

Korematsu Elementary PTO at Mace Ranch

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

Meeting Minutes

Approved Dec 2, 2009

November 18, 2009

PTO board members present: Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi, President; Monica Reeves, vice president; Richard Reed, vice president; Betsy Salomon, treasurer. (Minutes by VP Rich).

Staff present: Principal Mary Ponce; computer lab teacher Julie Cuetara.

Parents/participants: Yuriko Adkins, Joanne Ayers, Deborah Folb, Wes Hardaker, Alicia Mattson.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Marc at 7:04 pm, in the music room.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the October 7 meeting will be reviewed at the December 2 meeting.

Guest presentation

Mike McDermott from the Blue & White Foundation explained their current project in fundraising for the new stadium at Davis Senior High. Phase 1 is complete – new field, track, lighting, sound system and scoreboard. Fundraising is underway for phase 2, set to begin in early spring: entrance, concession stand, press box, restrooms and bleachers. The phase will be scaled to the amount of money raised at the time construction begins – they are at 70% of their goal.

Mike explained the broader mission of the Foundation to support the high school in academics, extracurricular programs and athletics, including scholarships.

Principal report

- Staff is working diligently to close the achievement gap, as reflected in test scores for segments of the student population – a top priority of Superintendent Hammond; district staff and site council are working to ensure funds are available for staff time and materials.
- The district's new student information system has had a rough start; one of the consequences is staff can't create a list of student information, delaying production of the school directory.
- Teacher Sharyn Lieth participated in the year's first district climate meeting. Some district students will attend a future KPTO meeting to present information on the topic of race and young children. (Korematsu's school site council also handles climate issues for the school).

Treasurer's report

- Treasurer Betsy distributed a Profit & Loss and Statement of Cash Flow Report. The Innisbrook fundraiser net income is about \$5,000, in 201 orders.

Fundraising report

- Chair Joanne Ayers reported the Nugget and eScrip income has increased as well as Box Tops for Education. There has been promotion of both programs in the past two months. Diamond Gymnastics fundraiser netted \$71.00.
- Vice President Monica reviewed a work plan for the silent auction.
- Vice President Rich announced a KPTO fundraiser December 4 at Rominger West Winery; 5:00-8:00; \$20 per person; help at the door and food donations needed; benefiting Korematsu science and nature curriculum.
- Mary said sixth grade parents raised enough money for Walker Creek Ranch outdoor ed bus transportation, but the school may still be short about \$2,500 for scholarships.

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New/old business

KPTO Budget

- President Marc provided proposed spending detail for the school garden program and Asian Pacific Festival. Line items were discussed in detail. Marc explained some of the key offerings and benefits of the garden program.
- Some parents said they would like more complete financial information (details and big picture), along with work plans for key programs and projects, such as garden and Asian Pacific Festival.
- Marc reported that Davis Farm to School Connection awarded KPTO a \$500 grant for the garden program. The science garden west of the library was approved last year but built early this year; reimbursements for expenses (~ \$150) are pending.

Yearbook

- Julie Cuetara and two parents will manage the yearbook; 32 pages, black and white, with a stock color cover. KPTO will be responsible for a min. of 200 books at \$10.17 each (\$2034.00). Twenty pages for students and staff and the balance for activities. An online option will be included for an extra \$50; parents who buy online will pay an extra \$1.50 per order. Books will be sold at \$13 initially and up to \$15 later in the year. M/S/P to approve.

Explorit Science

- Science night for families was approved; M/S/P. The \$700 rate was discounted \$200 for scheduling the event earlier in February. Mary said Explorit awarded five or six \$100 scholarships for the daytime science event (with programming different from the night version that is specific to grade level and tied to curriculum).

SPAC (Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee)

- Alicia Mattson reported on a recent meeting where Superintendent Hammond discussed the Zangle student information system and the district's \$3.5 million budget deficit.

Day of Remembrance - February

- Alicia Mattson volunteered to chair the committee for this annual event.

Future agenda items

- Email list policy – Wes Hardaker

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Next meeting

December 2, 7:00 pm, in the library.

Attachments

None.