**RRTA Meeting**

**January 4, 2018**

**Attendance:**  R. Allen, Z. Artson-Crichlow, M. Barnum, C. Bonsignore-Kitchen, P. Brody, C. Dean, K. Evans, K. Fager, M. Ferenchak, K. Huey, W. Humphrey, M. Jenkins-Cox, B. Jones, M. McCarron, L. Rapkin, E. Robinson, K. Schultz, G. Shakes, S. Silvio, F. Valente, D. Voellinger, Y. Wooten, M. Zimmer

**Absent:**  D. Altobelli, K. Barkley, L. Bonanni, B. Buckingham, J. Ivanick, M. Keating, F. Macek, A. Smith, D. Sullivan, B. Swan, G. Sweeney,

**Also in attendance**: B. Gerace, MJ Whalen

The meeting was called to order at 10:06.

1. A moment of silence was observed for teachers who have passed away in the past month: Sarah Lichtenberg Hammond, Margaret Montgomery, Helen H. Palmer, Carol J. Schwartz. A $25 donation is made to Books for Kids in memory of any RRTA member.

2. The December minutes were approved as written.

3. **Dress A Girl/Savvy Sewers** — Gaya Shakes said that the fundraiser at the December RTA meeting at Wilson Foundation earned them $200. At the RRTA Holiday Party they raised $692 for supplies and to help pay for sending the dresses. The Reps passed a hat at today’s meeting to add to that amount. Their next Dress A Girl/Savvy Sewers meeting is January 29 at the RTA office. All are welcome to join, whether you sew or not there are other jobs you can do.

4. **Books for Kids** — The group went to School 10 on December 15 distributing picture books to 2 classes. The next school will be # 9 in February. Dates are to be determined.

5. **RRTA newspaper** — The January issue is being proofread today and will be going to the printer in the afternoon. Tuesday, January 16, there will be the mailing of the newspaper to RRTA members only. They will be mailed in an envelope to save postage. The next paper will be in April. April 12 will be the deadline for articles and pictures. Send any pictures and articles to Mary Barnum at RTA.

6. The RTA food donation for needy families at Christmas time went well and Charlie Dean thanks all retirees and active teachers who helped.

7. **Calendar** — The calendar of activities was reviewed for the April newspaper.

8. **Dental Plan with Met/Life** — Charlie Dean said that information is on the RCSD Benefits website. You can sign up at any time, there is no window for enrolling. Before signing up check all restrictions and prices, dental benefits and dentists in the plans. Many RRTA representatives said that they consulted with their dentists to ask them to compare the Met Life/RCSD plan with one they may already have such as the NYSUT Met Life or something from AARP. There are three levels and prices are guaranteed for a 12 month period.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53.

Mary Zimmer,

RRTA secretary