

Bower Hill Elementary PTA

Regular Meeting April 10, 2013

Final Minutes



1. Call to Order	The President, Ria Kartsonas , called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. with 19 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 March 2013 are approved as written, exception correction under LFE to 53,000 points instead of 53,00.
4. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer Gretchen Walker presented the Treasurer's report.
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mrs. Piatt reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thinks it's great that students and faculty are trying new vegetables and fruits in the cafeteria. Mrs. Meyers has 43 BH kids registered for the Kids of Steel/Pittsburgh Marathon. Kindergarten registration numbers are up. Mr. Bratetich needs help with the garden on April 26th. Any volunteers that are interested may contact him. Teachers are looking forward to the Beestro. She thanked the PTA for all that they do for Bower Hill.
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Stoehr spoke of the Transition to McMurray. He was open to discussion and encouraged questions.
7. Area Council Report	<p>Lisa Briegel reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used book Sale is May 17 & 18 in the Middle School gym. There is a collection bin in the office and at the top of the ramp. April 23 from 7p-9p in the Middle School Auditorium is the School Board Candidate Forum. She presented the High School renovation brochure by the Area Council. She also announced the petition site is up and running and encouraged members to have husbands sign as well. Next meeting -April 25 Dr. Dimperio will discuss technology and devices at 9:15a in the district administration office. The school board will be providing hospitality. She reminded members of the tour of the high school on April 11th or May 9th at 11am. Bower Hill is also able to attend the HS PTSA meeting at 9:15a prior to the tour.
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"> Character Counts: Award Ceremony is April 30th at 7pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex. Newsletter: Karen Lingis encouraged members to send info for the newsletter and email blasts when they have an event coming up. Thank you to those who have send emails to her that she was able to cut and paste.
9. Report of Second Vice President	<p>Gina Ciminell gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beestro: Gina stated the Beestro will be April 19th from 5p-8p with 2 seatings (5-630 & 630-8). This year will have a luau theme. Dinner will be catered by Pasta Too. The DJ and photo booth will be returning. A link has been set up for sign-ups to volunteer. She reminded everyone of the Relay for Life baskets. BookFair: Starts Friday April 19. It will be buy one get one. A link has also been blasted for volunteers to help. LFE: Karen Lingis reported Bower Hill currently has 86,862 points. She has received enough LFE UPC's for Bower Hill to be eligible for 10 Scholastic Books from the Book Bonanza promotion. LFE's current bonus sheet will give Bower Hill an additional 1,250 points. Box Tops: Keep sending box tops in. Next drawing on Friday April 12th at 3:05pm.

10. Report of Third Vice President	<p>Karen Lingis gave a brief report on the committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Game Night: Was a success with 167 families in attendance. • Spirit Wear: Third grade t-shirt order and the Kindergarten t-shirts have been ordered and should be received the second week of May for distribution. • Assemblies: CLO assemblies went well. Next assembly is April 25th. It will be an all day Lincoln assembly. We will need 3-4 volunteers to help escort him throughout the day. She asked if interested to please contact her. • Bower Hill Day: BH day is May 31. The committee is meeting and has started to plan the day.
11. Principal's Remarks	<p>Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded parents Mrs. Oleynik is out of leave. Gemma Pantanella is her substitute. • Mrs. Piatt will be going out on leave and Mrs. Jacko will be her substitute. • Box tops drawing for Friday April 12th will be at 3:05p due to PSSA testing. • Spoke of Mr. Tupper's Art of Listening. • Stated April 26th is the Autism Awareness Walk at PTHS. • Dee Miller, from Autistic Support, is participating in a program to teach nonverbal children to talk. The state audited on Monday and Bower Hill scored the highest in the state. • Math Acceleration Tests will be conducted in the spring, based on teacher recommendations. • Notified members that the voicemail system will be down for the next 2 days.
12. Old Business	<p>Ria Kartsonas announced the <u>nominations for the 2013-2014 executive board:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She asked if there were any additional nominations. No additional nominations suggested. Nominations will stand as per verbal vote. Ria Kartsonas welcomed all new board members. She announced to board members that next executive board meeting is April 24th at 9:15a. • Vote on Bylaws: Ria Kartsonas stated the bylaws are up to review. She thanked Diana Wilcox for her hard work in preparing the document. She stated the proposed bylaws have been posted for 30 days and asked for questions. With no questions, a verbal vote was taken and passed to submit the proposed bylaws to the State Area Council PTA. Diana Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kristi DeVentura.
13. New Business	<p>School Kids Kits - Ria Kartsonas stated teachers have submitted their lists, the order forms are ready and will be sent home on April 15th. They must be returned by May 31st, or can be ordered on-line until June 7th. Incoming kindergarten parents will have 1 week to order on-line. A sample kit is available for those who want to view it. She stated the fourth graders need a fabric accordion folder with 13 pockets.</p> <p>Committee Chairs for next year - Ria Kartsonas stated the openings and passed the list around for members to view. She announced that Belle Vernon school district has requested information about the Read-A-Thon.</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Week - Michelle Mascaro announced there will be a daily event. She and Liz Zurich will be asking for volunteers to help with show our support for the teachers.</p>
Adjournment	There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 10:25a.m.

Submitted by: _____

Karen Lingis, Secretary, 2012/2013

Date approved: _____