Shared Decision Making
November 21, 2016

- The Shared Decision Making Committee started its second meeting by welcoming the members:
  - Mrs. Swanson
  - Mrs. DiLorenzo
  - Mrs. Kronstat
  - Ms. Sykora
  - Ms. Neligan
  - Mrs. Sillberger
  - Mrs. Keating
  - Mrs. Mastropierro

- The meeting revisited a prior discussion from SDM meetings in 2015-2016, "How can we assist parents with school related issues?". The following topics were determined to be the most helpful:
  - Math assistance ("new way" v. "old way" of teaching and learning)
  - Pearson App – "Bounce"
  - Link to enVision (must have a note that username and password are required)
  - Handwriting – cursive app

- The members were asked to send Mrs. Swanson different links that they find useful/helpful that could be put up on the website by December 9th.

- PBIS was (briefly) discussed. PBIS stands for: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, and is established by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to define, develop, implement, and evaluate a multi-tiered approach to Technical Assistance that improves the capacity of states, districts and schools to establish, scale-up and sustain the PBIS framework. Emphasis is given to the impact of implementing PBIS on the social, emotional and academic outcomes for students with disabilities.

    - At this time, entering November, PBIS seems like a big (and expensive) undertaking. It was suggested that perhaps focusing on Character Education overall, will tie into the *theory* behind PBIS. Focusing on the good.

  - Character Education: Consider using the *Six Pillars of Characters* as a school-wide movement, integrated within the classrooms through read alouds and carried out into the community with a community-based project. Ms. Sykora also has a program she brought to share with the committee, however, due to time constraints we never got to discuss. We will make this a priority next meeting.

- The next meeting date is:

  - Monday, December 19th, 2016 @ 8:20.