

General PTA Meeting Notes – December 13, 2023

Around 40 attendees

Started at 7:05 pm

Brian Craine started the meeting – reminder to name yourself based on your student's class (i.e. Joy – 3-Gbur)

Principal Update

- Several great events recently – including Jennifer Jones assembly and Diwali assembly

Special Guest – Darlene Berg – supervisor of Math Curriculum – K- 5

- Mrs. Berg explained that WOBEO uses the core curriculum and whenever there is a change, there are components for what's happening in the classroom and support at home
- Shared there is an overall New Jersey Student Learning Content and Skills Standards – available online - <https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/math/Index.shtml>
- Achievethecore.org is another site that can see how math standards are connected through multiple grades
- District has implemented a new Mathematics Program – iReady
 - Emphasize that everyone can learn math
 - Want children to understand it's okay to ask questions – this is encouraged with mathematical discourse – share and pair
 - Growth Mindset emphasizes that mistakes are part of learning
 - Replace “I Can't” with “This will take some effort”
- 3 components to iReady
 - Diagnostic
 - 3 x yearly – Fall, Winter, and Spring
 - Helps see growth for the student over the school year
 - Family report is provided to parents and guardians 3 times per year
 - Can see outline of assessment schedule on District Calendar:
<https://www.woboe.org/cms/lib/NJ01912995/Centricity/Domain/205/2023-24%20District%20Calendar%201.23.2023%20boe%20app.pdf>
 - Look for Winter session to see improvement from original assessment of the year – should be available in February
 - Classroom Instruction
 - MyPath – Personalized Learning and Student Dashboard

Example of Diagnostic report

How you can help your student with the Diagnostic

Before the Diagnostic

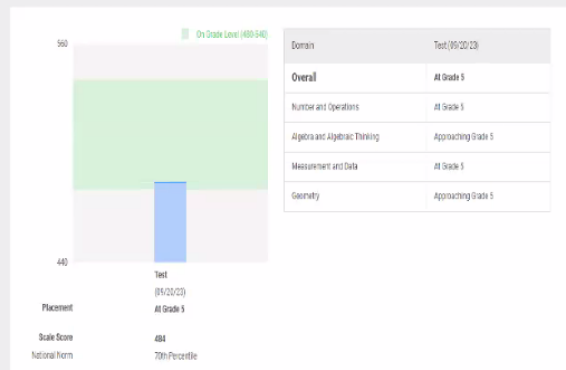
- Tell your student to do their best
- It is OK not to know everything - the computer will try questions that you do not know - this happens for everyone

After the Diagnostic

- Discuss these results with your student. Celebrate their strengths and progress, and collaborate with them on planning how they will reach their goals.
- Reach out to your student's teacher to get more ideas and resources to support your student in specific domains and/or skills.

Family Report

Provided to Parents and Guardians 3 times each year



- Mrs. Berg was open to questions throughout the session
- Implementation of iReady
 - Last year, the tools for the program were rolling out
 - This year, curriculum is now introduced and lining up with the assessments
- Strategies within iReady
 - This is using New Jersey standards of math
 - Standards require multiple strategies including reasoning, place value, justify answers so it's not just computation
 - Note: Common core standards established in 2011
 - Curriculum was built to meet the standards
- Mrs. Berg walked through MyPath within iReady
 - Scientific reasons to have students spend 8 minutes on fact fluency – 4 times per week
 - Tutorials need to be 30-45 minutes per week on MyPath
 - Students are enjoying program in the classes – after the first trimester, parents will be encouraged to let students periodically use iReady MyPath at home, based on interest – wait for feedback from the teachers soon
 - The tools are beneficial to help students at home and in conversations with teachers
 - Within Bookshelf, good tools for parents – can see every unit, every lesson
 - Parents can watch videos of the student lessons
 - Also has “Family Resources” in iReady – should be getting family letters sent home around weekly but also able to access electronically in multiple languages
- Send questions for Mrs. Berg to review: <https://forms.gle/9jxtfjGrs2ixN66F8>
 - Will plan to have a follow-up PTA meeting with Mrs. Berg in early 2024
- **General Items**
 - Minutes from November meeting
 - Jess motioned to approve minutes

- Rupal seconded
- Group voted to approve November minutes
- Thanks to all who participated in Chipotle fundraiser tonight
- Upcoming events
 - January 19 – Family Skate night
 - Donate or volunteer to Book/Toy Drive - <https://forms.gle/6FuGvbAzhJhoA3wMA> and https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KC7XK3QLUQH?ref=wl_share

Due to the special guest, the meeting format was different – it ended at 8:15 pm