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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

October 1, 2019

Regular Board Meeting

United Way is here!

Our goal this year is for everyone to contribute at least \$4.00 per paycheck. Deductions will be taken from your paycheck from November 1, 2019, to June 15, 2020. That is only 15 pay periods.



Many great door prizes if you donate! \$25 Target gift card, and DMC Cards, free hotel nights, etc.. Please return your pledge card no later than October 15 to Linda Berg in the District Office.

Option: You can also donate specifically to an organization. Read the bottom of your pledge form. If you did not receive a pledge form in your mailbox, please call me at 651-423-8214 or e-mail linda.berg@isd917.org.

Remember:
You Make A Difference!



PERSONNEL

New Hires: Alexandra Bisping, Classroom Assistant, effective September 13, 2019. Megan Boehm, Classroom Assistant, effective September 23, 2019. Daniel Crawford, Classroom Assistant, effective September 30, 2019. Christine David, Mental Health Professional, effective September 5, 2019. David Diaz, Program Assistant, effective September 9, 2019. Nancy Dye, Classroom Assistant, effective September 4, 2019. Jodi Erickson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Stefanie Goodling, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Kara Hanson, Classroom Assistant, effective September 11, 2019. Johnathan Harlin, Special Education Teacher, effective August 22, 2019. Hannah Hills, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Kelly Jones, Classroom Assistant, effective September 23, 2019. Emily Kendall, Program Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Cailyn Kneifl, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Tiffani Lavell, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Kearston Lazaretti, Classroom Assistant, effective September 9, 2019. Marcia McNeil, Classroom Assistant, effective September 19, 2019. Sara Pitts, Classroom Assistant, effective September 16, 2019. Colleen Moore, Classroom Assistant, effective September 16, 2019. Marcus Pennington, Classroom Assistant, effective September 23, 2019. Christina Rank, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Amun Said, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Julie Scharber, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Brett Swanson, Classroom Assistant, effective September 4, 2019. Estanie Tyler, Classroom Assistant, effective September 23, 2019. Summer Vang, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Joleen Witham, Administrative Assistant I, effective September 16, 2019. **Change in Status:** Michelle Dodge, Sign Language Interpreter, Lead Interpreter stipend for the 2019-2020 school year only. Karen Doenges, Speech Language Pathologist, increase from 135 days per year to 140 days per year effective August 26, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year only. Janell Stiel, Administrative Assistant II, permanent increase from 5.12 hours per day and 203 days per year to 7 hours per day and 208 days per year effective September 3, 2019. **Resignations & Terminations:** Sarah Biddle, Classroom Assistant, effective September 27, 2019. Laura Finkel, Administrative Assistant II, effective October 10, 2019. Haley Husom, Classroom Assistant, effective September 13, 2019. Marcia McNeil, Classroom Assistant, effective September 26, 2019. Alexandra O'Dowd-Mallam, Program Assistant, effective September 19, 2019.

Calendar Information

October 24, 2019 - 8:15 AM—Annual School Board and Member District Superintendent Workshop

October 30, 2019, 3:30—7:30 PM—TESA Open House, 1300 145th Street East, Rosemount

November 5, 2019 — 4:30 PM—School Board Meeting, Alliance Education Center

November 28-29, 2019—Closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 3, 2019 — 5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room



DONATIONS

Donation of \$300 to the ISD 917 DCALS North School from the South Robert Street Business Association to be used for daily food and necessities for students. (Value: \$300.)

