

Korematsu Elementary PTO at Mace Ranch

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

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2009

PTO board members present: Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi, President; Shari Ludden, vice president; Stacey Horigan, treasurer; Richard Reed, secretary.

Staff present: Principal Mary Ponce; teachers Allen Carlson and Vicki Rinne.

Parents/participants: Joanne Ayers, Alicia Mattson, Camille Melendres, Monica Reeves, Yvonne Rodriguez, Ann Stevens, Betsy Solomon.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Marc at 7:01 pm, in the Library.

- **Principal's Report**

Mary provided an update on the continuing deterioration of the state budget, and its impact on Korematsu. She is compiling school-specific costs and prioritizing programs and activities. The district has frozen state "categorical" funds for music, PE, art and library until the outcome of the budget is known. Some parents have begun to make direct donations to classroom accounts.

Secretary Rich (also chair of the district's Business Advisory Committee) said the Davis Schools Foundation (DSF) is planning to resume their "Dollar-a-Day" campaign in March, and suggested appeals for funds be coordinated among the school and PTO, and taking into account district-wide appeals from DSF and booster clubs.

- **Teacher's Report**

Ms. Rinne confirmed the process for spending \$100 per teacher grants awarded by PTO. She will solicit teacher interest in helping with garden curriculum support as an "adjunct duty".

Mr. Carlson reported on the staff's visit to the California Museum (Sacramento) exhibit "Uprooted! The Japanese Americans during WWII". (see www.californiamuseum.org/exhibits/uprooted-japanese-americans-during-wwii). This helped the staff prepare for Day of Remembrance activities in February. (Remembering the World War II internment of Japanese Americans and immigrants).

Mr. Carlson discussed planning for sixth grade Walker Creek outdoor education next December. A meeting is planned with current fifth grade parents, and bus transportation may be dropped due to cost. This year's program cost about \$18,000 for student fees, \$3,800 for the bus, and \$5,000 for teacher expenses. A parent suggested considering coordination among the six Davis elementary schools that use Walker Creek for possible sharing of expenses and fundraising.

New/old business

- **Garden Committee**

Garden Coordinator Marc was presented with a check for \$500 – a 50% match provided by the Farm to School Connection stipend for school garden coordinator. PTO will fund the balance of the match. Marc will provide a tour and demo of the garden and garden program to Farm to School staff. He also has some reporting accountability.

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The PTO executive committee approved \$885 in funding for a chain link fence and gate to enclose the greenhouse and composting bin, as required by district staff. The lowest bid was awarded and the fence specs meet state requirements.

- **Day of Remembrance February 25**

There was considerable discussion about ways to draw people to attend the PTO's Day of Remembrance activity (remembering the World War II internment of Japanese Americans and immigrants). Documentary filmmaker Eric Paul Fournier provided the school an ongoing royalty-free license to show "Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story". The 70 minute Public Broadcasting Service documentary (produced in 2000) will be shown Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Music Room. Marc will look into having some folks on-hand for discussion, and PTO will probably offer snacks. Teachers will be discussing Mr. Korematsu's story during classroom time. Parents and staff will think of ways to make Day of Remembrance, and the showing of the Fournier documentary, an annual event.

- **Spring Book Fair March 2-6**

Marc reported that bookfair chair Susan Kirby has started planning the spring fair. The theme is "Lights, Cameras, Bookfair". The book fair committee is looking for temporary donations of director's chairs. More books and a greater selection will be offered this time. A parent asked that more books for intermediate age kids be available. Proceeds from the fair will benefit the library.

- **Tall Tales: Nights Around the World**

Planning continues for this "passport style" reading event, sometime in March, with reading stations in different classrooms. The program is funded by a grant.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Dec Meeting Bank Bal	1/14/2008	\$17,038.21
Deposits	Membership Fees	\$ 20.00
	Donations	\$ 204.37
	E-Script	\$ 256.67
	Fundraising	\$ -
Total Deposits		\$ 481.04
Payments	Book Fair Exp	
	Fundraising	\$ 175.00
	Garden	\$ 605.28
	Hospitality	\$ -
	Postage	\$ 27.06
Total Payments		\$ 807.34
Jan Meeting Bank Balance		\$16,711.91

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- Fundraising

Joanne Ayers provided an update. (See fundraising statement at the end of this document). Auction subcommittee chair Monica Reeves discussed plans for a “silent auction” later in the spring. A subcommittee meeting will be held soon.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Next meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 pm, in the Library

PTO officers

- Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi, president
- Shari Ludden, first vice president
- Sandra Walter-Perry, second vice-president
- Stacey Horigan, treasurer
- Richard Reed, secretary

PTO position/committee chairs

- Betsy Solomon Auditor
- Joanne Ayers Fundraising chair
- Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi Garden chair
- TBD GATE rep
- Alicia Mattson Hospitality chair
- Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi Korematsu Kids school newsletter editor
- Dennis Spann Parliamentarian
- PTO/SSC SPAC rep(s)

