## Barrington Public Schools - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, March 17, 2021 @ 7:00

(These minutes were approved at the April 28, 2021 meeting)

- 1. Call to order 7:05
- 2. Approval of the minutes from the Feb 10<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting approval postponed until April meeting
- 3. Follow up from last meeting none noted
- 4. Discussion Topic:

## Coping with COVID Using Positive Psychology- Pam Garramone, M.Ed.

- What are the two things you wish for your child?
- What are three emotions you have felt during the pandemic?
- Where are you on the Happiness Ladder?
  - o "Comparison is the death of joy" Mark Twain
- Five pillars of positive Psychology: PERMA
  - o Positive emotions, engagement, relationships, meaning and accomplishment
- Shine a light on bright spots write down at least 3 good things that happened each day
- Every day, no matter how dark, has a bright spot
- Growth mindset
- Each morning, write and send a text or email praising or thanking someone in your life
- 5. Special Education Task Force Updates
  - a. High school started filming introductions for students who are transitioning to HS or have not entered yet due to COVID
  - b. Sowams is working on informational packet for families will be distributed throughout the district
  - c. HMS Feb meeting postponed to March. Behind the scenes working on inclusive practices
  - d. Primrose meeting next week to develop goals
  - e. Middle School working on IEP process
- 6. Public Comment
  - a. What effort has the district made to help with socialization after school?
    - i. Gino to follow up with the parent directly
  - b. Is the kitchen at the HS functional yet?
    - i. It is finished but with COVID protocols, cannot be used yet.
  - c. Status of Unified sports?
    - i. Kristen to follow up with state Interscholastic League
  - d. Deleveling strong concerns within the community. SEAC to have separate meeting dedicated to this topic as an open forum for parents to voice thoughts/concerns.
- 7. Adjourn 8:35