

Intermediate
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District 917

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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

November 7, 2017

Regular Board Meeting

GOOD NEWS— Special Education

Jennifer Troy from Paws for Learning is able to work with more classrooms this year. Jennifer uses her dogs to work with students on social skills, dealing with emotions, helping to regulate, and solving conflicts. Jennifer started working in one classroom at Cedar last year through an Education Minnesota Classroom Grant. With the success of the program, we were able to renew the grant and also expand. Jennifer is now working with four different classrooms at Cedar and one classroom at Lebanon. The classrooms range from early elementary through high school. Some of the students who worked with Jennifer last year are supporting the young elementary students when they meet with Jennifer.



PERSONNEL

New Hires: Haullidey Dalbec, Classroom Assistant, effective October 30, 2017. Kristina Eddleston, Classroom Assistant, effective October 23, 2017. Dillon Eddy, Classroom Assistant, effective October 30, 2017. Casey Gloe, Classroom Assistant, effective October 23, 2017. Johanna Iversen, Classroom Assistant, effective November 6, 2017. Karissa Martin, Community Expert Long Term Substitute effective October 2, 2017, through November 21, 2017. Sara Matzoll-Phillips, Classroom Assistant, effective November 8, 2017. Diallo Powell-Brown, Classroom Assistant, effective November 7, 2017. Maureen Vetell, Technical Tutor, effective October 23, 2017. Varo Zembryki, Classroom Assistant, effective October 23, 2017.

Change in Status: Pamela Garretson, Network Specialist, medical leave request effective October 2, 2017, with an expected return date of October 30, 2017.

Resignations and Terminations: Anna Bach, Program Assistant, effective November 3, 2017. Jenna Fulford, Classroom Assistant, effective November 15, 2017. Amina Grass, Health Associate, effective October 24, 2017. Mark Kingsriter, Program Assistant, effective October 27, 2017. Sarah Lozano, Classroom Assistant, effective November 10, 2017. Valerie Nimene, Classroom Assistant, effective November 9, 2017. Elisa Olson, Program Assistant, effective October 27, 2017. Stephanie Schimek, Classroom Assistant, effective October 17, 2017.



Calendar Information

November 13, 2017—3:15 PM, Teacher Negotiations, 917 Board Room

November 21, 2017—3:15 PM, Teacher Negotiations, 917 Board Room

November 23-24, 2017—

Closed for Thanksgiving Break

November 28, 2017—3:15 PM, Teacher Negotiations, 917 Board Room

December 5, 2017—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 14300 Biscayne, Rosemount, MN

December 22, 2017 to January 1, 2018 —No students.

December 25-26, 2017—Closed for Holiday

January 1, 2018—Closed for New Year's Day

January 3, 2018—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room



**United Way! The staff of
Intermediate School
District 917 raised \$3,215 for
United Way this year!**

DONATIONS

Donation of \$500 from Valmont Industries of Farmington to be used for hands on K'Nex simple and compound machine classroom set for DCALS Students.

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to *Angie Fleming, Speech Language Pathologist*, on the birth of her daughter *Emelyn Ruth Gagner*. Emelyn was 6 pounds and 18¾ inches long. Mom and baby are great!



MOTIONS AND REPORTS

- The School Board toured the Juvenile Services Center prior to the Board meeting.
- Assistant Director Jennifer Hetland gave an overview of the Anthony Louis Program.
- Motion passed approving the Revenue and Expenditure Report.
- Motion passed approving staying with Medical (self-funded) with no benefit changes and a 3% premium increase and Delta Dental (self-funded) with benefit changes and no premium increase effective January 1, 2018.
- New and revised policies had a final reading and were approved (these will be updated on the website within the week):
 - ◇ 620 Credit for Learning
 - ◇ 680 Student Meal Charge Policy
 - ◇ 901 Visitors to School
 - ◇ 201 Legal Status
 - ◇ 202 School Board Officers
 - ◇ 203 Operation of School Board
 - ◇ 203.1 School Board Procedures
 - ◇ 203.2 Regular Meetings
 - ◇ 203.3 Order of the Regular School Board
 - ◇ 203.4 School Board Meetings
 - ◇ 203.5 Consent Agendas
 - ◇ 204 School Board Meeting Minutes
 - ◇ 205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
 - ◇ 206 Public Participation
 - ◇ 207 Public Hearings
 - ◇ 208 Development, Adoption and Implementation
 - ◇ 209 Code of Ethics
 - ◇ 210 Conflict of Interest
 - ◇ 211 Criminal or Civil Action
 - ◇ 212 School Board Member Development
 - ◇ 213 School Board Committees
 - ◇ 214 Out of State Travel

GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- In an effort to create and strengthen a community of social learning, students in TESA participated in the 7th annual Fall Festival on Monday, October 16th. The recurring adaptive game “Minute to Win It” theme was in full swing at 16 different stations. Students and staff organized the event to celebrate a successful beginning of the school year and the induction of the new student council members. Students enjoyed a celebratory pizza lunch afterwards.
- Sixteen students from TESA participated in the sixth annual “Reality Store” event this year, sponsored by the Dakota County Community Transition Interagency Council. This event offered select transition aged youth the opportunity to learn and practice life skills they will need upon graduating. Speakers at the event this year included, **Alison Feigh, Program Manager of the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center**, a program of Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center. She provided insight regarding online safety, including, “Protecting my Online Footprint,” which highlighted the impact of social media on future employment opportunities. The presentation also included information on preventing cyberbullying and developing healthy behaviors and boundaries in the workplace.
- The Assistive Technology team has implemented an easy way to check out Assistive Technology items, using EZ Office Inventory. This system tags library items with QR codes that can be scanned with an iPhone or iPad. The 917 AT Lending Library includes the following items; the C-Pen Reader Pen, fidgets, weighted vests, alternative chairs, a Green Screen Kit, a 12.9 inch iPad Pro with communication and AT apps, and a Surface Pro equipped with eye gaze, Dynavox Compass communication software, Snap & Read, and Co:Writer. To request equipment, staff can fill out the 917 [Request for AT Support/Tools](#) online form, or get in touch with any AT Team members: **Patti Eldred, Lynn Quam, Taylor Thomas, Lori Klein, Martha Allen, Cindy Jacobs, or Amanda Peters**. In the near future all Occupational Therapists and Speech Therapists will also have accounts to EZ Office Inventory, so staff can go through the therapist they are working with to request items. Links to the list of inventory items and the Request for AT Support/Tools form can be found in Hoonuit (917 Training and Resources > Assistive Technology Training).
- Connecting. Playing. Laughing! — Another successful **ISD 917 Deaf/Hard of Hearing Preschool Family Night** was held on October 12, 2017. Parents were invited to bring their children for an evening of fun and to meet and socialize with other families in the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Preschool Program, and enjoy a simple pizza dinner together. With 80% of our preschool families attending this popular event, the evening was filled with conversation, networking, and socialization on the part of parents, students and staff. Many thanks go to **Roxy Johnson, Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing** for early childhood learners, for her excellent efforts and organization of this successful event!



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

Home of Career and Technical Education

- Fundamental Chef Training class is having their Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Last year, we sold 450 pies. This is a chance for the students to experience high volume sales and planning. They participate in the preparation and organization of the production, holding, packaging, and the final delivery of the pies. There are five types for sale this year: Pumpkin, Pecan, Sweet Potato Crunch, Caramel Apple Crumb, and Pumpkin Praline. All of these are 9" deep dish pies. Please call **Chef Patty LaBeau** at 651-423-8441 to set custom delivery dates if you need pies before Thanksgiving week.



- Such a blessing when previous students (*9 years ago*) return to visit with current students in Medical Careers. **Anna Renner**, spent the entire day on Wednesday, November 1st with all three shifts of students. She had an incredible PowerPoint that showcased her journey, both negative and positive, with all her ups and downs. It went something like this: Carol's class . . . CNA . . . EMT . . . (injury) . . . Certified Surgical Technologist (2 yr) (injury) Bachelor's Degree (Augsburg) 4 yrs in Biopsychology . . . and acceptance to PA-C student at Clarkson (New York) moving 12/17. She applied with 3,000 applicants with only 30 being selected . . . she was selected! She is 26 years old. What she stressed to our high school students is that, no matter what obstacles get in your way (she had 13 surgeries along this journey), if you want it bad enough, you make it work. Anything is possible, and do not look for excuses to quit . . . That's the easy route!
- As a leadership project, Fundamental Chef Training students have partnered with "the food group", an innovative hunger relief organization dedicated to serving the needs of our changing communities through the distribution and promotion of healthy foods to over 200 partner food shelves and meal programs (www.thefoodgroupmn.org). The partnership's goal is to increase access to high quality fresh produce to families and individuals experiencing food insecurity. The students are able to support the Fresh Produce Programs, which rescue and preserve local surplus produce. Through the processing of this surplus produce, the students are helping reduce food waste and increasing the availability of fresh produce during the winter. For example, the students have been processing 750 pounds of butternut and turban squash since last Thursday. They have been washing, peeling, and seeding all of the squash. The final products includes squash puree and diced squash, which are frozen to extend the shelf life. **Chef Patty LaBeau** is also brainstorming other methods of supporting this partnership with "the food group" as the availability of this surplus produce decreases, including supporting their Mobile Food Shelf Program and preparing other foods for large scale distribution.



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- **DCALS Health/PhyEd Teacher Stefanie Soukup's** Movement and Math class at the DCALS North campus went bowling and learned how to keep and calculate their bowling scores. We all had a blast!



