

Bower Hill Elementary PTA

Regular Meeting September 5, 2012

Final Minutes



1. Call to Order	The President, Ria Kartsonas , called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. with 50 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ria Kartsonas welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.
3. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelly Belcher spoke about the PT Education Foundation. She stated all the money received is given back to the schools.
4. Principal's Remarks	<p>Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Gustafson was asked about field trips. She reported they are looking into grants. Announced faculty celebrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Borsani - welcomed a baby girl Mrs. McFeaters - welcomed a baby boy and a baby girl Mrs. Narus - is a new "Grammy" Mrs. Jacko - got married Mrs. (Walker) Armstrong - got married Mrs. Jen (Basista) Zeffiro - got married Ms. Juarin - will be getting married She is appreciative of the PTA's 21 ASC/extracurricular activities and the benefit to the kids. PTA magazine is now available to everyone online. Bus buddies are being assigned today. There are cameras on every bus. Mr. Cunningham is welcoming a new physical education teacher. She reminded parents to keep jewelry reasonable on phys. ed. days and to work on shoe tying with first graders. Mrs. Miller from autistic support is looking for toys/fidgets for reinforcing and motivating students. Items can be given to office for Mrs. Gustafson and Mrs. Miller. Parent Information meetings start today. Students will attend an assembly during parent information meeting.
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mr. Killen reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for the first day packets and cups for teachers. Parent Information meetings start today for 3rd grade at 2:15p, 9/6/12 2nd grade at 2:15p, 9/7/12 1st grade at 2:15p Second grade is in need of parent volunteers on Sept. 6 for clerical duties to help teachers prepare for launching "Rocket Math".
6. Reading and App. Min.	Becky Manhollan and Denise Tannehill moved that the May 2012 minutes be approved. Minutes from May 2012 stand.
7. Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Gretchen Walker stated the audit report was submitted to the state. She happily reported a balanced budget. Michelle Hoffman moved that the 2012-2013 budget be approved. Verbal vote conducted new 2012-2013 budget approved. Treasurer's report presented and requested the bills to be paid. Becky Manhollan and Denise Tannehill first and seconded respectively.
8. Area Council Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa Briegel reported a second chairperson is needed. She explained area council links the 5 schools in the district.

9. Report of 1st Vice Pres.	<p>Lisa Briegel gave a brief report of the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Character Counts:</u> Mary Lou Bulseco reported next meeting Oct. 2nd. • <u>Newsletter:</u> Karen Lingis asked anyone that wants to place an item in the newsletter, to let her know as soon as possible. • <u>Library:</u> Volunteer forms are due this Friday. Looking for volunteers for 11:30-1and Tuesday afternoons. • <u>Membership:</u> Becky Manhollan reported currently 406 members. Cards to be distributed soon. • <u>Open House:</u> Need chairperson • <u>School Pictures:</u> Amy Pugliano reported re-take picture day will be sometime during the first week of October.
10. 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>After School Classes:</u> Kristi DeVentura and Lauren Woodward state registration on Sept. 18th from 7:00-8:00p. Classes run 6 weeks from Oct. -Dec. • <u>After School Dance:</u> Reported Registration Sept. 17th from 7:00-8:30p at McMurray Elementary school. You must register in person. • <u>Bookfair:</u> Reported it will be in Oct. and open during open house. She asked for volunteers. • <u>LFE:</u> Karen Lingis thanked everyone for sending in LFE. Bower Hill was able to redeem 60,000 points for a die cut and legos. Reminded parents to keep sending them in. • <u>Box Tops:</u> Stated all the money from box tops goes back to the kids for items cut out of school budget. Please send in without staples, preferably 10 box tops/bag. Next drawing - Sept. 14. • <u>Volunteer Coordinators:</u> Reminded to use new viadale link. • <u>Welcoming New Families -</u> Amy Pugliano gave brief explanation of committee.
11. Report of Third Vice President	<p>Cindy Moran gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Family Game Night:</u> Gave brief description of event. Need chairperson and volunteers. • <u>Spirit Wear:</u> Presented new Swarovski crystal buzzer shirts for \$34/\$32. Asked for help taking orders. • <u>Assemblies:</u> There will be 7 this year. Reminded parents to save shop and save receipts to help fund one assembly. • <u>Read-A-Thon:</u> PTA's biggest fundraisers. This years theme "Lady Bug Girl and the Bug Squad", to start Sept. 24. • <u>Spirit Recognition:</u> Recognized Buzzer Bee. • <u>Teacher/Staff Appreciation:</u> Asked for help with cookie baking. • <u>Yearbook:</u> Committee needs additional help. Asked parents to take bus stop pictures and send to Patty Inks
12. New Business	<p>President Ria Kartsonas happily reported parents liked the School Kidz Kits. Chairperson needed for School Kidz Kits.</p>
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.</p>

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

Date approved: _____