

PS199 GENERAL PTA MEETING
February 11, 2016

Special announcement

Abby and Vivian from K-106, Ms. Silver and Ms. Tara's kindergarten class, read their class charter developed as part of the RULER program at PS199. For more information about the RULER program see the PTA website.

125 parents attended **Parents as Partners** at the end of January, a curriculum night sponsored by the **SLT. Brenda Paulenoff, Stacey Rosen, and Danielle Cione** recapped some of the math problem-solving strategies covered that night.

- Read and re-read the problem as many times as necessary to understand it; figure out what you need to find, and figure out what you know.
- Organize the information you know
- Model the problem, even coming up with an estimate.
- Figure out what math can help, such as what operation and what unit(s) to use.
- Solve the problem
- Review and check your answer; ask "Does my answer make sense?" "Does my answer fit the problem?" Make sure you answered the question that was asked.
- The steps do not need to be done in order! The process is fluid.

Include math vocabulary in a written response.

- "Multiplied" instead of "times," for example, and other operational words.
- Use precise math words, not "I just did it," "I solved it in my head." Making groups,
- What, how, and why did they chose the operation they used.
- Wherever possible ask your kids to solve in more than one way, as a way to check their work and show a complete understanding.

Organize thinking

- Top to bottom and left to right! Align numbers in columns
- Get into the habit of showing your work, so that teachers can identify any places where reasoning breaks down or computational errors may have happened.

Math boxes

- At the end of every lesson, each Everyday Math journal has a math box, which is a way for kids to practices their writing and reasoning.

Victoria Kopper made a motion to approve the January 2016 general PTA meeting minutes. Marissa Reed seconded the motion. The motion was carried to approve January 2016 general PTA meeting minutes.

DISTRICT 3 CEC RE-ZONING PROCESS

Joe Fiordaliso, PS199 parent and District 3 CEC president came to present the updates on the re-zoning process after the failed process in the fall. One focus of the process is alleviating the overcrowding at PS199. Other issues have come to light during this process, such as diversity in the schools throughout the district. One proposal that has been made is to eradicate zone lines and allow students from throughout the district to apply to any school. Upcoming meetings are on March 1, location TBD, and March 15 at PS87, both at 6:30pm. Please come and let your voice be heard.

Andrea Steinkamp spoke about the stakeholder's meeting held on January 22nd with the DOE, members of our community leader's and elected official's offices. They publicly committed to a cap on 6 kindergarten classes.

PRESIDENTS' UPDATE

FREE Microsoft Software on up to 5 of each NYC public school family's computers, and up to 5 of each family's tablets, smart phones, and other mobile devices. <https://studentoffice.net>

Thank you to the **Diversity Committee** for the great Black History through the arts even on January.

Thank you for shopping at Fairway with your Community Partners card and helping us earn free money!

Check the PTA calendar for **upcoming events**.

Leslie Cawdron, for the **Spiritwear** clothes and paraphernalia, asked for new student designs for 2015-2016 spiritwear, preferably by March 4th.

The **Auction** donation solicitation sub-committee presented their wish list to spark ideas for donations. This group will be meeting on Friday February 26th in the cafeteria at 8:45am. We're here to help!

Rebecca Zimba spoke about **BookTalk**, a program organized through Learning Leaders, which is a voluntary book club program at recess on Wednesdays for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Contact Sarah Worthington at sarah@singerandsaw if you are interested.

Principal's Q&A

No questions. Have a good break!

Treasurer's update

Budget was handed out for review.

No questions.

Meeting adjourned 10:05am.