- On October 18th, some of the 917 staff toured the New French Bakery factory. This factory makes, packages, and distributes the “Take and Bake” bread seen in grocery stores nationwide.

- On October 18th, staff from the DCALS Secondary Programs toured **Buhler Corporation in Plymouth** to learn more about their Apprenticeship program. Buhler offers six apprenticeship opportunities each year to learn a variety of skills to be used as a future employee. They are a Swiss-based industry.



- DCALS staff also had the opportunity to tour **AWT Labels in Minneapolis and the FlexTech Training center** on Oct. 18th. Flexotech provides training in the Flexographic Print industry through a 12 week training session. This training takes place within the confines of the AWT Labels plant. AWT Labels produces flexographic printing of all varieties for companies throughout the U.S. and internationally.

- **KUDOS to Erin Hale Sanford , DCALS Social Studies Teacher, who received the following email from a student:**

“Hey Erin!!! It's Sunday morning and I'm here in Missouri for AIT. I was just thinking of you and all the teachers at DCALS. I miss you all so much and I just wanted to send out a little thanks for all the help and the guidance you all supported me with, even when I was being a little poop head. I was way behind when I started school with you guys and you kept me motivated and on track. I am grateful to have had the chance to come there and work with you guys, I feel like without you all I wouldn't be on the same path with the Army I am on now. So thank you all. “ Xoxoxo M Anderson

GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- **Taylor Thomas, Ann Mayes,** and the Itinerant Deaf/Hard of Hearing team continue to promote the use of closed-captioning so students have access. Taylor has been asked to present and collaborate on her efforts with other districts. Ann Mayes has trained the National Honor Society at Farmington High School to caption videos used in flipped classrooms. Kudos to Taylor, Ann, and the entire team!
- **Kelsey Mlodozyniec** is creating monthly newsletters that she e-mails to parents. Her newsletters provide information on upcoming events and resources that they might find useful. This newsletter is keeping parents informed without an overwhelming number of e-mails sent to them.
- Students and staff at Alliance Education Center have had an amazing October. Our school store has been up and running for whole month and has introduced 5 new items for our students to enjoy. The store is a student run business including inventory, shopping/fulfilling, selling, and budgeting. We are so proud of our students in Room 114 (SUN) for their hard work.
- Alliance Education Center has a new classroom creating and editing our student news/announcements. Each day our students in Room 105 (SUN) interview, prepare, and edit a 3 to 5 minute news cast that shares information with our students and staff. This year new segments have been added such as “Good Question” and “Wellness Wednesdays”. We hope to share some of our tips with you.
- On October 18, 2017 staff at AEC participated in a professional development day. Our focus at Alliance was on health and wellness. We started the day with some visioning work for both IDEA and SUN to support our continued efforts to improve Alliance Education Center. We then participated in an hour of health and wellness activities such as yoga, hiking, kickball, and Beachbody on Demand. Pictures of our fun attached. Our staff spent the afternoon teaming and working together in their classrooms. Everyone left rejuvenated and ready for the MEA break.
- AEC’s student council had the first student event of the year...a “Spooktacular” Dance last Friday October 27, 2017. The students designed the decorations, invited all classrooms to participate, and created a menu as well as activities schedule. The dance turned out amazing! Our students and staff participated in fun games and won prizes. We look forward to the next student council event.



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- Students from **Brian Moga's and Amy Riesgraf's** middle school classroom and **Brenda Sather's and Erin Stevens** elementary classroom recently spent part of their geocaching at Lebanon Hills Park. The field trip was part of their work around meeting new people, cooperation, and interacting with a larger group of people. Students from each class were paired together so all the students needed to accomplish a task with someone they did know. Everyone had a great time and students have started connecting more with others outside of their room.



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- The Minnesota Association for Career and Technical Administrators (MACTA) recognized **Julie Wolner, Business Education Instructor of Northfield HS as an Outstanding Secondary Educator for 2017**. Julie represents Northfield on the Dakota County Perkins Consortium Leadership team. She has taught in the Business department at Northfield HS for the past 23 years. **Eric Van Brocklin, DCALS Secondary Principal and Dakota County Perkins Coordinator** was honored to present her the award at the Fall 2017 Banquet in Bloomington on November 1, 2017.



share recipes! Three classes brought in their prepared dishes to share, and honestly, the food was incredible and delicious! Our classes were truly a “melting pot” of Diversity that day with the collection of all types of food from breads to desserts. Becky and I had a tough day, with all that sampling, tasting, and eating . . .

- Our Medical Careers class has just completed our unit on Cultural Diversity & Awareness”. Traditionally, at the end of this assignment, we celebrate in our classroom with sharing foods that are traditional and ceremonious to each student and their families. It is a feast of all feasts! This year, we had everything from spaghetti to tacos! Students tell their stories and