

Korematsu Elementary PTO at Mace Ranch

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

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2009

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

Staff present: Principal Mary Ponce; teachers Vicki Rinne and Dorrie Sobottka.

Parents/participants: Yuriko Adkins, Cindy Bruch, Rebecca Brunette, Tiffany Huynh, Camille Melendres, Alicia Mattson, Lisa McDaniel, Monica Reeves, Betsy Salomon, Manda Yeung.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Marc at 7:08 pm, in the Library.

• Principal's Report

STAR Testing is complete. Staff is now working on end-of year tasks including report cards, assessments, procedural reviews and preparations for the next school year. Mary thanked district staff who worked during the weekend of May 2-3 on the fast changing developments about the H1-N1 flu virus. Staff worked in collaboration with the Yolo County Health Department.

Student Council will be finishing up the year with the launch of "spirit days" on Fridays. Mary has received feedback from the students about this year's school operations that she will share at the June meeting.

Korematsu has lost its paid school crossing guard, probably permanently. The vendor that employed the guards has gone out of business. If the city and district award a new contract, it will likely exclude Korematsu and two other schools due to low traffic volume at the affected intersections. Some parent volunteers are guarding the Loyola/Alhambra intersection. Anyone interested should contact Mary.

Mary provided an update on the office copy machines. The Duplo copier will be replaced because it is uneconomical, and the Toshiba will be retained. Mary will purchase a third copier – a Riso brand machine. Riso has offered to sell the school two copiers for \$2,995. (One machine would be \$1,995). She proposes that the PTO and school split the cost for both machines at ~\$1,500 each. The additional machine could be used by PTO to offset the cost paid to the school for the newsletter and flyers. In addition to the capital cost, PTO would pay the maintenance, ink, paper for one machine at ~\$450+ a month. The per month copy limit is 250,000 per machine; copies past that are .001¢ each. Unused allocation could be used by teachers. The executive board will consider this. A decision will be needed in June.

The Korematsu School Site Council has three two-year positions open for election. Interested parents are urged to contact Mary for more information.

Marc asked Mary about translation of PTO publications into Spanish or other languages. (Korematsu Kids newsletter is translated into Spanish by a Korematsu employee). Mary suggested Marc check with the parent ELAC (English learner) committee; their next Meeting is May 17, 7:00 pm in room 48.

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- Teacher's Report

Vicki thanked PTO and parent volunteers for the hospitality during Teacher Appreciation week; Teachers will store art projects for the auction in their classrooms since other storage space is unavailable; Staff will try to incorporate the themes of the Asian Pacific Festival into their classrooms on the day of the festival.

New/old business

Yearbook and 6th Grade Send-off

The yearbook will not be published because the volunteer coordinator did not make arrangements for the book's publication.

As an alternative, PTO agreed to fund a 6th grade group photo for each 6th grader. Parent volunteers will take a group photo, with the assistance of Mary and 6th grade teachers. An enlarged print will be provided to each 6th grade student at their 'graduation' (promotion) ceremony at the end of the year. MOTION: approved unanimously to provide up to \$200 to pay for the cost of photo-printing.

A parent suggested that, in addition to the all-class photo, 6th grade families can upload class photos to an online photo site, and make/purchase their own copies of class photo books.

6th Grade Legacy Project

Mary was able to secure one-time funding for this year's legacy art project, since the 6th grade parent committee was not organized. Davis Art Center instructor Heidi Bekebrede will manage the creation of student-made art pieces that will be installed on concrete pylons of light standards on campus – probably about four of them in the main quad area. Teacher Dorrie Sobotka will assist. PTO thanked Mary and Dorrie for their last minute work to make this happen. Next year, 6th grade parents will be engaged earlier to organize and fund the project (which is the normal process).

- Upcoming Events

Asian-Pacific Festival / Silent Auction May 29

Marc provided an update. There will be 12 game booths in the quad and craft tables will be in the library and music room. Entertainment starts at 7:00 pm. Among the prizes will be pencils engraved with a slogan suggested by the student council: "Join the coyote pack". Volunteers are still need to help staff game booths and for other tasks, including the silent auction.

Volunteer appreciation

PTO discussed ideas for a volunteer appreciation event sometime in May. We will probably host a morning event in the MPR. PTO will supply light refreshments and teachers will have their classes make thank you cards or posters.

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- KPTO Board Election for 2009-2010 (July-June)

Nominating committee chairs VP Shari and Treasurer Stacey conducted the election. There were five candidates for five offices; all were elected unanimously (on 17 ballots of current KPTO members). The new board takes office in July, but may hold a joint meeting with the current board in June to plan for next year.

President:	Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi
1 st Vice President:	Monica Reeves
2 nd Vice President:	Richard Reed
Treasurer:	Betsy Salomon
Secretary	Rebecca Brunette

Fundraising Report

No report this month.

Treasurer's Report

See attachment following.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Next meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 pm, in the Library. Last meeting of this school year.

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 Salomon 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)

