.



PERSONNEL

New Hires: Hannah Carbaugh, Classroom Assistant, effective May 20, 2019. D'Andre Gordon, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Amanda Lutz, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Michelle Porter, Classroom Assistant, effective May 8, 2019. Jacob Watson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. **Change in Status:** Amy Anderson, Program Assistant, leave request effective on or about September 19, 2019, with an expected return date of November 14, 2019. Joan Asmus, Licensed School Nurse, permanent increase to 1.0 FTE effective July 1, 2019. Meghan Dobson, change from Special Education Lead Teacher to Dean effective July 1, 2019. Kirstie Gabbert, Special Education Teacher, leave request effective January 28, 2019, with a return date of January 28, 2020. Heidi Helm, Special Education Teacher, leave request effective May 13, 2019, with an expected return date effective June 11, 2019. Alissa Peanasky, School Social Worker, decrease from 1.0 FTE to .8 FTE effective August 23, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year only. Nichole Short, School Psychologist, continue at .9 FTE (166.5 days), effective August 26, 2019, through June 5, 2020, for the 2019-2020 school year only. Pam Severson, Administrative Assistant II, permanent increase from 216 days per year to 226 days per year effective July 1, 2019. Shelli Vollbrecht, change from Special Education Lead Teacher to Dean effective July 1, 2019. **Rehires:** Matthew Newquist, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Lisa Ott, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Adrienne Turzynski, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Jeryn Waldera, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. **Resignations and Terminations:** Aaron Evans, Special Education Teacher, effective June 7, 2019. Daniela Gavilanes Castillo, Classroom Assistant, effective June 6, 2019. Gabriela Kubik, Teacher of Deaf/HH, effective June 30, 2019. Brennan McGlauchlan, Classroom Assistant, effective June 6, 2019. Amelia Morris, Classroom Assistant, effective June 4, 2019. John Pereda, Guidance Counselor, effective June 7, 2019. Erin Stevens, Mental Health Practitioner, effective June 7, 2019. **Retirements:** Diane Jeffries, Administrative Assistant-Personnel, effective October 31, 2019.

Calendar Information

July 9, 2019—5:00 PM,
School Board Organizational
and Regular Meeting, 917
Board Room



Summer Break!



Donations: Donations were accepted in the amount of \$550. Donation \$400 towards Skills USA from the Karen O'Brien family to be used to help students continue to learn and grow in their skills within the Career and Technical education field. Also helps students to participate on the state and national level in Skills USA events., and donation of \$150 from the Tapemark Company to the DCALS North program to be used to provide students with the best possible learning experience.

Motions, Reports, Resolutions

- Resolution passed pertaining to the termination of employment of support services employees. (Full resolution available in the Superintendent's office.)
- Motion passed approving the budget for 2019-2020.
- The Organizational and Regular School Board Meeting for July was set for Tuesday, July 19, 2019, at 5:00 PM.
- Wellness goals were reviewed.
- Motion passed approving policies: 301 School District Administration; 302 Superintendent; 303 Superintendent Selection; 304 Superintendent Contract, Duties and Evaluation; 305 Policy Implementation; 306 Administrator Code of Ethics, final readings.
- Motion passed approving Mark Zuzek and Linda Berg as the Identified Official with Authority to approve access to the External User Access Recertification System for MDE.
- Motion passed approving the following contracts: Board Certified Behavior Analysts, Mental Health Coordinator, Licensed Psychologist, Buyer, Special Education Deans and Human Resource Coordinator.
- Resolution passed to move student activities under Board control.
- The School Board had a positive review for Superintendent Mark Zuzek's first year performance evaluation.

Good News—DCALS

- Our CTE programs held the annual Student of Distinction Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 21st in the DCTC Dakota Room. 59 students were recognized for outstanding performance throughout the 18-19 school year within all our CTE programs. We had the pleasure of hearing a keynote address **Tom Nielson, Vice President of Long-Term Care Operations and Administrator for Northfield Retirement Community**. Tom has been a tremendous support and advocate for our Medical Careers program at ISD 917. **Carol Lundquist, Medical Careers Instructor** has worked with Tom to provide clinical experiences for her students seeking Certified Nursing Assistant certification from the state of Minnesota for many years. We also had the pleasure of hearing from **Brooke Beissel, ISD 917-DCALS/Farmington student** who has been taking PSEO classes through DCTC in Diesel Maintenance.



