

## READ Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

The following items were discussed:

1. Meetings- We agreed to meet monthly, on the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. We agreed to rotate meeting sites.
2. New Members- Ossining is now a member of READ. Welcome!
3. Question posed: What should be READ's focus for 2011-2012? Possible areas discussed: 2% tax cap and impact, APPR (validity and costs), Triborough, transportation costs (in particular special education). Judy Weiner mentioned that New York State School Boards (David Little) is recommending a "back door" approach to Triborough. Lisa Davis suggested getting the teachers involved in the discussion. Jane sandbank felt that special education transportation mandates are less political than other mandates. Karen Zevin suggested that we focus on APPR, as it is an egregious unfunded mandate. Debra Jackson suggested a position with the State: if you want this, you have to fund it.
4. APPR and "Last in, First out"- there was some discussion of a link between APPR and reforming the practice of seniority as the basis of layoffs (last in, first out). Another problem identified with APPR is the cost of implementation, particularly when facing a 2% budget cap.
5. What do we want regarding APPR?
  - We want it funded
  - We want teacher performance to be a significant factor in teacher layoffs

It was suggested that we consider writing a position paper on this.

It was also suggested we get a copy of Rockland county's APPR cost spreadsheet.

6. Next step: we will begin framing a SMART goal regarding APPR for 2011-12.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

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