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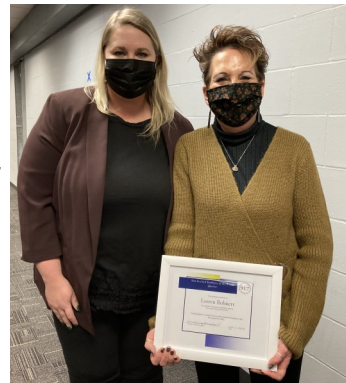
ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

December 7, 2021

Regular Board Meeting

ISD 917 Employee of the Fall Quarter Lori Bohnert

Congratulations to **Lori Bohnert, Administrative Assistant** in the D/HH program at Lincoln Center Elementary in South St. Paul. Ask anyone in the D/HH Resource Programs: Miss Lori is the glue that holds us together. In addition to the million things she does that we don't see, she responds to a million calls and texts per day from teachers, assistants, and interpreters/transliterators, coordinates schedules, handles staff and student absences, and so many other things - she is our go-to gal. As a first year teacher, she has been invaluable to me as someone to turn to with questions, concerns, or just when I need a listening ear. Thank you, Miss Lori, for all you do for us.



ISD 917 Teacher of the Fall Quarter Amy Riesgraf

Congratulations to **Amy Riesgraf, Mental Health Practitioner at Lebanon Education Center**. Amy has been a strong, consistent, and capable leader in her classroom while her licensed teacher has been on maternity leave. Through training on brand new paras and a substitute teacher, dealing with all parent communication, handling crises, and so much more, Amy has remained focused in supporting her students and staff. She does well advocating for help from other staff members when needed while still making sure her classroom runs as smoothly as possible.



PERSONNEL

New hires: Amanda Edmonson, Classroom Assistant, effective November 2, 2021. Tiera Cain, Classroom Assistant, effective November 29, 2021. Marty Freeberg, Classroom Assistant-Intervener, effective November 15, 2021. Marci Levy-Maguire, Communications, Innovation, & Public Relations Coordinator, effective December 6, 2021. Taylor Oines, Classroom Assistant, effective November 18, 2021. Clara Richard, Classroom Assistant, effective November 22, 2021. Brooke Wiuff, Human Resources Assistant, effective November 17, 2021. **Rehires:** Donn Anderson, Classroom Assistant, effective November 9, 2021. **Change in status:** Ashley Drobney, Student Assistant to Classroom Assistant, effective November 11, 2021. **Leave of absence:** Andrea Fonseca, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2021, extending through January 7, 2022. Lynette Spurgin, Program Assistant, effective January 4, 2022, through February 22, 2022. Keith Spychalla, Classroom assistant, effective January 4, 2022, through May 10, 2022. Patty Stanley, Sign Language Interpreter, effective December 15, 2021, through December 22, 2021. **Resignation & Terminations:** Jemal Amos-Demmaj, Program Assistant, effective September 24, 2021. Aurora Fields, Classroom Assistant, effective November 23, 2021. Cathy Henry, Mental Health Professional, effective November 19, 2021. YuYao Hu, Classroom Assistant, effective December 9, 2021. Robert Menge, Classroom Assistant, effective December 3, 2021. Cally Priebe, Health Associate, effective December 22, 2021.

Calendar Information

December 24-27, 2021 Closed for Holiday break

December 31, 2021—Closed for New Year's Day

January 4, 2022—4:30 PM, School Board Meeting, Dakota Room, DCTC



Strategic Planning Information

The Strategic Planning Team continues to meet with Ray Queener of Teamworks International. Meetings will continue through to January and will be brought to the School Board hopefully in February. Thank you to all who are participating in this process. It is greatly appreciated!



Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to **Monique Marple, BCBA** at Lebanon Education Center, on the birth of **Oliver Henry Marple**. Oliver was born on November 24, 2021, at 3:15 PM, weighing 8 lbs 9 oz and 21" tall. All are happy and healthy!



MOTIONS AND REPORTS

- Motion passed approving Policies 406 Public and Private Personnel Data; 413 Harassment and Violence; 501 Weapons; 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records; 424 Internet Acceptable Use Safety Policy and 534 Student Meal Charges
- Motion passed approving the audit for 2020-2021 as presented by Jim Eichten of MMKR.
- Report on the 360 Communities was presented to the Board. Many positive comments from other district board members who use this service.
- Motion passed approving the Coordinators' Contract for 2021-2023.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to **Barry Rogers, Paraprofessional** at Lebanon Education Center on the passing of his wife **Lynae. Rogers**, Lynae R., age 58 of Burnsville passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on Nov. 28, 2021.





The Business Office joined us at the Board meeting recognizing their hard work on a successful audit. Pictured from left to right: Vickie Bjerke, Amy Alexander, Mary Kay Distad, Nicolle Roush, Barb Schmitz. Not pictured: Teri Welch and Audrey Weiler.

Executive Director of Student Services—Update

- **Staffing:** We continue to look for ways to support staff during this challenging school year. We have had the opportunity to hold another due process session facilitated by each administrator after working hours where staff are paid to work on due process tasks in a supported environment to allow them to concentrate on teaching tasks during the day with students. We are considering feedback we receive to improve these sessions and ensure they meet the needs of staff on varied schedules at a variety of sites.
- **Returning to Learning:** Our next meeting is scheduled for December 13th. We have a plan to comply with the OSHA ETS should it be enacted. We are also planning to send COVID-19 Update via the Smore this week to remind people about our practices for reporting and quarantine.
- **Perform:** This year we implemented Perform by PowerSchool for evaluations. While there have been some glitches to address during implementation, overall the program has been well received and has streamlined our processes for executing our evaluation systems. Brooke Peterson led implementation and has been an important part of our success. She continues to provide professional development for our administrators around evaluation and has delivered training for our licensed staff on the processes.
- **Inclusive Schools Week Recognition:** Our itinerant staff and those in our Deaf/Hard of Hearing program are celebrating Inclusive Schools Week. ISD 917 staff have the opportunity to nominate their colleagues in our member district schools that exemplify inclusion of the students that we serve. We will be recognizing at least one person from each member school district with a certificate presented at their site. We will bring forward the list of award winners at the January meeting.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our very own **Paul Landwehr, Construction Trades Teacher.**

The Dakota-Scott Youth Committee recently selected Paul as the **2021 Willis Branning Excellence in Youth Employment Services Award Winner.** This award is presented to an organization, program, employer or individual who is committed to preparing youth in Dakota or Scott County for the world of work.

The award will be presented at the 2021 Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board's Legislative and Employer Awards Event happening on December 10th from 8-9:30 am.



Good News from DCALS

Stefanie, Jessica and Stacy brought students from the DCALS Main and North sites to help volunteer at Open Door Pantry. The students unloaded donated food from trucks, weighed everything and helped organize over 3,000 pounds of food.

