Business Meeting
- May 17, 2017 meeting minutes approved by vote
- Treasurer’s report
  - Currently about $1400
  - Request for volunteers with financial knowledge to help with 501C3 status and fundraising
- Updated bylaws passed by unanimous vote
  - Major changes
    - Membership is open
    - Co-chairs for succession planning
    - No membership coordinator
    - Voting quorum changed from 5 to 3
    - Required number of annual meetings changed from 5 to 3
- Request for volunteers for programming committee and fundraising
- Upcoming events/programming
  - School committee meeting: 10/11/17
  - SEPAC social in November (day)
  - 1/9/18: Joanne Flately: Basic Rights presentation
  - 2/6/18: Mental Health (Mental health awareness week at the HS)
  - 4/3/18: Charlie Applestein: “No Such Thing as a Bad Kid”
  - 5/7/18: TBD
  - 6/5/18: TBD

Presentation: for longer descriptions see the District Program Guide on the District Website under student services
Abigail Hanscom: Programming notes
- 3156 students in the district
- 180 with 504 plans and 555 with IEPs
- District is currently in growth mode
- Emerging needs: transition ages 18-22
- Specialized Programs
  - Downey: WABA, PEER (Autism), STAR (therapeutic)
  - Sheehan: language based learning disability (dyslexia), Focus (developmental program)
  - All schools: speech, OT, PT, comprehensive mental health services

Aprile Albertelli: Preschool
- 3 integrated classrooms, 15 students per class, 8 peer models, up to 7 with needs
- Wednesdays are for team meetings and evaluations
- Teachers are dual certified in early childhood and special education
- 2 instructional assistants per class
- School psychologist, speech pathologist, OT, nurse, ABA tutor
• Developmental screenings twice a year for 3 & 4 year olds (fall/spring)
• Private preschool outreach
• Rolling enrollment

Glen Atkinson:
Hanlon & Martha Jones
• Resource rooms and learning center
• School psychologist, OT, PT, speech, nurse, individualized services as needed
• In kindergarten, entire population is screened for possible disabilities

Deerfield: FOCUS Program
• Supports students with complex/multiple disabilities with a comprehensive wrap around team
• Offers adaptive physical education
• All supervised by a teacher with severe disability certification
• 10 students

Lisa Freedman:
Downey
• Learning centers, resource room, PT, OT, speech, etc
• STAR: Strategic Therapeutic Academic Response: social emotional and behavioral needs
  • Out of district
  • Students participate in general ed classroom and receive support for social/emotional issues
• PEER: Promoting Education and Effective Relationships: mild autism
  • Focus on building strong peer relationships, negotiating social situations
• WABA: Westwood Applied Behavioral Analysis Program: mild to severe autism
  • Students spend most of the day out of the classroom
  • Services are brought in based on student need
  • Currently serves 9 students
  • Staffed by special ed teacher with a certification in severe disabilities and ABA

Sheehan
• Learning center, resource room,
• Language based disability program: focuses on decoding
  • Serves students who are 2-3 years behind
  • Students generally start in 3rd grade

Thurston Middle School
• Full range of services: PT, OT, psychologist, nurse, etc..
• Learning center, set up by grade level
• Specialized programs
  • Social learning center program
    ■ Kids coming out of PEER or other programs
    ■ Social supports, social thinking curriculum
    ■ Typically students can access general ed curriculum
- **Therapeutic Learning Center Program**
  - Staffed with special education teacher
  - Students with social emotional and behavioral needs
- **Communication Learning Center Program**
  - Support around understanding curriculum and language
  - Students may be able to access curriculum but 2-3 years below grade level
  - Small group, separate content area classes
- **Developmental Learning Center**
  - Comes out of WABA and FOCUS
  - Functional academics, adaptive programming

**Robin Fabiano: High School**
- Student services: 11 teachers, 8.5 ABA, school psychologists, instructional assistants, full range of other services
- 5 learning centers: provide academic support, organizational support, review and preview, take tests, learn study skills
- Learning centers happen daily
- Small group classes: 9th grade reading, 10th grade writing, social skills
- 3 specialized learning centers: communication connection, extended learning center, Westwood ABA, FLEX (therapeutic, serves students with social emotional needs)
- Transition program (18-22) students can stay in district and defer diploma
  - Support students in community college, job placements, internships, specialized instruction

**Out of District**
- Collaborative, Private Day, Residential
- WPS approximately 20 students in OOD placement