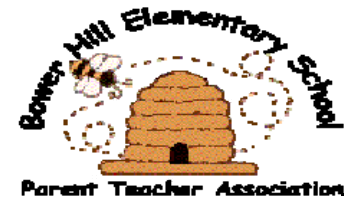


# Bower Hill Elementary PTA

## Regular Meeting October 3, 2012

### Final Minutes



1. Call to Order	<b>The President, Ria Kartsonas</b> , called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. with 22 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ria Kartsonas welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.</li> </ul>
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gina Hansen and Allison Wilding moved that the September 2012 minutes be approved. Minutes from September 2012 stand.</li> </ul>
4. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Treasurer Gretchen Walker</b> presented the Treasurer's report and requested the bills to be paid. Kristi DeVentura and Gina Hansen first and seconded respectively.</li> </ul>
5. Teacher Remarks	<p><b>Mr. Killen</b> reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminded parents about Open House Oct. 24 for K &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oct. 25 for 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>Bookfair will be the 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Oleynik is asking for volunteers to help with Bookfair.</li> <li>Thank you from Mrs. Miller for all the toys and books for her classroom.</li> <li>Thank you to the homeroom moms for attending the informational meeting.</li> <li>Thank you for assisting the children with the Read-A-Thon.</li> </ul>
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Traumuller spoke of how over the summer he revamped his curriculum to look at ways to integrate character counts and bullying. He reminded parents that he is able to spend 60%-70% of his time with the students, enhancing socialization thru programs such as lunch groups.</li> </ul>
7. Area Council Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lisa Briegel</b> announced the bowling league and the free bowling informational day on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. BH teachers are hoping to have a team participate.</li> <li>Education Foundation - Will soon be able to use PayPal. Teachers can link their page to the website.</li> <li>Stated the Chief of Police attended the meeting and encouraged families to be mindful of the time they allowed for their kids to walk home from school.</li> <li>Next meeting - October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:15a in the municipal building.</li> </ul>
8. Report of First Vice President	<p><b>Lisa Briegel</b> gave a brief report of the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Character Counts:</u></b> Teachers will attend a "Character Conference" for their in-service day. October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Award Ceremony - BH's "Chess Guy" Eric Berthoud will be honored. There may be a contest for a new logo in the future. PV student page featuring bullying is linked to this website.</li> <li><b><u>Newsletter:</u></b> Karen Lingis asked anyone that wants to place an item in the newsletter, to let her know as soon as possible. The more info given the faster the blast can go out.</li> <li><b><u>Creative Experience:</u></b> was cancelled due to not enough interest.</li> <li><b><u>PTSD Directory:</u></b> Has been submitted. Will go out in November. Asked for a volunteer to distribute.</li> <li><b><u>Library:</u></b> Volunteer schedule final and sent out. Looking for volunteers for 11:30-1 on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, any Tuesday afternoon or Fridays in Oct. Reminded to call the library if you are unable to attend.</li> <li><b><u>Membership:</u></b> Currently 607 members (49 teachers).</li> <li><b><u>Open House:</u></b> Reported volunteer bakers list was sent to chairperson and bakers will be notified.</li> <li><b><u>School Pictures:</u></b> Kristi DeVentura reported re-take/make-up day is October 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li><b><u>Reflections:</u></b> Due October 24<sup>th</sup>. First raffle is Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

9. Report of Second Vice President	<p><b>Gina Ciminel</b> gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>After School Classes:</u></b> Kristi DeVentura announced registration is closed. There will be less offered in spring to prevent cancelled classes. The committee is looking for a new chairperson for the 2013-14 school year. The new chairperson(s) can shadow the process in the spring.</li> <li>• <b><u>Bookfair:</u></b> Jennie Trapanotto reported dates as Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Set-up on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign ups for volunteers will be thru Viadale. No small children are permitted to be with you during your volunteer shift.</li> <li>• <b><u>LFE:</u></b> Karen Lingis provided a Back to School booklet. Reported approx. 5400 pts. to be submitted. Reminded parents to keep sending LFE in and to register Giant Eagle Adv. card.</li> <li>• <b><u>Box Tops:</u></b> Asked to register Giant Eagle Advantage card for eBox Tops.</li> </ul>
10. Report of Third Vice President	<p><b>Ria Kartsonas</b> gave a brief report on the committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Family Game Night:</u></b> Have one chairperson, need one chairperson. New date Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• <b><u>Spirit Wear:</u></b> Order forms in office. Deadline end of October. Samples will be at Open House.</li> <li>• <b><u>Assemblies:</u></b> Had first one of the year. Went well, it was nice.</li> <li>• <b><u>Read-A-Thon:</u></b> Kristi DeVentura stated each ladybug spot on the wall = 300 min. read. Read for the Record is Oct. 4. Read-A-Thon ends at 8p Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Send in raffle tickets for last raffle on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Award ceremony is Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• <b><u>Spirit Recognition:</u></b> Buzzer Bee visited September 28<sup>th</sup>, thank you Buzzer.</li> <li>• <b><u>Teacher/Staff Appreciation:</u></b> Liz Zurich requested support to provide the teachers/staff with dinner prior to the open house on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
11. Principal's Remarks	<p><b>Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson</b> reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Zetty will be leaving to Gateway School District. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> will be her last day. There will be an interim until the search is complete.</li> <li>• Reminded an ASC note is not needed for your child to attend the ASC, but please send one as a courtesy to remind teachers.</li> <li>• Second grade teachers encouraged reflections participation by not assigning homework to allow students to participate in reflections contest.</li> <li>• Announced fitness days where teachers will wear "Be Fit with Buzzer" T-shirts.</li> <li>• Mrs. Gustafson was asked about the transition of penmanship between 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade. She will look into this.</li> </ul>
12. New Business	<p><b>President Ria Kartsonas</b> stated second grade is in need of parent volunteers for clerical duties to help Mrs. Obrien with "Rocket Math". She announced Homeroom parents were picked and party volunteers will be notified soon.</p>
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.</p>

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen Lingis, Secretary, 2012/2013

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_