

**Special Education Parent Working Group  
Minutes-November 27, 2018**

***Members Present***

Priya Jai  
Esther Calzada  
Shelly Corrigan  
Vilma Luna  
Maggie Suter  
Jay Propes  
David Garcia

***Members Absent***

Mara LaViola  
Heather Sheffield  
Vijaya Srinivasan  
Bill Burgess

***Staff Present***

Caroline Nelson  
Molly May

**Discussion of audit-** Questions were asked about the audit. What is the scope? Molly shared that there are costs, and this will likely be a multi-phase process and may evolve as data is collected. The quotes have varied greatly depending on the scope. The scope is still being determined and will be finalized by the Board.

**School Safety-**Molly spoke with our district safety and risk management contact, Laura Santos-Farry, about having the SRO come and do a community event during the day with a brown bag lunch. Committee members discussed the idea of having multiple events at different times, perhaps at schools in conjunction with Booster Club meetings, might result in more families being able to attend.

Molly shared that the district is working on creating social stories about school safety to share with students. It was noted by committee members that commands /language must be transferrable so when kids are with different teachers they will still understand what is being asked of them and what to do. There should be specific key words that all kids know and understand.

“Go bags”- bags to be taken in case of an emergency where there may be a prolonged need to be in a secure setting, will be assembled for 40 classes: ATS, life skills classes, PPCD and behavior support. We are currently looking for donations of bags, water, hand sanitizer, wipes, pull ups, snacks, noise cancelling headphones, flashlights, disposable gloves, and fidgets.

**New Inclusion Committee-**a summary of the first meeting was shared.

**SPWG will host Community Event-** Sometime in February (date to be decided) we will host a screening of Dan Habib’s newest film, *Intelligent Lives*, at the Westlake HS Performing Arts Center.

The possibility of educator incentives to attend was discussed. Secondary students will be encouraged to attend as well as the Eanes community.

**Staff changes**—After many years at EISD, Caroline Nelson is moving on to a new chapter in her life! There has been some shifting of her responsibilities within the department but something more permanent is in the works and the community will be notified soon via Skyward.

**Concerns**—Some members of the committee shared that they have heard concerns from parents (who have also heard from similar concerns from some staff) that there are not enough behavior specialists for the number of children who need the supports and the current plan/model may not be working. Many have also expressed that there should be a BCBA on staff. Molly is aware and not ruling out anything.

*Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.  
Minutes taken by Maggie Suter*