Austin ISD Special Education Family Advisory Committee (SEFAC)

Minutes for November 11, 2026

Opening Statement: The Special Education Family Advisory Committee (SEFAC) met in person and virtually on November 11, 2026.

Meeting Details:

- **Meeting Date:** November 11, 2026
- **Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- **Meeting Location:** AISD Central Office (4000 S. I-H 35 Frontage Rd) and Virtual on Google Meets

SEFAC Members (Attendance)

Name	Member Type	Vertical Team	November 11, 2026
Alasin DeVeny	ES SPED Teacher	Joslin ES	PRESENT
Alisa Kerr	Parent/Educator	McCallum HS	PRESENT
Beth Pasko	Co-Chair Parent	Akins HS	PRESENT
Bree Rolfe	Family Engagement Spec	District	PRESENT
Dr. Cherry Lee	Asst Sup of SPED	District	PRESENT
Elexa Martinez	Parent	Ann Richards	PRESENT
Heather Merritt	Sec. Assistant Principal	Travis HS	PRESENT
Jami Kirkland	Co-Chair MS SPED	Burnet MS	PRESENT
Jenny Rosenberg	Parent	Ann Richards	PRESENT
Jill Bracamonte	Parent/Educator	McCallum HS	ABSENT
Julia Remington	RS Supervisor	District	PRESENT
Kellie Marino	SPED Supervisor	District	PRESENT
Lindsey Hammond	CS Coordinator	District	PRESENT
Madeline Lasson	Life Skills Teacher	Rosedale SSC	PRESENT

Mary Kay Tiernan	Parent	Anderson HS	PRESENT
Molly Barker	Parent	Crockett ECHS	ABSENT
Natalie Johnson	Parent	McCallum HS	PRESENT
Nikki Hempe	Parent	Akins HS	ABSENT
Ricardo Bentin	Parent	Bowie HS	ABSENT
Samantha Greenleaf	ES Assistant Principal	Pecan Springs ES	PRESENT
Stephanie Wright	Life Skills Teacher	Rosedale SSC	PRESENT
Tammy Thompson	Elementary Principal	Gullett ES	PRESENT
Trasell Underwood	Parent	LBJ HS	ABSENT

Meeting Agenda and Discussion

1. **Call to Order, Attendance, Quorum**

- **1.1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Parent Co-Chair Beth Pasko.
- **1.2. Norms:** The committee reviewed norms to ensure a collaborative environment, the use of respectful language, and allowing members an opportunity to ask at least one question before going back to the same individual.
- **1.3. Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the previous SEFAC meeting. The minutes were officially approved.

2. **Public Comments**

- **2.1. Public Comment:** It was noted that there were no public comments to be read into the record for this session.

3. **Membership Updates**

- **3.1. Welcome Visiting Guests:** The committee welcomed visiting guests Jeremy Martorell (Director of Child Care), Dennis McFall (Director of Afterschool Programs), and Dr. Lashanda Lewis (Executive Director of Student Support Services).

4. **SEFAC Member Comments & Announcements**

- **4.1. Special Education Transportation Safety:** A concern submitted by Molly Barker via email regarding SPED bus safety was addressed; it will be brought directly to the Transportation Department for follow-up.
- **4.2. Google Classroom Accessibility:** Members discussed ongoing parent access

limitations in Google Classroom affecting executive functioning support for students.
- **4.3. Campus Nursing Staffing:** Discussion around rotating school health staff and ensuring student safety plans are effectively managed across campuses.

5. **Special Education Updates & Family Engagement Announcements**

- **5.1. Board Update & Evaluation Metrics:** Dr. Cherry Lee presented a board update on special education evaluation metrics, highlighting significant progress in meeting 45-day evaluation timelines with an in-house evaluation team.
- **5.2. Special Olympics Bowling Tournament:** Highlights shared from the recent Special Olympics tournament at Spare Time in Pflugerville featuring 26 participating campuses.
- **5.3. Announcements & Upcoming Events:** Inclusive Schools Week is scheduled for Dec 7–11, and SPED Staff Appreciation Week is Nov 30–Dec 5.

6. **Focus Group Discussions**

- **6.1. Extracurricular and Afterschool Activities:** Explored ways to increase family awareness and support case managers in identifying after-school program needs.
- **6.2. Transition Supports for Younger Students:** Discussed parent mentoring, early waiver access, and centralizing disability social service resources.
- **6.3. Instructional Practice, Inclusion, and Paraprofessionals:** Focused on expanding guiding inclusion principles, establishing clear guardrails for special education services, and improving paraprofessional training and appraisal systems.

7. **Voting**

- **7.1. Voting on Focus Area:** The committee voted to prioritize "Instructional Practice, Inclusion, and Paraprofessionals" as the main focus for committee work moving forward.

8. **Closure and Adjourn**

- **8.1. Adjournment:** Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:29 PM.