Condolences

Our condolences to **Patti Eldred, Physical and Health Disabilities Teacher**, on the passing of her mom **Mary Margaret Waldner**, age 89, who passed away on June 4, 2019.

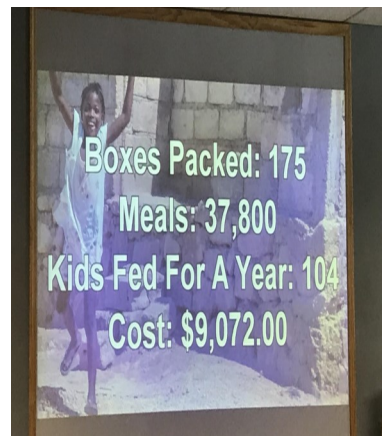
Our condolences to **Lynette Spurgin, Program Assistant at Lakeville North High School**, on the passing of her dad **Earle Robert Taylor**. Earle was 94 years old and passed on Friday, May 24, 2019.

Our condolences to **Tony Villelli, Vehicle Services Teacher, on the passing of his mom, Elinor Villelli** on June 9, 2019. Elinor was 91 years old. Elinor's husband Anthony Villelli, Sr., was one of the first School Board Members of ISD 917.



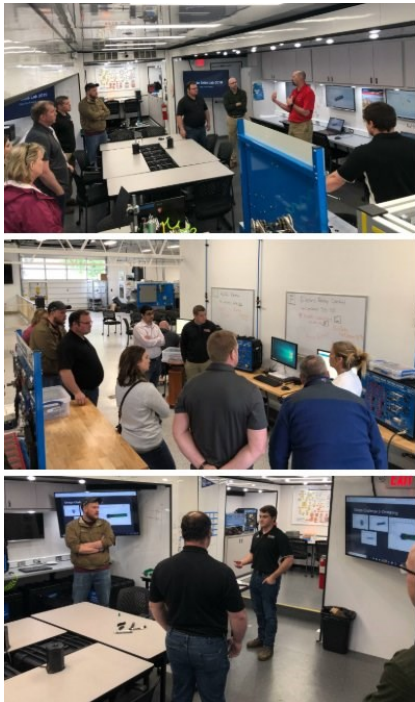
GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- On Thursday, June 6th students from our DCALS main campus went to **Feed My Starving Children** in Eagan to help pack meals. This has become an annual event at different times throughout the school year. Kids had a great time and learned teamwork and community service skills.



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- On Friday, May 10th we held our monthly Perkins Consortium meeting at **Uponor, Inc.** in Apple Valley. We were joined by **Michael Berndt, Interim President for DCTC and Inver Hills CC.** We heard about the history of the company, career opportunities for students, and took a tour of the facility. Uponor has been very accommodating to ISD 917 and our members.
- On Friday, May 24th members of our Perkins consortium schools and ISD 917 staff toured the **Ashley Furniture Advanced Technology Maker Center & the Mobile Skills Lab at Arcadia High School, WI.** Lab Midwest helped to coordinate this opportunity to learn more about Industry 4.0 curriculum and integration within the high school setting. Representatives from Hastings, South St. Paul, Henry Sibley, and ISD 917 participated. Northfield and ISD 917 will begin to offer this introductory program during this summer and upcoming school year.



- We celebrated our DCALS Graduates on Wednesday, June 5th at our North campus in West St. Paul and our main campus in Rosemount. At our North campus we had 36 graduates with 16 participating in the ceremony. At our main campus we had 137 students graduate with 36 taking our ISD 917 diploma. At our main campus over the past year we had the following graduates: Summer School '18 - 14 (4 were 917), End of year '19 - 137 (36 were 9), Possible in SS '19 - 32.

GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- On May 14, 2019 three CTE Programs from ISD 917 attended the Northfield Middle School Career Fair along with our **Principal, Eric Van Brocklin**. The event was well attended with approximately 1000 students, staff and parents present.
- Lynn Morris CTE-Geometry Construction and DCALS Math teacher**, also soon to be “Mechatronics”, showcased the Sphere Bot, and dexterity with drilling screws into some cut 2x4’s.

