Barrington Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting

6:30 p.m., December 16, 2020
Via Zoom

1. Call to Order 6:34 pm
2. Introduction of new Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) members
    a. Present new members introduced themselves briefly
    b. Departing leadership said a few words about themselves
    c. Introduction of Kristen Mathes, Director of Pupil Personnel, , Mark Biancuzzo Asst Director, Megan Douglas (School Committee member and SEAC liaison)

3. Purpose and role of Special Education Advisory Committee- Kristen Matthes
    a. Bylaws were sent out to new members
    b. A few highlights of the mission are
        Provide recommendations to the school committee
        Help with setting strategic goals

4. Recruitment SEAC officers
    a. Leadership team should be two but ideally four
    b. Discussion of responsibilities/what past leadership has done

    Roll call vote took place and following were approved for leadership:

    Michael Cancielliere
    Melissa Iorusso
    Jocelyn Murta
    Scott Pickering

5. Set future meeting times/dates
    a. Kristen will look at calendar for the district and then communicate to the leadership

6. Discussion regarding possible future topics -
    IEP Process
    Re-visit Safety Protocol issues
    More information about strategic planning/decision making process at the superintendent/school committee level for curriculum/staffing/facilities
    Where our programming can grow and develop
    Re-engagement for kids when they do get back in the school buildings

Transition for fully remote to in person and remediation for students who have missed out
High needs students and snow days
Address/brainstorm around socialization for special needs population - difficult in normal times; especially difficult now
School committee- is there work around diversity -including disability-
(Dr. Megan Douglas commented that there is a newly formed committee advisory committee for diversity (DEI) and mental health now working on these components)
Tips and tricks for parents how to participate in IEP meetings on Zoom

Meeting adjourned 7:36 pm

-Stephanie Hardt Adamek, recorder