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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

October 2, 2017

Regular Board Meeting

United Way is here!

Our goal this year is for everyone to contribute at least \$3.00 per paycheck. Deductions will be taken from your paycheck from November 1, 2017, to June 15, 2018. That is only 15 pay periods.



Many great door prizes if you donate! \$25 Target gift card, and DMC Cards, free hotel night, etc.. Please return your pledge card no later than October 16 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.k12.mn.us.

Remember:
You Make A Difference!



PERSONNEL

New hires: Kasandra Andersen, Classroom Assistant, effective September 14, 2017 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Sarah Biddle, Classroom Assistant, effective September 5, 2017. Olivia Billock, Classroom Assistant, effective September 5, 2017. Cassandra Ehly, Classroom Assistant, effective September 18, 2017. Kayla Foley, Classroom Assistant, effective September 14, 2017. Jenna Fulford, Classroom Assistant, effective September 25, 2017. Taylor Goergen, Classroom Assistant, effective September 25, 2017. Adam Kneer, Classroom Assistant, effective September 18, 2017. Samantha Larsen, Classroom Assistant, effective September 5, 2017. Barbara Masters, Classroom Assistant, effective October 4, 2017. Jessica Montgomery, Classroom Assistant, effective September 11, 2017. Del Perry, Classroom Assistant, effective September 13, 2017. Jacob Skerletts, Classroom Assistant, effective October 2, 2017. **Change in Status:** Gretchen Becherer, Classroom Assistant, medical leave request effective September 25, 2017, with an expected return date of November 7, 2017. Pam Biegler, Math Teacher, medical leave request effective October 2, 2017, with an expected return date of November 6, 2017. Amanda Boehmer, Special Education Teacher, medical leave request effective September 18, 2017, with an expected return date of November 13, 2017. Brittany Kneer, Program Assistant, maternity disability leave effective on or about December 7, 2017, with an expected return date of January 22, 2018. Linda Lacher Goddard, Speech Language Pathologist, medical leave request effective September 11, 2017, with an unknown end date (needs intermittent days off during the school year). **Resignations and Terminations:** Angela Bardwell, Classroom Assistant, effective October 1, 2017. Brianna Cronk, Classroom Assistant, effective August 17, 2017. LaTricia Domally, Classroom Assistant, effective September 25, 2017. Robin Lambert, Program Assistant, effective October 4, 2017. Emma Richard, Classroom Assistant, effective December 22, 2017.

Calendar Information

October 26, 2017, 8:15 AM—Annual School Board and Member District Superintendent Workshop

November 2, 2017, 4-7 PM, TESA Open House, 1300 145th Street East, Rosemount

November 7, 2017 — 5:00 PM—School Board Meeting, Juvenile Services Center

November 23-24, 2017—Closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 5, 2017—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room



DONATIONS

- Donation of a Pella F-C45 60 x 72 casement window- \$275; Crestline 970 slider - \$220; Crestline 940 slider - \$190; and Crestline 922 casement window - \$260.00, from Nick Lalani of Farmington. Value: \$945.00.
- Donation of \$150 from Bijan Riahi of Eagan to the Youth Transition Program to support the cost of lunches for students. Value: \$150.

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 enrollment.
- Motion passed approving the temporary work agreement.
- Superintendent Christiansen reported on the Accounts Receivable Aged Invoice Report.
- Superintendent Christiansen reported on TIES.

WHERE DO I FIND INFORMATION AT WWW.ISD917.K12.MN.US?

Before you make that next call to ask someone where to find something, please look on our website. Most information is on there and this saves everyone a lot of time.

- ⇒ Where can a teacher find information on PTO? In their contract which is located on our website at www.isd917.k12.mn.us under "Employment."
- ⇒ Where can I find a mileage expense form? On the website under "For 917 Staff, District Forms, District, Business and Employee Forms."
- ⇒ Where can I find my paycheck? On the website under "For 917 Staff, Links, myView."
- ⇒ Where can I find ISD 917's policies? On the website under "About, School Board, Policies."
- ⇒ Where can I find 917's School Board Agendas and Minutes? On the website under "About, School Board."

