



SE Parent Partners - Notes

Central Administration Board Room

Agenda - Sep 24, 2024 11:30 - 12:30

Attendees

- Ashley Buba
- Christine Curry
- Emily Dunlap
- Krista Jack
- Lindsey Gauci
- Matt Zemo
- Meghan Shannon
- Suzanne Wilson
- Vaidehee Gokhale

District Initiatives & BOY Activities

1. Overview of Parent Partners & Eanes ISD [Mission & Goals](#)

- Presented by Matt Zemo.

2. BOY (Beginning of Year) Activities for SPED Department:

- **CM Jumpstart**

Teachers are provided a paid non-contract day before the start of the school year to:

- Get to know new case students
- Contact parents
- Review IEPs
- Organize schedules
- Prepare for the school year

- **Teaching Assistant Bootcamp**
A 2-day training at Region 13 for teaching assistants to receive professional development and learn from experts.
 - **New IEP System**
The district has transitioned from SuccessEd to the Frontline IEP system.
 - **EEF Presentation**
Matt Zemo and Christine Curry presented the Special Education Endowment Fund (EEF).
 - **Best Buddies, Unified, & Special Olympics**
Programs like Unified Softball, Special Olympics Bocce Ball, Spirit Team, and Best Buddies are now active.
 - **Staffing Update**
As of September 24, the district is in a positive position with staffing:
 - 1 open behavior specialist position
 - 1 open teaching assistant position
 - **SEE Fund (Special Education Endowment Fund)**
Initiated by an Eanes family in December 2023, the fund supports:
 - Special education educators and teaching assistants
 - Professional development
 - Teacher recruitment and mentoring
 - Inclusive extracurricular programs
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Parent Partners Initiatives

- **Meet & Mingle**
October 17, 8:30 AM @ Adult Transition Services (ATS)
- **Progression Meetings**
 - **ECSE to Kindergarten:** January/February 2025
 - **5th to 6th Grade:** January/February 2025
 - **8th to 9th Grade:** January/February 2025
 - **12th to Adult Transition Services:** December 2024
- **Best Buddies Friendship Walk**
April 2025
- **Parent-to-Parent Activity**
The SEPP (Special Education Parent Partners) team aims to connect parents in meaningful ways.
Previous ideas:

- Parent coffee meetups
 - Transition training sessions
 - *Parent Partners will bring new ideas to the next meeting*
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Upcoming Events

- **Follow Us On**
 - Facebook: @Eanes ISD Special Education
 - Instagram: @EISDSE
 - **Meet & Mingle:** October 17, 2024
 - **SEPP Next Meeting:** October 22, 2024
 - **[Cafe Series - Campus Conversations:](#)**
 - Topic: [Behind the scEANES](#)
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Parent Partner Ideas & Initiatives

- Provide opportunities for special educators to share knowledge and training with general education staff.
- Explore how **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** can support special education students.
- Obtain a list of SEPP members, their campuses, and the SPED team lead at each campus.
- Promote awareness for **Disability Employment Awareness Month** and **Down Syndrome Awareness Month** (October). Ideas include visible role models for campus education.
- Explore ways to provide **disability awareness** opportunities to general education parents, possibly through campus PTO.
- Consider creating **Visible Role Model** videos for the "Behind the scEANES" series.
- Build community and empower parents through:
 - Monthly standing meetings (alternate virtual and in-person), each featuring a family story and a discussion topic.
 - Possible **Disability Awareness Movie Night**.
 - Family mentorship for new families in special education, in collaboration with [Texas Parent to Parent](#).