

Barrington High School  
**School Improvement Team**

Minutes: December 9, 2020



Copple	Culton	Henderson	Hughes	Hurley	Leary	Whittet	Pickford	Warren	West	Mohammadi	LaMontagne
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### **SIT Freshman Member Update**

1. Three applications have been received for our freshman team member; decision to be discussed next week [Mr. Hurley & Ms. Pickford]

### **Review SIT Strategic Plan**

1. 20-30 students targeted for testing performance (math and science) for students with disabilities
2. Deeper learning goals for instruction [primary and secondary deeper learning concepts per department]
3. Mid-term exams using a project-based assessment for each class
4. Managing student stress; RULER strategies: identify student/staff mental health opportunities in a time of COVID
  - a. Mr. Finn and Mr. Hurley met with Class Advisors and Student Council to brainstorm ideas/events that are COVID-safe
  - b. School counseling update from Mrs. Royley: roll out of RULER concepts; introductory presentation for students next week; lessons to follow  
<http://www.ei.yale.edu/ruler/>
  - c. SEL Task Force [screening plan being developed re: social-emotional well-being]; SEL Assessment (school culture and community)
  - d. Two forums run by Mrs. Royley with Class Officers and 5-Day a Week Students.
  - e. **Student** feedback from forums & SIT students:
    - i. Frustration around Canvas; submission problems regarding deadlines and late work; teachers use Canvas in many different ways which can be confusing
    - ii. Parents seemed to be more upset about the pandemic than students

- iii. Many students are tired of Zoom and DL learning; hybrid learning more effective; missing activities and the fun stuff; hard to pay attention from home all day
- iv. Socially things are harder with cold weather
- v. Underage drinking arrest numbers are up; hoping to plan an underage drinking lesson in Advisory
- vi. Environment of uncertainty: day-by-day decisions are difficult for students and teachers
- f. Bay Team Parent Support (via web site)
- g. Spring activities to plan when we are able to safely socialize
- h. Students feel overworked and fast-paced; teachers feel as if they have scaled back - possible disconnect; Zoom fatigue
- i. More opportunities for one-on-one conversations between teachers and students

### **Updates/Discussion on Impact of COVID-19 on BHS**

1. See above

### **Eagle of the Month Nomination**

1. Mr. McGinn is the December Eagle of the Month
2. [Sunrise Show](#) Zoom (with Ms. DiPietro)