Reports and Motions

- Motion passed approving the Assurance of Compliance Report.
- Special Education Director Melissa Schaller reported on enrollment in the special education department.
- Principal Eric Vanbrocklin reported on DCALS and DCALS North and South enrollment.
- Motion passed approving the temporary work agreement.
- Policies 418 Drug Free Workplace Drug Free School; 502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person; 520 Student Surveys; and 531 Pledge of Allegiance were reviewed on a first reading basis.
- Motion passed approving the Memorandum of Understanding for the Union Groups on the Digital Medical Engagement Platform.
- Motion passed renewing Kansas City Life Insurance with a 19.86% decrease in premiums with a three-year rate guarantee and LTD insurance with a 0% change in premiums with a one-year rate guarantee.
- Motion passed approving to stay with Medica for administration of the self-funded insurance plan with no benefit changes and a 3% overall premium increase. With that overall increase, we also recommend differentiating the plan premiums to favor the \$2,000 high deductible HSA plan with a 1.5% increase and have a 4.5 increase for the \$500 co-pay plan. The committee also recommends continuing with Delta Dental for administration of the self-funded dental plan with no benefit changes and no premium increase effective for the January 1, 2020, plan year.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to **Melanie Rix, Lead Teacher for the Care and Treatment Programs** and the ECSE TEA programs, on the passing of her father Anderson, Steven "Butch" Gary on Friday, September 20, 2019 in Burnsville, MN at the age of 66. A funeral is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Zion Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN.



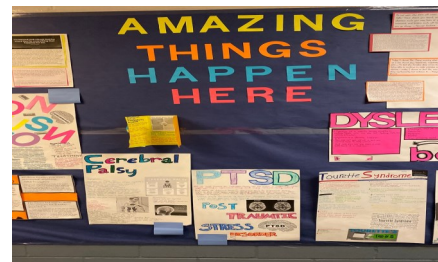
Good News—Special Education

- TESA students have been hard at work creating fun new crafts for the fall season. Fall crafts will go on sale starting the week of September 23rd.

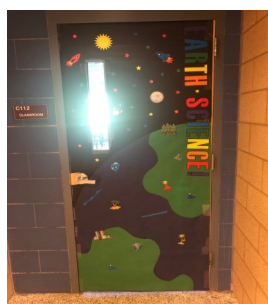
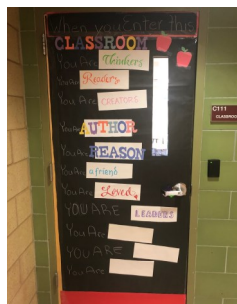


- Students in Hastings DASH program have begun using the Unique Learning System. Each week they incorporate different ways to read the story - either teacher read, students read using communication devices, or listening to the story on the Smartboard. Also, each student will create their own "library" of the ULS books read each month. They will then be able to take the book home at the end of the year. It has been a great resource to have in the classroom.

- The Juvenile Services Center held an open house on 9/17. Thirteen families and several of our ISD 917 school board members were in attendance. Students gave their families a tour and families were able to see where their child was attending school. The photo shows the display the students created that describes some of the issues they deal with in their lives.



- Great things have been occurring at AEC from the start of the year. We opened up our building to families and students for open house in late August. We are happy to report that we had over 30 families attend! This is a new record for Alliance Education Center. Our teachers created welcoming door decorations to demonstrate their school spirit.



GOOD NEWS—SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Cedar and Lebanon held their open houses on August 29th. Cedar had 19 families attend and Lebanon eight. Upon seeing his new room, one elementary student proclaimed, “Well, this is certainly an upgrade!”
- **Lori Klein and Sheri Frisque, Teachers of Blind/Visually Impaired**, trained staff at Concord Education Center on how to play Goalball during workshop week. Goalball is a popular team sport for the blind and visually impaired. The sport originated in 1946 when Austrian Hanz Lorrenzen and German Sett Reindle developed the game as a way to keep blinded WWII veterans physically active. Goalball has since become the premier team sport for blind athletes and is played competitively in 112 countries. The Concord Education Center staff are going to play goalball after school periodically.
- **Taylor Thomas, Lead Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing Programs**, will present at the 37th Annual Closing the Gap Conference on October 4th in Prior Lake with a fellow Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing from St. Paul Public Schools, **Emily Manson**, on Connecting Students and Families with Digital Platforms such as FlipGrid, S'More, Kahoot, and more.
- Students in TESA will be participating in Unity Day on Wednesday, October 23. On this day everyone can come together- in schools, communities, and online- to promote support, hope, and unity to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.
- Open house will be held at TESA DCTC on Wednesday, October 30, 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- TESA Bloomington Transition Center (BTC) is off to an excellent start. The students are beginning to venture out into the community and polishing up their resumes. The "Play Dough" program (making for sensory tools for the district), is beginning this week. We participated in our first successful fire drill followed by one of the Bloomington Fire Department inspectors coming out to speak on fire safety in the home and workplace. It has been a great first three weeks of the school year. A lot of positive team building is happening right in front of our eyes!



