

Intermediate  
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District 917

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### ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

May 2, 2017

### Regular Board Meeting

#### 917 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR—CAITLYN HARING

Caitlyn is a Program Assistant and member of the behavior assistance team at Lebanon Education Center. She is a huge support to the students and staff throughout the building and makes a point of engaging with the students when they are not in crisis so she can build positive relationships with them. Caitlyn co-chairs the building Staff Fun Committee which has organized activities like the Polar Plunge, cooking a meal at the Ronald McDonald House, and various competitions. She created the "Why We Work Here", "Kids Say the Darndest Things" and "What We Need to be Successful" bulletin boards in the staff work room. She is also a member of the student activity committee and has helped organize school-wide activities such as dances, Kindness Week and different activities when the students reach the building goal for earning Lynx Pride tickets. Congratulations Caitlyn!



#### 917 TEACHER OF THE YEAR—KAITLIN ADAMS

Kaitlyn Adams is a social worker at Alliance Education Center. Kaitlyn's positive energy and enthusiasm for her work is amazing. She channels all of her energy into meeting the needs of students, families, and staff on a daily basis. To name a few: collaborating with Dakota County Social Services for crisis intervention, truancy diversion, family and child resources, and anger replacement therapy, involved in PBIS leadership, coordinates work experience opportunities, classroom lessons on healthy relationships, group and individual sessions with students, organizes building activities and fundraising, SMART moves training and PCM trainer. Kate gives her all each and every day for the students at Alliance and is so very valuable to everyone she works with. Kate is also finishing her Master's Degree in Social work. Congratulations Kate!



## PERSONNEL

**New Hires:** Jean Bannick, Occupational Therapist, effective April 17, 2017. Kennedy Ellinghuysen, Classroom Assistant, effective April 17, 2017. **Change in Status:** Kellie Lange, Classroom Assistant, maternity disability leave effective on or about August 5, 2017, with an expected return date of October 30, 2017. Sarah Rabe, Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, maternity disability leave effective on or about October 4, 2017, with an expected return date of January 4, 2018. **Resignations & Terminations:** Erin Carik, Classroom Assistant, effective June 8, 2017. Carina Figueroa, Classroom Assistant, effective June 8, 2017. Brittney Guerrero, Classroom Assistant, effective May 1, 2017. Taylor Hewitt, Classroom Assistant, effective April 6, 2017. Ann Hormann, Classroom Assistant, effective May 19, 2017. Blake Mayes, Classroom Assistant, effective June 8, 2017. Alyssa Nelson, Classroom Assistant, effective April 10, 2017. Sara Pratt, Assistant Director of Special Education, effective June 30, 2017. Alyssa Stone, Classroom Assistant, effective April 10, 2017.



## Calendar Information

**May 9, 2017**- 6:00-8:00 PM, CTE Student of Distinction Awards Program-DCALS Main Campus

**May 25, 2017**—12:30 PM, Graduation, Lebanon Education Center, 5800 149th Street, Apple Valley

**June 2, 2017**—11:30 AM, DASH Graduation, Henry Sibley High School, 1897 Delaware, Mendota Heights, Room 119

**June 6, 2017** – 12:30 PM, Alliance Education Center Graduation, 14300 Biscayne, Rosemount

**June 6, 2017** - 1:00 PM, Lakeville North High School DASH Graduation, 19600 Ipava Avenue West, Room 248

**June 6, 2017** – 5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room

**June 7, 2017** —12:30 PM, TESA Graduation, DCTC Center Commons

**June 7, 2017**— 2:00 PM, DCALS North Graduation, 150 E. Marie Avenue, West St. Paul

**June 7, 2017** —7:00 PM, DCALS Graduation -DCTC Campus

**June 8, 2017** - 10:00 AM, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Preschool Graduation, Gym, Early Learning Services Center, Diamondhead Education Center, 202 W. Burnsville Parkway

## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to *Vickie Bjerke, Accounts Payable*, on the passing of her son-in-law *Robert Moss* who passed away of a double stroke on Easter.



## REPORTS, MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS

- ◆ Resolution passed approving the donations in the amount of \$1,540.  
(Full text available online at [www.isd917.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd917.k12.mn.us) under Board Agendas)
- ◆ Motion passed approving the Blood Borne Pathogens Control Plan for 2017-2018.
- ◆ Resolution passed approving Teachers' Appreciation Week.
- ◆ Motion passed approving the Special Education Lead Teachers for 2017-2018 as follows:
  - Shelli Vollbrecht—DASH/PACES/TESA and DCALS-Special Education
  - Lori Klein—Blind-Visually Impaired—Purchase of Service
  - Wendi Renken—SUN—Cedar School
  - Meghan Dobson—IDEA/SUN—Alliance Education Center
  - Carmen Eaton—YTP, Curriculum and Testing
  - Amanda Peters —JSC, Anthony Louis, PHD, Options, Related Services , curriculum and testing
  - Shanna Knutson—School Psychology
  - Ann Mayes—Deaf/Hard of Hearing—Purchase of Service
  - Ann Kalgren—Deaf/Hard of Hearing—Resource
- ◆ Motion passed approving the DCALS Lead Teachers for 2017-2018 as follows:
  - Patty LaBeau —DCALS Tech
  - Erin Mahnke—DCALS
  - Don Williams—DCALS North
- ◆ Motion passed approving revised Policy 467, Staff Recognition, final reading.
- ◆ Motion passed approving revised policies 100, 101, 102, 103, and 104 and deleting policies 105, 141, 1.42, 1.52, and 1.62.
- ◆ Motion passed approving the revised Superintendent Position Description and revised Performance Evaluation.
- ◆ Motion passed approving the individual contracts for Licensed Psychologist (Mental Health Specialist), Board Certified Behavior Analysts, Mental Health Professional Coordinator, and Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker.
- ◆ Motion passed approving the Dean Special Education contracts for Lindsey Hartjes and Amy Swaney for 2017-2019.
- ◆ Motion passed approving the 2017-2020 Strategic Directives document.

## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- ◆ We have had 71 graduates as of today. (24 super seniors, 26 early '17 grads, 21 DCALS/917 grads)
- ◆ There are five juniors almost finished with credits who are preparing to apply for the Early Middle College program.

### CONSTRUCTION TRADES

- ⇒ Four people have contacted the Construction Trades Dept. wanting 917 to build the 2017-2018 Student Built House for them.
- ⇒ Two construction companies contacted **Paul Landwehr, Construction Trades Teacher**, inquiring about carpenters.
- ⇒ Farmington/Rosemount Newspaper came to do a story regarding the Whitetail Woods Cabins. This will be published the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- ◆ In coordination with Street Law Inc., three law students from **William Mitchell: Angelica, Caitlyn, and Rebecca**, on a weekly basis visit and teach students about a variety of law topics. Students have been enjoying and taking advantage of the opportunity to learn about the law and how these three people have moved to and through college. Their visits include an assistant District attorney from Anoka County and public defender **Bradford Colbert**, whose accomplishments include arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court.

- ◆ Fundamental Chef Training students expressed interest in doing a Japanese Hibachi lab in class. They did some research on traditional hibachi ingredients and especially the recipe for hibachi rice. The students sliced chicken, pork, and beef; and marinated the beef in a teriyaki-type marinade. They sliced, diced, and chopped more than fifteen types of vegetables. They cooked rice noodles & rice and prepared both orange barbeque and teriyaki cooking sauces. All of the preparation took a full school day. The following day, the students were able to choose their combination of meat, vegetables, and sauces. They used our flat top grills to prepare their creations. An interesting ingredient blend that the hibachi rice is finished with is a mixture of butter, granulated garlic, and soy sauce. **Chef Patty** plans on repeating this lab again next year.





## GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- Our new computer and workspace furniture came in last week. We are in the process of getting it all in its proper space and ready for student use. Our students and staff were wonderful about helping to unload and setup many of the items. We will work on getting our North campus items in place over this week. A word of thanks to **Hank Broback and Mark Hanson of DCTC** for helping to unload and store our furniture in the campus warehouse. This new furniture and workspace will greatly enhance the atmosphere and attitude of our students. It will also allow them a space to work and make appropriate choices during break time and lunch time. The staff and students thank you for your continued support.



## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Congratulations to **Sheri Frisque**, ISD 917 Teacher of Blind/Visually impaired, and **Shannon Rosenberg**, ISD 917 Deaf/Blind Intervener Assistant, who are both receiving the 2017 Special Education Community Advisory Council (SECAC) Special Caring Award in the Bloomington school district. Sheri was nominated by a classroom teacher in Early Childhood Special Education, and Shannon by a middle school special education teacher. They received their awards on Tuesday, April 25. The SECAC sponsors the award each year to recognize teachers, paraprofessionals and others who have done an outstanding job working with Bloomington district's special education students.



- A total of 13 families attended TESA's caregiver support group Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> hosted by **Beck Zuehlke and Pat Arneson**. All the caregivers and students appreciated and were excited about the food that was provided by **Diana O'Neil's** class and the students enjoyed spending time socially with their peers outside of the meeting with **Ann Staples**. The meeting was held in the COST classroom. This support group would not be possible without the help of the TESA staff spreading the word to caregivers and organizing students to help drive the planning and preparation for this meeting. The students learn valuable skills while building pride in the work they do! Our next caregiver support group is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6-7:30 p.m. We intend to continue with this next year!
- Students in DASH at Henry Sibley High School will celebrate Prom on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the small gym at Henry Sibley High School. The theme this year is "Grease." This event has traditionally been well attended by students and staff.



The staff at Alliance Education Center hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation potluck on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Several law enforcement officials representing Dakota County Sheriff's office and the Rosemount city police department came to eat as staff shared their appreciation for all the support the officers provide to our students, their families, and our staff.

## GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, students and staff in **Ms. Weis', Ms. Lehman's and Mr. Well's** room hosted a luncheon spectacular for family members. The Dan Sullivan Conference Room was packed full as students and their families enjoyed a lunch of chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables and cupcakes. The lunch was planned and made by the students (with just a little help from the staff). Entertainment was provided by students in Ms. Weis' class who played songs on guitar and keyboard that they have been working on in music class. Students in Ms. Lehman's class shared the ecosystems they have created to support their classroom beta fish. So much fun was had, the students were asking to have another lunch before the end of the year! Plans are already underway.
- Through grants provided by the Minnesota Department of Education and the Metro ECSU seven ISD 917 Assistive Technology (AT) team members: **Patti Eldred, Jennifer Hetland, Lori Klein, Berdette Lang, Amanda Peters, Taylor Thomas, Lynn Quam** attended the Charting the C's conference in Alexandria, Minnesota. The conference focused on Everyday Educators Doing Extraordinary Things. There were several activities the committee members participated in. The 917 Assistive Technology Committee showcased their years' work at the conference poster session. Included in the presentation were the Assistive Technology Considerations Form, the 917 Assistive Technology Fair and how to use the *Do Ink* app to create interesting videos and pictures using a green screen. (see photo below). **Taylor Thomas** presented in a session titled The Age of Innovation: The Impact of Media Barriers on Instructional Access. This presentation gave knowledge on accessibility in the classroom through closed captioning.

