

# Korematsu Elementary PTO at Mace Ranch

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

## Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2008

PTO board members present: Ann Stevens, President; Shari Ludden and Sandra Perry, vice presidents; Stacey Horigan, treasurer; Richard Reed, secretary

Staff present: Teacher Phyllis York.

Parents/participants:

Dawn Hardaker, Laney Mangney, Joanne Ayers, Alicia Mattson, Lauren Arntzen, Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi.

Introductions, officer's reports and announcements

- The meeting was called to order by President Ann at 7:00 pm.
- Meeting minutes from December 17 were informally approved.
- Treasurer's report: current account balance is \$7,028.41, of which \$1,400 is restricted to the garden project and \$2,000 to the Tall Tales program.
- KPTO Steve's Pizza Fundraiser: Thursday, January 31. Watch for details in the Korematsu Kids newsletter.

Committee updates and old/new business

- SPAC Update (Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee): Dawn and Ann reported on the January 11 meeting. The budget was the main topic (as it will be for months ahead), followed by concerns around moving Valley Oak's GATE strands to other elementary schools. Next meeting: February 8.
- Fundraising report: Joanne Ayers presented her monthly written report of progress to date (\$1,155.78) and status for goals for this school year. A fundraiser is planned at Steve's Pizza on January 31. Marc reported Box Top for Education proceeds of \$83.54 and Phyllis said we received ~\$20.00 from Good Search.
- Welcome events for new students and families: KPTO will help site staff with hospitality and welcoming students and families at rescheduled events on Wed-Thu-Fri Jan 30- Feb 1. Watch for details in the Korematsu Kids newsletter. Sandra Perry will produce a large paper banner that Korematsu students will sign to welcome the visiting kids and families.

MOTION approved unanimously authorizing Ann and Stacey to spend up to \$100 on pizza and refreshments for the welcome events. Pizza for Thursday evening will be purchased from Steve's Pizza during the KPTO fundraiser, resulting in a rebate back to the school.

- Scholarships for KidzArt and TALK: KPTO confirmed approval of awarding scholarships for the KidzArt program. Teachers will make recommendations. Ann will discuss with program staff. Details to follow. (Laney said that enrollment in TALK may be too low to continue the program in the spring).
- Book Fair in March / Harvest Festival this fall: Shari is gearing up for the spring book fair in early March. The theme: Road Trip. She shared ideas for possible changes to future fairs, including the idea of a Harvest Festival this fall. Discussion will continue.
- Garden Update: Marc will organize work parties beginning in February for installation of irrigation, construction of the retaining wall, and planting the first beds. Other phases of the project await further funding. Marc is also seeking funds of ~\$2,100 or in-kind donation of a

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~ 8'x14' "tough-shed" to securely store garden tools and supplies. Email Marc with questions (address at end of this document).

- Bike rack and additional play structure for grades 4-6: Parents discussed the need for additional bike racks, and a play structure for older kids (both before next fall's expansion to grades k-6).
- Asia/Pacific Fest: Parents discussed ideas for this event to take place in May.
- Before/After School Childcare: The Children's Center will be moving to Valley Oak next year, leaving Korematsu without before and after school care (except for the afternoon ACCESS program). We expect to hear soon about the possible opening of a CDC (Child Development Center) program on campus.
- Korematsu documentary showing: Phyllis will discuss with Dorrie Sobottka Dorrie's idea of inviting the public and new district staff to view the Korematsu video documentary before next month's PTO meeting on February 20 (as was done last year). Watch for announcements.

### Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

### Next meeting

- Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 special viewing of Korematsu documentary followed by PTO meeting at 7:30 – 9:00pm. (Details may change; watch for announcements).

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### ADDENDUM: Board of Education meeting, January 17

- The board of education voted 5-0 to approve the staff recommended new Korematsu attendance boundary, and to place four GATE strands at four sites, including Korematsu. This marks an important milestone in the decade-long struggle to build and open our school as a K-6 elementary.
- The board confirmed that for now, Korematsu sixth graders will attend Harper Jr. High.
- There were 16 public comments about attendance/GATE, including our four (Alicia, Dawn, Shari and Staci) and a Mace Ranch parent named Craig. Nine comments supported the 4 site option and/or spoke favorably of broader differentiation, seven talked about boundary issues in west or south Davis or other related issues. There were no comments in favor of the two strands at one site option.
- Board members Taylor and Lovenburg said the single GATE strand at Pioneer has been successful and has stood the test of time.
- Board president Allen asked the community to improve the tenor of GATE discussion, and noted that the upcoming revision of the GATE master plan will be looking at existing and alternative delivery models.

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