Mechatronics, which is also called **mechatronic** engineering, is a multidisciplinary branch of engineering that focuses on the engineering of both electrical and mechanical systems, and also includes a combination of robotics, electronics, computer, telecommunications, systems, control, and product engineering.



The Sphere-O-bot is an open source hardware + software project. Originally from Evil Mad Scientist (very cool robots), we have adapted the idea ...

Also **Tony Villelli, CTE Total Auto Body teacher** presented the art of “welding” along with help from industry partners and DCTC



Carol Lundquist, Medical Careers teacher demonstrated some techniques with applying a sling, and learning about anatomy.



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- TESA Works made \$1080 as result of on-going dismantling and recycling of computers this school year.
- On May 17th, Lebanon Education Center held its' 3rd annual all school Fun Field Day! **Mary Callister, DAPE teacher**, organized this fun event. Five families attended to participate in the activities with their student. Each class picked a fun activity to play. The activities were wet sponge toss, spin on a bat and carry a ball on a spoon, giant tic tac toe with frisbees, ball hug, football throw through hoops, washer toss, 4 square, and extreme Rock Paper Scissors. Classes rotated to a new activity every five minutes. At the end, everyone earned a Freeze Pop.
- **Nate Steller's Cedar SUN high school classroom** has been working hard on developing job acquisition skills this school year. The students recently participated in the culmination of all of their hard work: The Amazing Race - Downtown Minneapolis. The students went through a rigorous, three-part, interview process to earn a spot in the race as well as completing research on how to effectively use public transportation. For the Amazing Race, the students took the bus and light rail from Eagan to Minneapolis where they were then give a series of clues that led them around the Minneapolis skyway system. The students had to perform a series of tasks which included gathering information on how to apply for a job with certain businesses and interviewing professionals. A software engineer from Target and a hairstylist who owns and runs her own salon volunteered their time to talk with the students about their careers and aspirations. The students did a phenomenal job and gained many great skills regarding job acquisition and public transportation.
- Monday, May 6th, 2019 our students took part in the first ever hair fair at **Alliance Education Center**. Three local barbers, three local stylists, and one loctician brought their talents to AEC. Students started their morning by participating in an educational presentation that taught them how to care for and manage different hair types and styles. Then over 60 students received free services that day! The smiles on the student's faces were amazing! Each student also received a gift bag full of product samples geared toward their individual hair needs. All of the local volunteers stated that Alliance was an amazing place and looked forward to coming back next year. Thank you to our volunteers and all of the staff who participated in this event.



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Approximately twelve students at Alliance Education Center have participated in a small class called “Street Law” where two law students from Hamline School of Law gave 45-minute presentations on different law topics. At the end of the 10-week course students took a field trip to the law school and participated in a full day mock trial. The students reported that it was one of the best field trips they have ever been on. All of them came back with a new appreciation for the justice system.



- During the school year the transition age (18 yrs - 21yrs) classroom at Alliance Education Center has been taking field trips to learn more about a variety of different employment opportunities in the community. They have had the opportunity to go to local grocery stores, humane society shelters, food shelves, restaurants, a bank, and to the zoo. While in the community they spent part of their day shadowing different professionals to see how the whole company runs from manager, to cashier, waitress to owner, and volunteer to zookeeper. Each field trip was designed around the interest of the students in the classroom.
- Friday, May 24, 2019 two local musicians came to AEC to provide a free concert for students as part of the end of the year celebration. Staff and students were able to dance and come together for a couple of hours. The artists included a band named ***The Mis/ing Letters*** and a local rapper named ***Lil' Skam***.
- Recently staff members in the deaf/hard of hearing program, ***Sarah Ideen, Shannon Rasmussen, and Karen Doenges***, were recognized for their participation in the MN Foundations for Literacy Curriculum Implementation Initiative. As a member of this cohort, the staff learned the curriculum as well as teaching strategies for implementing the curriculum with fidelity. It was a great collaborative opportunity sponsored by Metro ECSU.