CONDOLENCES

*Our condolences go out to **Diane Jeffries, Administrative Assistant-Personnel**, on the passing of her father **Robert Malwick** on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Robert was 96 years old. The funeral will be on Tuesday, October 10th, at Lakeside Presbyterian Church, 4430 McCulloch Street, Duluth MN.*



Good News—DCALS and DCALS North

- Students and staff from our North campus attended the Renaissance Festival on Friday, September 29. This is an annual event for this campus. They tie in some history with fun. **Don Williams and John Pereda** were the staff members present.
- Our Apprentice/Trades Careers class has been busy already this year. The class has had the opportunity to visit a wide array of local businesses and hear from a variety of career resources. Here is a list of what they have taken part with so far:
 - ⇒ Field Trips:
 - “This Old Horse” farm
 - Fluegel’s Farm, Garden, and Pet Supply Shop
 - Terry’s Hardware
 - Syngenta Seeds
 - Hobby Farm (Beef, Chickens, Puppies & Goat)
 - Auto Body-DCTC
 - Welding-DCTC
 - GM ASEP-DCTC
 - DCTC Civil Engineering
 - Hastings Bridge
 - Historic Hastings Downtown
 - Lah Tee Dah (Owned by DCALS grad)
 - Quality Forklift
 - Dakota County Dog Park
 - ⇒ Guest Speakers:
 - Mike Childs (Tribal Officer-Dunwoody/MSU Engineering Grad)
 - National Guard
 - Randy (DCTC Vet Center)
- We are happy to announce that we received our full amount of \$20,000 that we requested as part of Career Pathways Continuous Improvement Grant through MNState. The purpose of this Agreement is: to provide resources to Dakota County Technical College and their Perkins consortium partners to facilitate the review, updating, expansion, and professional development required to improve the Rigorous Programs of Study (RPOS) and Programs of Study (POS) of the consortium. Collaborating partners will include government agencies, local school districts, and the business and industry partners supporting the RPOS and POS. We will use this money in a variety of ways to conduct professional development for our members, create the Transportation M.S. model, review our Technical Skills Assessments within the consortium, meet with industry partners, and provide potential technology within the consortium to help enhance awareness of Technical Education programs.
- Our Construction Trades program has been working on this year’s project options. We did receive clearance from an independent mold inspection and our state inspector that the house built last year is free of mold concerns. This news will allow our classes to finish this project with all the inside work yet to be completed.



GOOD NEWS—SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Both Cedar and Lebanon had many families that came for the open houses held on August 31st. Cedar had eighteen different families attend and Lebanon had seventeen. This was about a third of the students at each site. Many of the students were there with their parents and included a range of grades from early elementary through high school. There was also a mix of students new to the programs and returning students who wanted to meet their new teachers or just check in after the summer. At Lebanon, a student who graduated last spring stopped in to say "hi"!
- Travis Luedke (ISD 199) and Michael Brown (ISD 192) created a paper mache version of the Lebanon Lynx mascot as an art project. The mascot will be mounted in the main office at Lebanon.

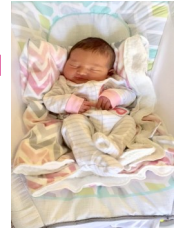


- On Friday, September 8, 2017 Gideon Pond Elementary School hosted a grand opening of their new playground that is accessible to all children. The students in our D/HH Program really enjoy the swing and round-about!

