



SE Parent Partners NOTES

401 Camp Craft Road

Date: September 15, 2026

Attendees: Matt Zemo, Emily Dunlap, Meghan Shannon, Michele DiMaggio, Priya Jai, Kerri Baldwin, Ashley Phillips, Meredith Cataldo, Leigh Tomlin, Farnaz Foolad

Parent Partners & District Updates

- **Welcome & Introductions:** Team members introduced themselves and spent time connecting.
- **CAFE Series (Student Services):** A recent family survey yielded strong feedback on topics for parent training. Updates on upcoming parent training services will be shared in the coming weeks.
- **Staffing Updates:**
 - Special Education professional positions are fully staffed.
 - Only a few teaching assistant vacancies remain.
 - Thanks to an uptick in direct applicants, contractor usage has decreased by nearly 75%.
- **Strategic Planning:** District strategic planning processes were reviewed and discussed.
- **SEE Fund & EEF:** The Education Foundation may join an upcoming meeting to discuss future initiatives supporting special education through the SEE Fund.
- **Community Building:** Returning parent partners highlighted initiatives from previous years, and new members were invited to share ideas for future community projects.

Upcoming Events & Key Dates

- **Programs In Motion:** [Unified](#), [Special Olympics](#), and Best Buddies are all actively running.

- **SEPP Meeting:** October 20, 2026 | 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- **Leadership Westlake (Chamber of Commerce at ATS):** October 22, 2026
- [Central Texas Best Buddies Champion of the Year Gala:](#) November 14, 2026
 - [Eanes Champion Candidates/Mission Partners](#)