

# Korematsu Elementary PTO at Mace Ranch

(Parent Teacher Organization)

3100 Loyola Drive – Davis, CA 95618

<http://korematupto.org>

## Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2007

PTO board members present: Ann Huff Stevens, president; Shari Ludden, vice president; Stacey Horigan, treasurer; Richard Reed, secretary

Staff present: Robb Rodden, principal; teachers Sharyn Lieth and Phyllis York.

### Parents/participants:

Kimi Kunimoto, Debbie Chin, Brianne Agatep, John and Eden Aquino, Dawn Hardaker, Angie Din, Tara Torok, Rebecca Brunette, Cynthia Ching, Laney Mangney, Alicia Mattson, Sandra Denson, Sherry Heins, Lina Layikte, Pam Ishisaka-Nolfi.

### Introductions, officer's reports and announcements

- The meeting was called to order by President Ann at 7:00 pm.
- Secretary's report: Minutes from the August 27 meeting were informally approved.
- Treasurer's report: Stacey reported an account balance of \$1,950.42, including income of \$275 from cash donations, \$430 from membership dues, and \$233 from eScrip.
- A working budget will be presented next month. Parents and staff may email budget suggestions to President Ann: [president@korematupto.org](mailto:president@korematupto.org).
- Principal's report: Robb Rodden said that the school is at full enrollment capacity – 140 students in grades K-1-2. He is trying to fill several open non-teaching positions. The school is looking to install outdoor coat hooks. Tetherball equipment has been installed on the playground and a stove/oven has been donated for the MPR. (The PTO may want to consider funding additional equipment for use at recess). School staff are considering ideas in applying for grant funds from Tandem Properties (who annually grant funds to Davis schools for projects that "touch the lives of kids"). Capital purchases from bond funds used to open the school are pending as are additional book purchases for the library. Robb will contact district technology staff about setting up the school's website.

### Committee updates and old business

- Scholastic Book Fair, October 29 – November 2
  - Vice-president Shari is event chair. This year's theme is "Blizzard". Shari is seeking donations of blue and white sheets for decorations, in addition to paper snowflakes. Volunteers are needed for various tasks. Please contact Shari by email: [vice-president@korematupto.org](mailto:vice-president@korematupto.org)
  - A percentage of book fair proceeds are returned to the school for cash or credit toward acquiring books and educational tools. (Proceeds redeemed as credit toward books yield more than cash).
  - MOTION approved unanimously to spend up to \$100 per classroom (seven classrooms) from proceeds from the fall book fair. Teachers would spend the funds for classroom needs they determine.

### New business and discussion

#### Presentation: KidzArt

- Paige Schulte from KidzArt presented info on this one hour once-per-week after-school "mixed-media" art program. The KPTO would need to sponsor the program so that classroom rental fees could be waived. Monday and Thursday are open days available. The program is in place at Montgomery, Pioneer, and Emerson, and will start next year at Birch Lane. Maximum 15 kids per class in four, five or six week

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sessions. KidzArt works cooperatively with other after-school programs including CDC and Access. Five percent of the fees collected are returned to the PTO. Paige will work with KPTO to send info to parents and perhaps set-up a demonstration of the program. More information: [www.kidzartca.com](http://www.kidzartca.com) or call 916-574-9700.

### Presentation: Measure Q – DSUSD trustee/Vice President Sheila Allen

- Sheila presented info about the instructional parcel tax renewal, Measure Q on the November 6 ballot. The funds supplement state funds that are inadequate to maintain classroom programs. Funds benefit every child and school in the district. For complete details: [www.yesforourstudents.org](http://www.yesforourstudents.org). KPTO secretary Rich in on the Measure Q steering committee.
- The Measure Q steering committee is seeking parents and teachers to help phone Measure Q supporters. Please contact Reem Awad-Rashmawi by email: [rashmawi@dcn.org](mailto:rashmawi@dcn.org).
- **MOTION approved unanimously:** “The Korematsu PTO fully supports Measure Q on the November 6th ballot and encourages all Korematsu parents and the Davis community to vote for and heartily support Measure Q”.

### Chevy's KPTO Fundraiser Monday October 15

- Laney Mangney is organizing. Chevy's “Fresh-Mex” Restaurant in Dixon will donate 25% of non-alcohol proceeds from restaurant patrons who present their server a flyer/coupon on this specified night. Reservations are accepted and take-out food is included. Watch for details in the weekly “Korematsu Kids School Newsletter”.

### Shade Structure Subcommittee Formed

- Several parents expressed interest in developing short and long range solutions to the lack of shade near the play structure and on the playground. Costs for a permanent structure are as much as \$39,000, so the initial focus will be on simpler temporary or portable shade structures. To help or join the subcommittee, please email: [president@korematupto.org](mailto:president@korematupto.org).

### The Ishisaka-Nolfi Report

- Pam reported for her spouse Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi, KPTO volunteer-at-large (and editor of “Korematsu Kids School Newsletter”). (Email Marc at [kobekun@kaimera.com](mailto:kobekun@kaimera.com)).
- Marc is working on setting up a school savings program for kids, through Washington Mutual. This program is in place at other Davis elementary schools.
- Contact Marc about joining the school garden/grounds committee. The committee has estimated the cost of an outdoor shed for storing garden tools at \$2,000 (another fundraising goal).
- Marc is working with teaching staff to organize a second annual Asia Pacific Week in May, possibly expanding the program to include after-school or fundraising activities.
- Marc will soon know the outcome of a grant request to fund a “Year of the Tall Tales” reading program.

## Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

## Next meeting (alternating Monday and Wednesday)

- Wednesday October 17, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, in the Library.

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### Contact your PTO officers

Email address:

- Ann Huff Stevens, president [president@korematupto.org](mailto:president@korematupto.org)
- Shari Ludden, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president [vice-president@korematupto.org](mailto:vice-president@korematupto.org)
- Sandi Walter-Perry, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president Coming soon
- Stacey Horigan, treasurer Coming soon
- Richard Reed, secretary [secretary@korematupto.org](mailto:secretary@korematupto.org)
- All PTO officers in one email: [korematu-pto-board@korematupto.org](mailto:korematu-pto-board@korematupto.org)

### Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

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