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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

October 2, 2018

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, 2018, to June 15, 2019. 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: Jessica Alexander, Classroom Assistant, effective September 17, 2018. Natalie Bump, Program Assistant, effective September 26, 2018. Ashley Collins, Classroom Assistant, effective September 10, 2018. Martha Davis, Program Assistant, effective October 1, 2018. Kelli DeYoung, Classroom Assistant, effective October 8, 2018. Latricia Dommally, Classroom Assistant, effective September 17, 2018. Timothy Furney, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Johnathan Harlin, Special Education Teacher, effective September 24, 2018 (re-hire). Coralee Huddle, Classroom Assistant, effective September 10, 2018. Cassandra Ireland, Program Assistant, effective September 4, 2018. Amy Janey, Classroom Assistant, effective September 4, 2018. Melissa Kinneman, Classroom Assistant, effective October 1, 2018. Elizabeth Miller, Program Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Amelia Morris, Classroom Assistant, effective September 10, 2018. Brittany Nasgovitz, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Kimberlie Nelson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Dominique Parks, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Chad Parslow, Classroom Assistant, effective September 26, 2018. Terry Phillips, Classroom Assistant, effective October 3, 2018. Nicholas Reding, Classroom Assistant, effective September 24, 2018. Mariana Roca, Classroom Assistant, effective September 27, 2018. Jeremy Roe, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Lindsay Scanlon, Classroom Assistant, effective October 1, 2018. Kelsey Sletten, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Kristen Thoms, Classroom Assistant, effective September 4, 2018. John Volkert, Classroom Assistant, effective September 17, 2018. Sarah Weiler, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2018. Claire Williams, Classroom Assistant, effective October 4, 2018. **Change in Status:** Sarah Biddle, Classroom Assistant, maternity disability leave effective on or about August 30, 2018, with an expected return date of October 2, 2018. Damian Calamese, Program Assistant, parental leave effective on or about November 3, 2018, with an expected return date of November 19, 2018. Addie Geske, Physical & Health Disabilities Teacher, maternity disability leave effective on or about January 2, 2019, with an expected return date of March 27, 2019. Kelli Proulx, Physical & Health Disabilities Teacher, maternity disability leave effective on or about January 2, 2019, with an expected return date of March 22, 2019. Alyssa Ross, Special Education Teacher, maternity disability leave effective on or about January 23, 2019, with an expected return date of March 20, 2019. Nichole Short, School Psychologist, maternity disability leave effective September 24, 2018, with an expected return date of January 2, 2019. Lynette Spurgin, Program Assistant, updated medical leave request effective September 1, 2018, through September 28, 2018, with intermittent leave effective October 1, 2018, through June 7, 2019. **Resignations and terminations:** Kayla Foley, Classroom Assistant, effective October 5, 2018. Jessica Points, Classroom Assistant, effective September 21, 2018. Monica Roca, Classroom Assistant, effective October 1, 2018. Alexander Smith, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2018. Jermaine Stansberry, Classroom Assistant, effective September 19, 2018. Riley Felton Viner, Classroom Assistant, effective September 6, 2018.

Calendar Information

October 25, 2018, 8:15 AM—Annual School Board and Member District Superintendent Workshop

November 1, 2018, 3:30—7:30 PM—TESA Open House, 1300 145th Street East, Rosemount

November 6, 2018—4:30 PM—School Board Meeting, Juvenile Services Center

November 22-23, 2018—Closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 4, 2018—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room



School Board Chair Jill Lewis would like to express her sincere thanks for all the cards and well wishes she has received since being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She is overwhelmed with how caring the staff of 917 have been to her. There are still cards coming almost daily—she wanted everyone to know how much this helps her get through the chemo, appointments, etc. Jill appreciates all of you and your spirit in her time of need.

DONATIONS

- Resolution to Accept Donation from Lakefield Vet/Best Friends Pet of Kent, Washington (Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital) in the amount of \$500 to the TESA Program to be used by students for events and activities.

