

Intermediate
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District 917

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1300 145th Street East
Rosemount, MN 55068

ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

September 3, 2019

Regular Board Meeting

Welcome Back!

917'S NEW DCALS SOUTH!

421 Walnut Street, Farmington



Our new DCALS South site opened on Tuesday, September 3. There have been some last minute finishing touches that have been worked on in conjunction with ISD 192 staff. The building is going to be a great option for many students as we begin this first year. Grades 8, 9 and 10 will occupy this site.

PERSONNEL:

New Hires: Alexander Bruechert, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Celeste Grussing, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Jennifer Hanson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Sawyer Helgeson, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Megan Luscomb, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Jody Nash, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Jack Overstreet, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019 (from Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant). Catherine Rutter, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. Jordan Scott, School Social Worker, effective August 22, 2019. Leah Swenson, Brailist, effective August 19, 2019. Jacqueline Wilkie, Special Education Teacher, effective August 22, 2019. **Rehires:** Amy Hart, Classroom Assistant, effective August 29, 2019. **Change in Status:** Tracie Anderson, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, leave request beginning September 3, 2019, with an expected return date of September 16, 2019. Caroline Peterson, Sign Language Interpreter, leave request effective on or about October 28, 2019, with an expected return date of January 21, 2020. Jaclyn Suchy, Classroom Assistant, intermittent leave request beginning September 1, 2019, with an expected return date of September 2, 2020. **Resignations and terminations:** Kasandra Andersen, Classroom Assistant, effective August 19, 2019. Lucretia Andrews, Classroom Assistant, effective August 20, 2019. Samuel Betterley, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2019. Olivia Billock, Classroom Assistant, effective August 22, 2019. Renee Bouchareb, Classroom Assistant, effective August 22, 2019. Julie Cooper, Classroom Assistant, effective August 22, 2019. Amy Fillhouer, Sign Language Interpreter, effective August 30, 2019. Fadumo Haji, Classroom Assistant, effective August 23, 2019. Roger Ketterling, Classroom Assistant, effective September 3, 2019. Karissa Martin, Mental Health Practitioner, effective August 22, 2019. Lisa Ott, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, effective September 27, 2019. Lindsey Proeng, DAPE Teacher, effective August 23, 2019, contingent upon finding a suitable replacement. Kelsey Sletten, Special Education Teacher, effective August 21, 2019. Mary Stadelman, Program Assistant, effective August 26, 2019.

Calendar Information

September 17, 2019 - 3:30 - 7:30 PM, Options, 151 W. Burnsville Pkwy, #100, Burnsville

September 17, 2019 - 3-7 PM, Juvenile Services Center, 1600 Highway 55 West, Hastings

September 26, 2019 - 3:30-7:30 PM, DCALS Open House, 1300 145th Street East, Rosemount (DCTC)

September 26, 2019 - 3:30-7:30 PM, DCALS North Open House, 150 E. Marie, WSP

September 26, 2019 - 3:30-7:30 PM, DCALS South Open House, 421 Walnut Street, Farmington

October 1, 2019—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, DCALS South, 421 Walnut Street, Farmington

October 30, 2019 - 3:30-7:30 PM, TESA Open House, 1300 145th Street East, Rosemount (DCTC)



WATCH FOR BUSES!



Motions & Reports

- Motion passed approving policies: 410-Family Medical Leave Act; Policy 616-School District System Accountability; and Policy 806-Crisis Management Policy.
- Motion passed approving the 2019-2020 Operational Focus (with a minor change in SD2, S1 to change “maintain steady enrollment” to “will strive to maintain”).
- Motion passed approving John Borup and Jonathan Mulville as the lead teachers for DCALS South, Farmington.

SAFESCHOOLS IS READY!

Log into www.isd917.org, then go to For 917 Staff, Safeschools Online Training, to begin your annual training. (Your 917 email is your username and if you need it your password is your first name.) **All due by October 1, 2018.** Easy way in (copy and paste below):

<http://www.isd917.mn.safeschools.com/login>



CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to *Carol Lundquist, Medical Careers Teacher*, on the passing of her sister *Janet Gail Hart (Germundson)*. Janet was 63 years old and passed away on August 22, 2019, after a brave and courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.



THANK YOU!

Teachers' Union and Interpreters' Union

Thank you for Emily's Bakery Donuts on Opening Workshop Day!



GOOD NEWS—DCALS

Summer School records this year:

- 210+ students registered for Summer School between Main, North, Sibley and Simley
- 176 students completed at least partial credit (they were logged in at some point during the summer session)
- 126 courses were completed and awarded a full semester credit
- 14 students graduated (this number may be higher as I'm not sure if the Sibley/Simley students graduated or were just catching up on credits)

-Pam Biegler-DCALS Teacher

- We had a successful workshop week. We welcomed our new staff. We were able to take a visit to the Northfield Retirement Community and hear from **Sen. Greg Clausen**. Staff is excited to get the year going.

GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- The kindergarten through second grade students who are deaf/hard of hearing (D/HH) at Gideon Pond Elementary spent their extended school year (ESY) program immersed in language and learning about art, math, and time. The students in third through fifth grades spent their ESY program learning the skills needed to be a detective. Students learned how to take finger-prints, how to look for clues, and how to problem-solve. At the end of instruction, they used all of their skills to write their own mysteries. They then used our green-screen technology (available in the AT library) to create a news report about their crime. The students had such a wonderful experience and learned all about new technology!
- On August 1, the last day of ESY, **Betsy Larsen's** students at LNHS PACES, put on a play performance "The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza." The performance was a big success, refreshments were served after the show.
- The movement of items from the DASH program at Christa McAuliffe Elementary to Pinecrest Elementary went smoothly. DASH staff in that classroom room are looking forward to continuing to meet student needs in the new elementary setting in Hastings. Additionally, due to construction, the DASH program at HMS moved to HHS for the 2019-2020 school year.

WE'RE MOVING!

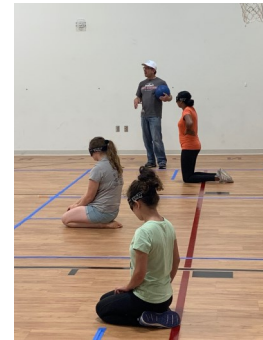


GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- On August 8, 2019 the county and school staff from the New Chance program hosted a student and family picnic at Jensen Lake Shelter in Eagan. The event was a success with all of the students in attendance with at least one of their family members. Everyone enjoyed the BBQ and weather.



- During the month of August, a camp for area students that are blind or visually impaired was held at Concord Education Center and was facilitated by **Sheri Frisque and Katrina Mayes**. Students from several districts attended, and participated in several activities such as meal planning, grocery shopping, food preparation, and other activities of daily living. The group went off-campus each day and visited various places within the metro, including a day at the MSP Airport to practice navigating security checkpoints. The group also participated in playing Goalball, which is similar to dodgeball. **Craig Horejsi from Camp Butterscotch** instructed the group on how to play and served as a referee during the games. It was a great experience and was attended by several family members and 917 staff.



- Summer construction projects are wrapping up at Lebanon. The reception desk has been enclosed to make a secure reception area for the administrative assistant. In turn, this opens up an office space for the new school resource officer for the building. One of the doors for the kitchen has been set back so that it is not opening directly into the hallway.
- Summer construction at Alliance Education Center on the new gym floor, Project Discovery space and offices, and new security entrance is nearly complete. The gym floor has already been put to use with many of our new staff trainings. The security entrance is in the final stages. Below are photos of our renovations.



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- Last Thursday and Friday new staff to AEC had the chance to participate in a competitive scavenger hunt around the building with their mentors in an effort to acclimate to their new environment. Each team had a series of 30 questions that were areas of the building or people in the building that they were going to need to know throughout the year. The teams got bonus points for taking a selfie of the activity, object, or person. Everyone was running around the building and we got some great shots of our new staff.



GOOD NEWS—Special Education

- This year the theme for the special education department welcome back was again focused on literacy. Approximately 200 staff were greeted on Monday by the special education administrative team dressed as characters from Harry Potter. In addition to a presentation on literacy from **Dr. Brooke Peterson**, we had speakers on communication from Creatively focused, and presentations on due process from **Jamie Dalbesio and Terri Gulbransen** as well as assistive technology from **Amanda Peters**. Below are a few administrators in costume.



- Staff at Lebanon and Cedar had a busy workshop week. Besides the district and special education department workshops, staff from both sites spent time reviewing progress on High Leverage Practices from last year and HLP goals for the upcoming year along with expectations and processes. Staff from Cedar worked on data collection while LEC staff spent time on PBIS, reviewing suspension, restrictive, and police call data based on race/ethnicity and meeting with the SRO to discuss her role and involvement. Teachers from both sites spent time with Kayleen Taffe on word walls and learning intentions. They then broke into small groups to work through a rotation, spending time with Kayleen on their specific reading curriculums, occupational therapists on their role and use of sensory items, and with speech/language pathologists and Amanda Peters on Assistive Technology. Mental health professionals and practitioners reviewed changes in CTSS regulations and procedures.
- TESA Open House was held at Bloomington Transition Center, Wednesday, August 28th. The attendance was great, with nearly half of the families attending open house. Families were given the opportunity to tour the program, learn about transition programming, as well as meet and talk with teachers and learn about community work opportunities and post-secondary options. TESA is excited about the opportunity to provide transition services at Bloomington Transition Center.