



SE Parent Partners - Notes

Central Administration Board Room

Agenda - October 22, 2024, 11:30-12:30

Attendees

- Matt Zemo
- Emily Dunlap
- Lindsey Gauci
- Ashley Buba
- Christine Curry
- Meredith Cataldo
- Ginger Brice
- Rob Hines
- Krista Jack
- Meghan Shannon

District SE Updates

1. **BCE Newsletter Showcase:** The BCE Parent Partners spearheaded an initiative to raise disability awareness on their campus during Disability Employment Awareness Month (October). This effort targeted both SPED and non-SPED students and families. It featured a bulletin board and a newsletter highlighting celebrities with disabilities, which was shared with all families. Other campuses are inspired to launch similar outreach projects and plan to exchange ideas to promote positive messages district-wide.
2. **60 Best Buddies @ CCE:** Cedar Creek Elementary has 60 students participating in the Best Buddies program. Due to the large number of participants, the school has requested additional adult support to help the program grow. Events so far have included a Lemonade Social and a Monster Mash Bash. Feedback emphasized the importance of fostering meaningful relationships and creating calm spaces for students with sensory needs in a large group setting.

3. **Board Meeting 10/22:** The upcoming board meeting will present data related to college, career, and employment outcomes for special education students.
 4. **ATS Behind the scEANES:** Keep an eye out for a "Behind the scEANES" feature coming soon via social media, spotlighting ATS in celebration of Disability Employment Awareness Month.
 5. **DSACT Inclusion Conference:** More than 20 EISD special educators will be attending the Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas Inclusion Conference in November.
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Parent Partners Initiatives

1. The [Special Education Community Meet and Mingle](#) was held on October 17th and was well received with standing room only. A virtual option will be provided on **Oct 29, 2024**.
 2. An update was provided on the Special Education Endowment (SEE) Fund.
 3. [Inclusive Schools Week](#) - Parent Partner Ginger Brice presented information supporting ideas for planning Inclusive Schools Week from December 2-6, 2024. This will be an ongoing project for parent partners leading up to this week. Due to timelines and upcoming holidays, Eanes may have their own inclusive schools week later in the spring.
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Upcoming Events

- ❑ Follow Us on FB [@Eanes ISD Special Education](#) & IG [@EISDSE](#)
- ❑ Meet & Mingle Virtual - October 29th at 12:00
- ❑ Next SEPP Meeting - November 19th
- ❑ [Cafe Series - Campus Conversations](#)
- ❑ [Behind the scEANES](#)