

Korematsu Elementary PTO at Mace Ranch

(Parent Teacher Organization)
3100 Loyola Drive – Davis, CA 95618
<http://korematupto.org>

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2008

PTO board members present: Ann Stevens, President; Sandra Perry, vice president; Stacey Horigan, treasurer; Richard Reed, secretary

Staff present: Principal Robb Rodden, teacher Phyllis York

Parents/participants: Brianne Agatep, Dawn Hardaker, Linda Layiktez, Laney Mangney, Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi, Yvanne Rodriguez (Birch), Glenn Osborne (Valley Oak), Dennis Spann (Valley Oak).

Introductions, officer's reports and announcements

- The meeting was called to order by President Ann at 7:03 pm.
- Meeting minutes from February 20 were informally approved.
- Korematsu open house is Thursday April 3rd.

Committee updates and old/new business

- SPAC Update (Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee): Ann reported on the March 7 meeting. Most of the meeting continued discussion about the district budget and fundraising by the Davis Schools Foundation (DSF).

(At a follow-up DSF meeting on March 13: The foundation is seeking volunteers to staff a Farmer's Market booth, distribute and display lawn signs, help with correspondence, and host neighborhood coffees. Ann is helping build their database. Please contact the Foundation or KPTO's liaison Richard Reed. Contact info at the end of this document).

Ann is seeking parents interested in serving on the district Budget (or Business) Advisory Committee. SPAC is submitting nominations to district staff. Appointments will be made by the board of education.

- Fundraising report: report to be presented next month.
- Scholarships for KidsArt and TALK: Ann reported that one KidsArt scholarship has been awarded, and another one is available. A TALK scholarship award is underway.
- Book Fair March 3-7: We reached our sales goal so that we will be able to provide either \$200 book credit or \$100 cash to each classroom teacher. KPTO VP Shari and her crew were thanked for a very successful event.
- Principal's report: Robb said enrollment for next year will likely fill 2.5 Kinder classes and three each first through third classes. Fourth and fifth are looking good too. There should be room for all, including GATE classes. Kindergarten registration deadline is Thursday March 20.

Robb discussed the district budget, including tentative cuts and issuance of layoff notices to teachers. Possible program reductions that affect Korematsu include dedicated science prep teachers, a half-time credentialed librarian, and elementary music in grades 4-6. Intermediate classroom staffing ratio may increase by one from 29 to 30:1.

- Robb is seeking KPTO parents interested in participating in a district budget forum on April 7th. Site council and staff will be represented too. (KPTO secretary Rich is participating as a facilitator and is helping organize the event).

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- Davis Schools Foundation; marquee sign/bulletin board: MOTION approved to spend \$70 for a vinyl Davis Schools Foundation banner promoting the “Dollar a Day” campaign (as the Foundation requested of each school site to defray fundraising overhead expenses). The banner will be displayed prominently on school grounds as a reminder to parents. Parent Dennis Spann generously agreed to reimburse the PTO for the cost of the banner.

There was also discussion of acquiring an exterior bulletin board or marquee sign. Rob will bring additional information next month about purchasing a new sign or possibly acquiring and reusing an existing sign.

- Spring event Wed May 7: “Asia/Pacific Fest” is being organized by classroom teachers in the morning, with help from parents. In the afternoon/early evening, parents will organize a “Spring Bazaar Festival”. Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi and Laney Mangney discussed options for crafts, games, kite flying, food, and entertainment. Phyllis reminded us to accommodate those with limited financial means if we charge money for admission or activities. Thinking and planning continues.
- PTO elections for 2008-09 school year: Ann is seeking parent volunteers to serve on the KPTO nominating committee. A slate of candidates will be presented in April for election in May. New officers take over in June. Ann will send invitations to Valley Oak, Pioneer, and Birch Lane PTAs so that parents of children moving to Korematsu in the fall may join the KPTO now, in order to submit nominations or vote for candidates this spring.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting

- Monday, April 14, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, in the Library.

Contact your PTO officers

Email address:

- Ann Huff Stevens, president president@korematupto.org
- Shari Ludden, 1st vice president vice-president@korematupto.org
- Sandra Walter-Perry, 2nd vice-president
- Stacey Horigan, treasurer treasurer@korematupto.org
- Richard Reed, secretary secretary@korematupto.org
- All PTO officers in one email: korematu-pto-board@korematupto.org

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- www.davisschoolsfoundation.org Email: info@davisschoolsfoundation.org
- Davis Schools Foundation, PO Box 1154, Davis, CA 95617, Phone (530) 902-1624
- Donation box in the Korematsu school office.