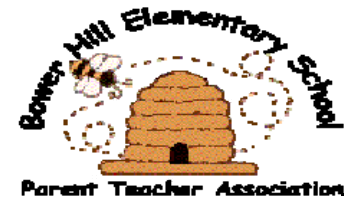


Bower Hill Elementary PTA

Regular Meeting December 5, 2012

Final Minutes



1. Call to Order	The President, Ria Kartsonas , called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with 14 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ria Kartsonas welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from November 2012 are approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer Gretchen Walker presented the Treasurer's report and requested the bills to be paid. Kristi Paitek and Tara Horton first and seconded respectively.
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mr. Killen reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 20th is Polar Express Day. Students are allowed to wear pajamas to school. Kindergarten takes a trip through the school. The third grade gives the first grade "the gift of reading". Thank you during this busy time of the year from the cookie workshop to the holiday parties.
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa Runco explained the USDA food regulation changes that went into effect July 1st, 2012. She encouraged questions and was open to suggestions.
7. Area Council Report	<p>Lisa Briegel reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2012-2013 school calendar is available for review, it includes when educational field trips will be approved and PSSA dates. Announced that the Girls Soccer team and Girls Tennis team had outstanding seasons. Encouraged members to watch the PTHS Media Department and Video Club Lip Dub video on the website. Shared the high school renovation will be discussed on Jan. 24th at the PT Library in the piano room. All principals will be in attendance. The used book sale is looking for a new date to occur during a larger event. Please contact Lisa Briegel with a date recommendation. Next meeting -January 24 at 9:15a in the district administration office.
8. Report of First Vice President	<p>Lisa Briegel gave a brief report of the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Character Counts</u>: No meeting this month. Next meeting January 9th. <u>Newsletter</u>: Karen Lingis encouraged members to send info for the newsletter and email blasts when they have an event coming up. <u>Membership</u>: Keep sending in membership. <u>Reflections</u>: Area Council judged in November. In December, regional judging occurs. In January, state judging will be held. There were 350 entries. <u>School Pictures</u>: There is a link on Inter-States website that will allow you to upload photos and order additional items.
9. Report of Second Vice President	<p>Gina Ciminel gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>ASC</u>: The first day for spring after school class registration is January 7, 2013. <u>LFE</u>: Karen Lingis reported LFE is offering a winter bonus that will allow BH an additional 1250 points. Reminded to keep sending them in. <u>Box Tops</u>: Next drawing is on Friday. Reminded to send in either in bag or glue on paper, and to check expiration dates and to not cut the expiration date off.

10. Report of Third Vice President	<p>Ria Kartsonas gave a brief report on the committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Game Night: Will be held on January 25th. • Spirit Recognition: Buzzer Bee will visit December 14th and will soon delivery the tumbler with lid and straw with the buzzer logo to the students. • Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Cookie Exchange is Dec. 19th for the teachers. Sign up sheet was passed for volunteers to donate homemade cookies. • Yearbook: Order form is due by Jan. 4. Reminded to complete the form whether or not you want a yearbook. Yearbooks can be ordered on-line.
11. Principal's Remarks	<p>Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke of Character Ed. - displayed posters. • Announced 300 shoeboxes were filled with the supplies donated from the Shoebox for Mexico collection. • Stated the Pajama Drive will be starting on Dec. 12 and to look for the box at the top of the ramp. • Reminded parents to place names in winter coats and to label all items brought to school. • Announced approx. 20 Administrators will be at Bower Hill on Cookie Exchange Day. • Kids will take part in a sing-a-long the morning before the Holiday party. • The calendar is preliminarily out for the 2013-2014 calendar year. She encouraged parents to look at it and provide feedback.
12. New Business	
13. Old Business	
Adjournment	There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Submitted by: _____
 Karen Lingis, Secretary, 2012/2013

Date approved: _____