

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

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**

**Call to Order – 7:02**

**Acceptance of minutes from Nov. 10 meeting – approved**

**(These minutes were approved at the 2/16/22 SEAC meeting)**

### **IEP Development: Effective Team Practices – Presentation by Jennie Dunkley**

- What are the key ingredients of a healthy IEP process?
- Discussion of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Anyone can deliver special education but you need a special educator to **modify** the curriculum
  - **Parent Participation:** How and why parents are so important
    - Parents are expected to be equal participants in developing, reviewing and revising the IEP
  - **IEP Team Members:** The mandated roles and intended functions
  - **Teamwork:** Why collaboration at every stage in the IEP cycle is critical
- Eligibility **must** happen at least every three years
  - If you disagree with the school's evaluation testing, you can request an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) within 16 month of school's testing
    - Paid for by the district
    - School can appeal
  - The child can and should attend the meeting (if appropriate)
- Full inclusion is so important – there are special ed grocery stores...

**Open to Q&A**

- How can parents push for more from the state?
  - The state has its own advisory council. You have to be able to also advocate for your own child.
    - When you read the evaluations - Highlight the words you don't understand, the findings and the implications. Add your questions, comments and input for each.
- Presentation was recorded and available for replay. Slides will be distributed.
- **SEAC Leadership Team opening – nomination accepted at next meeting**
- **New business**
  - Next meeting to be held on Wednesday February 16, 2022 and will feature a guest speaking discussion how to build an inclusive environment

- **Adjourned – 8:15**