

# Special Education Parent Partners (SEPP) Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/18/22 at 11:30 AM at Eanes Administration Bldg

Present: Matt Zemo  
Emily Dunlap  
Susan Stotzer  
Traci Lepak  
Tabitha Rose  
Lana Bernberg  
Cristal Carrasco  
Angela Davis  
Chris Hanson  
Vaidehee Gokhale

### Check-In and Updates

PC Pals Pilot at Barton Creek Elementary: Vaidehee presented about a community outreach program that her company, Intel, is starting with Barton Creek Elementary fifth-grade, collaborative-learning students. Intel employees who volunteer for the program will act as mentors for the students in the form of email pen pals.

Best Buddies Elementary School Programs: Best Buddies is being rolled out to all of Eanes elementary schools. High school students who are members of Best Buddies visited the elementary schools to promote the program.

### Parent-to-Parent Connections

Introductory Letters: Matt sent an email to school principals, assistant principals, and special education department chairs to introduce parent partners to them. Matt also drafted a letter of introduction for parent partners to approve that can be distributed to the parents of special education students on their respective campuses.

Meet Ups on Campus: The idea of organizing in-person gatherings for parents of special education students on each campus was proposed.

### Parent Partners Initiatives

SEPP members are encouraged to attend the following:

- Progression meetings that will be held on their school campuses to be available to answer questions for parents. Here's a tentative schedule for the progression meetings:
  - ECSE to Kindergarten – Jan/Feb 2023
  - 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> – Jan/Feb 2023

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- 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> – Jan/Feb 2023
- 12<sup>th</sup> to Adult Transition Services (ATS) – Nov/Dec 2022
- Best Buddies Friendship Walk on April 15, 2023.

### Upcoming Events

- Café Series – Campus Conversations: <https://www.eanesisd.net/cafeseries>
- Topical Town Halls: <https://www.eanesisd.net/cafeseries/topical-town-halls>
- Special Education Update with School Board on November 1
- Destination Life Transition Fair – March 2023

### Next Meeting

11/8/22 at 11:30 AM at Eanes Administration Building at 1601 Camp Craft Road 78746.