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.
- Nicolle Roush reported on the Accounts Receivable Aged Invoice Report.
- Motion passed approving the 2018-2019 Operational Focus Initiatives.
- Motion passed approving revised policies Policies 514-Bullying, 413-Harassment and Violence, 414-Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect, 415-Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, and 522-Student Sex Nondiscrimination.
- Policies 524 – Internet Acceptable Use Safety Policy and Policy 506 – Student Discipline were reviewed on a first reading basis.
- Motion passed approving the insurance renewals with Medica for the administration of the self-funded insurance plan with no benefit changes and a 3% premium increase and Delta Dental for administration of the self-funded dental plan with no benefit changes and no premium increase effective for the January 1, 2019, plan year as presented.

GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- **Pat Arneson, AJ Boehmer, Michael Burgio, Janel Vrieze, Shelly Vollbrecht and Becky Zuehlke,** The Intermediate School District 917 BehaviorTools™ Training Team, has trained over 100 staff members during the past three months. BehaviorTools™ training informs staff what not to do and what to do in different situations with students. The BehaviorTools™ trainers will be out at sites during meetings to provide short refresher trainings to staff throughout the year. Thank you, trainers.



Good News—DCALS and DCALS North

- **Dexter PROTOUR™** a state-of-the-art, mobile cutlery education center designed to present the features and processes for the manufacture of professional quality cutlery was at ISD 917 on October 2 to educate students on the use of professional knives. In addition, a representative from the Vollrath Kitchen Equipment Company educated students on Vollrath equipment and its benefits. Both Career and Technical Education and DCALS students were invited to attend. This educational day was organized by **Jane Hempel**, a Dexter representative and a member of the Food Industry Careers and Fundamental Chef Training Advisory Committee. Our thanks to our business and industry partners who support student education!
- The Army provided our students and staff with a STEM experience trailer on Tues, Oct. 2nd on the DCTC campus. **John Pereda**, DCALS counselor, helped to coordinate this great opportunity.



- Good news from your special education team at DCALS. We had 14 students receiving special education service earn credit in all of their classes as well as some that completed Independent Study for additional credit. These "High Flyers" earned a taco party to celebrate their awesome attendance and academic achievement. Students are rewarded for no behavioral referrals, high attendance, and passing their classes. Many of these students have typically struggled in their home schools and are now having academic success at DCALS. **Aaron Evans, Amelia Schmitz, Jessica Sinkinson**
- -The Construction Trades program has an official contract signed to begin construction of the new house for this school year. They are also working with DCTC to prepare and pour a new concrete apron around the construction site to provide a safer and more stable site for the house construction. DCTC is funding this project.



GOOD NEWS—SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Congratulations to **Jhenna Becker**, a recent Bloomington graduated who was supported by ISD 917 staff, for being the **2018 recipient of the R.Orin Cornett Scholarship** awarded by the National Cued Speech Association!
- Our new District Reading Specialist, **Kayleen Taffe**, is creating monthly newsletters to share literacy strategies with our wonderful teachers. Here is a link to the first newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/q1kv4>
- **Kelsey Mlodozyniec and Taylor Thomas**, Itinerant Teachers of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, are creating monthly newsletters to share with families. Here is a link to the first newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/47w0g>
- Concord Education Center had its Open House on Monday, September 17. We had a great turnout! Many families, students, educators, community, and board members attended to see the new facility and to connect with the staff. It was a great night to showcase the great things happening for our students and to build positive connections with families and community members.



Good News—DCALS and DCALS North

- Students from the DCALS program had the opportunity to visit and tour Brackett's Crossing Country Club in Lakeville on Thursday, Sept. 27th. **Tim Roche**, Director of Membership and Marketing and **Leslie Novak**, Director of Human Resources provided great insight into all the careers available within the club. The students were treated to light snack and input from a variety of staff. Finally, the students got to visit with and tour the groundskeeping area of the club. **Tom Proshek**, Golf Course Supt, provided great information to students on all that goes in to making a course ready for daily use.