- On October 17th, the PACES program at LNHS will be presenting a play, *Cyndi's Confidence*.
- On October 24, select students from TESA will be participating in the 6th annual the *Reality Store* event to be held at Boeckman Middle School. Students participating in this activity will learn about things such as independent living skills, employment options, housing options, shopping, insurance, etc.
- Students in TESA will be participating in Unity Day on October 25th. 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.
- The year at Alliance Education Center is off to a fast start! We have been conducting many intakes and welcoming many new families into our programming for IDEA, SUN, and CASE. We now have 5 students in CASE. Our students have been participating in a few field trips to grocery stores, petting zoos, and apple orchards. The fall season is in full swing.
- In our high school IDEA program we have a graduation to report out of Farmington. We are excited to see what the future holds for this student and with them all the best.
- We will be welcoming in our first class pets in Alliance in October. Eight goldfish will be joining our students in Room 101 to help with life skills around responsibility, caring for others, and other important social skills. The students in this room wrote letters to the building principal, made a chore chart to keep the room clean for a potential pet, and created a plan to care for the fish day-to-day. We are very excited for this opportunity!
- We are also excited to be rolling out a student council at Alliance. Students that were interested applied and interviewed for potential spots on the council. Students that participate in this opportunity will be working with our school social worker, **Kate Adams**, to create, design, and implement student engagement activities for all of our students at Alliance including school dances, games, fundraisers, and more. We hope to have fun events to invite you to very soon.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Leah Palma, Special Education Center at Lebanon, and her husband Josh**, on the birth of their daughter **Amelia Marie Palma**. Amelia born on Wednesday September 27, 2017 at 4:22pm, weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce, and was inches long. All are doing well!



GOOD NEWS—DCALS/Medical Careers

- In September 2017, the Minnesota State Board of Nursing approved the Nursing Programs for DCTC, and ISD-917. Every two years the state returns to review these programs. Thanks to **Brenda Arneson RN, Director of Nursing for DCTC** for helping us in the high school program and bringing the State Director to our classroom to review our statistics. Also SPECIAL THANKS to Perkins Funding, our Administrative Staff, and the School Board for supporting our classroom needs, equipment, and necessary supplies to make this possible.

"Program approval is an essential part of licensure. It is defined as the official recognition of nursing education programs which meet standards of approval established by boards of nursing. Over the years, NCSBN has studied the approval process in boards of nursing."



- Trina Walter (Graphics CTE Instructor) and Cindy Hanson (SpEd Teacher)** attended the 42nd PIM (Printing Industry Midwest) Paper driver at Veritiv in Minneapolis on Saturday September 16, 2017. We attended with other Teachers from all over Minnesota (a.k.a Paper Rats). We packed about \$3,000.00 worth of Paper into the school Van from 8:00 a.m. - noon. Were able to pick up paper we both can use for our classroom projects for the year! A big thank you to PIM for hosting this event to help us all out in our classroom with paper costs.

- Fundamental Chef Training and Food Industry Careers students are planning for their first luncheon of the year:**

Halloween Luncheon---\$12.00 per person

Tuesday, October 31, 2017, in the Dakota Room at Dakota County Technical College in Rosemount (1300 145th Street East); starting at 10:45 AM

Baby Beet Salad over seasonal greens with bread & butter

Teriyaki Chicken Stir-fry over Jasmine Rice

Fall Cheesecake with Cinnamon Whipped Cream

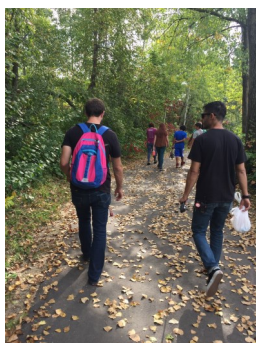
Apple Cider and Decaf Coffee

Pre-registration required: reservation and payment due to Chef Patty or Darla by Friday 10-20-17.



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Classes at Cedar and Lebanon have gone on field trips since the start of the year. Brenda Szoka's high school Cedar SUN class visited the Walker Art Center Sculpture Garden as part of their sculpture unit in art. **Jessica Sinkinson/Bonnie Korman and Brian Moga/Amy Riesgraf's** middle school classes from the TEA program went to Lebanon Hills Park for an afternoon of fishing. Besides being the first time fishing for many of the students, they also had a chance to interact as a larger group of peers.



- Students and staff at Riverside had fun decorating doors and hallways for fall during the Fall Door Decorating Contest. Students looked forward to working on their projects even after school hours. The decorating was judged by county staff and the winners enjoyed a pizza party.

