

Special Education Parent Working Group (SPWG)

Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/18/22 at 11:30 AM via Zoom

Present: Molly May
Matt Zemo
Susan Stotzer
Sadia Ali
Rhonda Stout
Suzanne Wilson
Tabitha Rose
Traci Lepak
Tim Oates
Catherine Walker

Wrestling/Special Olympics Fundraiser

The Westlake wrestling team raised \$1,000 for Special Olympics in a match against Vista Ridge on January 12.

Board Summit

The annual board summit meetings are scheduled for Feb 3-4. Between now and then, there will be pre-summit meetings for the board to hear overviews and ask questions. The meetings will determine plans for the next year and prioritize initiatives. Upholding the value of special education continues to be a priority for the board. To see the board's priorities, go to

<https://www.eanesisd.net/district/goals>

Central Texas Friendship Walk (Best Buddies)

The Best Buddies Central Texas Friendship Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at Westlake High School. The walk will support the Central Texas Best Buddies program. A morning of fun will include the walk and field-day type activities. Everyone is welcome (not only Westlake students). For more information, go to <https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/centraltexas/>

Progression Meetings

Progression meetings are being held to help inform parents as their students in special education progress from one school to the next.

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If a parent is unable to attend a progression meeting, they can contact their child's case manager for a two-page document with FAQ-type information. The progression meetings are typically for parents only, although high school students sometimes attend the ATS progression meetings.

Tim suggested that SPWG members try to attend the progression meetings for the schools they represent.

Here are the progression meeting dates and times:

ECSE to Kinder - 1/20/22, 8:30 AM

Eanes Elementary Mustang Room

5th to WRMS - 1/25/22, 6:00 PM

WRMS Library

5th to HCMS - 1/27/22, 6:00 PM

HCMS Library

8th to WHS - 2/10/22, 6:00 PM

WHS Library

12th to ATS - 1/11/22, 5:00 PM

ATS Side B

Projection Meetings

During the month of February and March, Molly and Matt will be meeting with teachers to go over the plans for the needs of every Eanes student in special education. That's approximately 800 students!

Post-ARD Survey

If parents did not complete their post-ARD survey after their student's most recent ARD, they can still complete the survey now. The survey information is reviewed by the special education administration team and is used as part of an annual needs assessment. A link to the survey is currently available under the **Spotlight** section of the Eanes Special Education page:

<https://www.eanesisd.net/dept/sped>

2022-23 Recruitment

Eanes is still dealing with staffing shortages. In particular, substitute teachers are needed, as well as additional special education staff. Recruitment information will be sent out the beginning of February, which everyone can share with possible candidates.

Inclusive Resource List

The inclusive resource document that Laura Avery created can be updated by any SPWG member here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yWgywogJ5-aucn8VLS1um6XW1cRB66UUCku1dc2bUQw/edit?usp=sharing>

The goal is to make the information in this document available to Eanes special education parents in March or April.

Parent Welcome Packet

The Parent Welcome Packet is being presented at the board summit as a priority. The information packet would be for parents who are new to the Eanes special education community.

To make it easier to distribute and maintain, the proposal for the information packet is for it to be only one printed page with links to web pages for more information.

Questions & Answers

Two seats on the Eanes school board are up for general election on May 7. Suzanne asked if there would be a candidate forum where we could ask the candidates questions related to special education. Suzanne has a list of topics/questions that she can provide for the discussion.

Next Meeting

02/15/22 at 11:30 AM at Eanes Administration Building at 1601 Camp Craft Road 78746