Korematsu Elementary School - Fundraising Summary as of 31 January 2009

	2007/2008	2008/2009	Goal
Members / Donations (104 members)		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 6,266.00
eScrip	\$ 781.39	\$ 497.03	\$ 1,500.00
Nugget Scrip	\$ 1,773.60	\$ 1,086.76	\$ 3,500.00
Nugget friendship club - receipts	\$ 449.77	\$ 23.16	\$ 500.00
Box Tops	\$ 172.20	\$ 290.10	\$ 700.00
Goodsearch	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.36	\$ 50.00
Chevy's fundraiser (Oct 2007)	\$ 320.00		\$ 500.00
Steve's Pizza fundraiser (Jan 2008)	\$ 240.00		\$ 500.00
Dos Coyotes fundraiser (Jun 2008)	\$ 82.67		\$ 500.00
Habit Burger fundraiser	\$ -		\$ 500.00
Wine Tasting-Rominger	\$ -		\$ 500.00
Science Night	\$ 40.00		
Scholastic book fair Fall	\$100 cash to each teacher or \$200 in scholastic product, \$532 worth of books for library		
Scholastic book fair Spring	\$200 cash to each teacher, library \$300		
Kidzart (Classes Sept-Dec 2007, 5% proceeds)	\$ 81.83	\$ 204.37	
Book fair bake sale	\$ 67.00		\$ 300.00
Movie night	\$ -		\$ 100.00
T-shirt sales	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Spring plant sales	\$ -		\$ 200.00
Silent Auction	\$ -		\$ 12,000.00
Campbell's Soup	1,001,876 pts!	1,000,000pts	
Total	\$ 4,028.46	\$ 4,621.78	\$ 28,316.00

Fundraising Team

e-scrip	Joanne Ayers
Nugget scrip	Joanne Ayers
Nugget receipts	Rebecca Brunette
Box Tops	Laney Mangney
Campbells soup	Joanne Ayers
School auction	Monica Reeves
December mailing	Dennis Spann
TBD	Stephen Inouye
Members/Donations	Stacey Horigan
Goodsearch	?
Restaurant fundraisers	Brianne Agate
Bake sales	?
Movie night	?
T-shirt sales	Lina Layiktez
Spring Plant sales	?



eScrip - % varies by merchant

Sep-06	\$ 91.66	7 supporters
Oct-06	\$ 21.09	8 supporters
Nov-06	\$ 17.09	9 supporters
Dec-06	\$ 29.04	12 supporters
Jan-07	\$ 17.95	12 supporters
Feb-07	\$ 19.27	14 supporters
Mar-07	\$ 18.23	15 supporters
Apr-07	\$ 22.24	16 supporters
May-07	\$ 35.15	18 supporters
Jun-07	\$ 16.74	19 supporters
Jul-07	\$ 29.91	24 supporters
Aug-07	\$ 34.88	17 supporters
Sep-07	\$ 111.10	42 supporters
Oct-07	\$ 49.25	43 supporters
Nov-07	\$ 68.89	43 supporters
Dec-07	\$ 51.06	43 supporters
Jan-08	\$ 55.66	45 supporters
Feb-08	\$ 67.67	45 supporters
Mar-08	\$ 58.32	45 supporters
Apr-08	\$ 66.97	50 supporters
May-08	\$ 103.35	51 supporters
Jun-08	\$ 39.84	52 supporters
Jul-08	\$ 74.40	53 supporters
Aug-08	\$ 79.01	57 supporters
Sep-08	\$ 160.36	62 supporters
Oct-08	\$ 100.17	68 supporters
Nov-08	\$ 83.14	70 supporters
Dec-08	\$ 74.35	69 supporters

\$ 1,596.79

Nugget Scrip - 3%

Sep-06	\$ -	-
Oct-06	\$ -	-
Nov-06	\$ -	-
Dec-06	\$ -	-
Jan-07	\$ 32.33	5 supporters
Feb-07	\$ 23.65	5 supporters
Mar-07	\$ 40.50	5 supporters
Apr-07	\$ 59.36	7 supporters
May-07	\$ 60.02	9 supporters
Jun-07	\$ 64.25	7 supporters
Jul-07	\$ 61.26	8 supporters
Aug-07	\$ 59.40	7 supporters
Sep-07	\$ 130.71	11 supporters
Oct-07	\$ 182.15	17 supporters
Nov-07	\$ 199.40	22 supporters
Dec-07	\$ 176.20	21 supporters
Jan-08	\$ 126.19	16 supporters
Feb-08	\$ 139.53	17 supporters
Mar-08	\$ 176.83	17 supporters
Apr-08	\$ 176.35	20 supporters
May-08	\$ 189.24	19 supporters
Jun-08	\$ 122.60	16 supporters
Jul-08	\$ 95.00	11 supporters
Aug-08	\$ 159.64	17 supporters
Sep-08	\$ 184.39	23 supporters
Oct-08	\$ 218.89	
Nov-08	\$ 267.17	32 supporters
Dec-08	\$ 256.67	25 supporters

\$ 3,201.73

Merchants in Davis/Sac to shop at for e-scrip: Safeway, Big 5, Osaka
Sushi, Round Table, Macy's, Eddie Bauer, Redrum Burger, Sushi
unlimited, Seasons, Kathmandu, Lamppost pizza, Pho Bac Hoa Vietnam,
Star of India, Bistro 33, Brew it up, Gaylords

Nugget friendship club - receipts 1%

May-08	\$ 100.97
May-08	\$ 181.24
Jun-08	\$ 167.56
\$ 449.77	

12/30/2008 \$23.16