- Our Secondary Programs held a fall open house on Thursday, Sept. 27th. This was one of the most well attended events we have had in many years. We had 36 families attend for our DCALS ALC in Rosemount and 15 families at our North campus. Our CTE programs had around 35 students/families attend.
- Tony Villelli** was given a donation by the DCTC Automotive Programs of 6 vehicles for students to work on during the school year.



BABY CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Lori Klein**, Vision Teacher at **Concord Education Center**, on the birth of her son **Maverick Francis Klein**. *Maverick was born on August 23, 2018, at 8:38 AM, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and 19.5 inches long. Congratulations!*



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Riverside, New Chance, Options and Youth Transition Program held Open House on Monday, September 17, 2018. The New Chance program had 84% parent/guardian participation!

ALLIANCE EDUCATION CENTER

- Alliance Education Center held Open House on Thursday August 27, 2018. We had 26 families in attendance! This is the most families in attendance in the last 5 years. We are so proud of the work of our staff in preparing for this night and encouraging our families to attend.
- Mobile Pantry is also up and running at our building. We will continue to serve 20 families throughout the school year.
- We are working with our Mobile Pantry partners to see if we can create a food shelf inside Alliance. This would help us reach about 80% of all of our student's food needs. We are currently only meeting about 20% of our student's needs.
- We have our first parent engagement night planned for October 4, 2018. We will be partnering with Concord Education Center, Lebanon Education Center, and Cedar programs to present on ACES (Adverse Childhood experiences). Dinner and childcare will be provided to families. We look forward to a great evening.
- We are off and running in all of our programs (CASE, IDEA, and SUN). Our students are adjusting well to the changes in classrooms and new staff. While the weather was gorgeous our K-2 classrooms conducted an experiment using rubber bands and a watermelon.



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Cedar and Lebanon Education Center held their open houses on Thursday, August 31st. Both sites had a great turnout of parents and family members. There was a total of 12 families (29 individuals) that visited Lebanon. The Mobile Pantry also provided food to 11 families. At Cedar, 14 families (30+ individuals) attended. In addition, there were seven intakes at Lebanon and six at Cedar that included tours of the buildings.
- Mobile Pantry has returned for another year at several of the district's sites. At this point, 12 families at Cedar are participating in the program and 16 families at Lebanon. Mobile pantry has also donated almost 300 lbs. of food for snacks for the classrooms. A large box of snacks was sent to each of the new early-childhood TEA classrooms as well. These sites are also taking advantage of a new service in the program that provides ready-to-go meals that can be sent home with students between visits from the Mobile Pantry.
- Students in TESA will be participating in Unity Day on Wednesday, October 24. 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.
- TESA open house will be held at the DCTC on Thursday, November 1, 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- This summer, six students (three from our member districts and three from surrounding communities) attended the annual Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) Program hosted by ISD 917. Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) is a program for students who are blind/visually impaired. The ECC program is provided to target concepts and skills that often require specialized instruction with students who are blind or visually impaired to compensate for decreased opportunities to learn incidentally by observing others. This summer's programming included:
 - ◇ Instruction by Metro Transit staff to explore and learn about accessing public transportation
 - ◇ Utilizing technology available at Rosemount Marcus Theater to experience descriptive video
 - ◇ Meal planning, shopping at Cub Foods, and making lunches for the duration of the program
 - ◇ Visiting Camp Butterscotch to explore a fully accessible farm
 - ◇ Playing Goalball, a team sport designed specifically for athletes with a vision impairment
 - ◇ Assist the Customized Training and Continuing Education Program at DCTC by doing the laundry generated during the two weeks of our program
 - ◇ Utilizing the light rail system from the Mall of America to downtown Minneapolis to visit Candyland
 - ◇ Lunch at Applebee's in Apple Valley to access braille and large print menus