Good News—Special Education

Staff and students at Lebanon show their Lynx Pride every Wednesday by wearing their Lebanon Lynx gear.



The students from **Becky Hagues Cedar SUN** class enjoyed a trip to Grand Slam as a reward for all of them reaching their summer reading goal of reading independently or with their parents for 20 minutes every day!

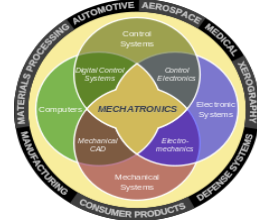


Good News—DCALS

- **Lynn Morris** who teaches our new Mechatronics program and also teaches Math within our ALC received this confirmation of her new CTE Licensure. She did an awesome job working to attain this license with the help of all you, Troy Haugen, and MDE staff.

Dear Lynn,

The evaluation of your portfolio submission has been completed. Based on the reviewer's findings, we are pleased to report that you have met all of the content standards for CTE: Communication Technology licensure.



- **Construction Trades** has the permit all ready to go from the state inspector and will be getting our first load of lumber Thursday, September 26. We are beating the start of last year by a month and most other years by two. Now that is good news!

Paul Landwehr-Construction Trades Teacher



- **Shawn Johnson** from Alliance who's in the DCAL's Heavy Duty Truck program is also taking some of his college general credits as a **PSEO** student to prepare for a January start in the DCTC Heavy Duty Truck program.

Tom LeDoux-HDT instructor

- Last year the DCALS Main Campus started a sandwich station. Knowing a major barrier to learning for quite a few students is hunger, the staff decided to help provide another option besides the well-established DCALS Food Shelf. The sandwich station is located in the class hallway near the office, and students are able to make themselves a sandwich. Most of the items are bought by the staff; however, the school has been lucky enough to get some donations from Hosanna Church And Rotella's (thank you **Audrey Weiler** for this connection).



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

- All our programs held an Open House/Conference night on Thursday, Sept. 26th. This was an opportunity for parents to visit with staff, see our buildings, and here about how the year has started for their students. Students from **Cherry Cramer's Food Industry Careers** class helped to make the cookies that were served at each site. Her program and students always enjoy baking items that can be shared with families during these conferences. **Dale Engman, Scott Teskey, and Lynn Morris** shared tours and insights into the new Mechatronics and Industry 4.0 program here at ISD 917 CTE. Students from Dale's Computer Networking class, Scott's Career Exploration class, and Lynn's Mechatronics class all will have access to the new lab space. This will provide tremendous opportunities for a new way of learning and using hands-on activities to enhance future-ready skills. We had a record 48 families visit for open house/conferences last week in our DCALS Main site.



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

Students from our DCALS North and South campus were able to attend the Renaissance Festival in Shakopee last Friday. Students had a great time learning about Medieval History and enjoying some fun time together.



Fundamental Chef Training & Food Industry Careers students from ISD # 917 present:



Themed luncheon opportunities at Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount:

Tuesday October 29, 2019
Tuesday December 10, 2019
Tuesday February 11, 2020
Tuesday March 31, 2020
Wednesday May 13, 2020

\$13.00 per person flat fee includes: three course meal & beverages

Luncheons begin at 10:45 AM.....specific menus will be sent in a timely manner.

Pre-registration is required: reservation and payment must be remitted by individual due dates to:

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