

Bower Hill Elementary PTA

Regular Meeting September 4, 2013

Final Minutes



1. Call to Order	The President, Ria Kartsonas , called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. with 52 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ria Kartsonas welcomed everyone and introduced the PTA board members. • She reviewed the procedure for entering money into a students "my school bucks" account through the school instead of on line.
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from May 2013 are approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer Sue Filoon presented the Treasurer's report. • The state audit was conducted over the summer and it was a success.
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mr. Killen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time.
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Shelly Belcher, Communications Coordinator for the district, reported on the new communication and safety procedures. She spoke about the addition of an outside intercom and camera to use to gain access to Bower Hill. The district also added a part-time police officer to the district and that officer will be monitoring Bower Hill on occasion. • She also indicated the district has created a new mobile website. • She gave directions on how to use the new power announcement section of power school. It gives parents the ability to update their personal contact information and select a preference on how to receive announcements from the school.
7. Area Council Report	<p>Ria Kartsonas reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please attend an Area Council Meeting to learn information about all of the schools and PTA's in the district. • The meetings are held once a month on the third Thursday. The next meeting will be September 19.
8. Report of First Vice President	<p>Karen Lingis gave a brief report of the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemblies: The following assemblies are scheduled for this year: October 7, Pioneer Living; January, Stories of Steeltown; February, Thomas Edison. She reminded us that the Shop n Save program helps to support our assemblies so please remember to register your Shop n Save card. • Newsletter: The newsletter is e-mailed out each Sunday evening. If you are interested in including something in it please have it sent to Karen by Thursday. • Labels for Education: Please save labels and send them to school with your kids. We currently have 62,000 points. • Library Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering in the library the form is due September 6. Please feel free to stop in the library to help when you have time during the month of September. • Spirit Wear: Sonia Koupiaris reported that the deadline for Spirit Wear orders is September 27. The orders will be in by the end of October. • Reflections: Mary Lou Bulseco reported that the theme for this year is "Believe, Dream, Inspire". The entry forms are available on the website and in the office. Children are encouraged to submit as many entries as they would like. There will be an award ceremony in the spring to acknowledge the participants.
9. Report of Second Vice President	<p>Michelle Hoffmann gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box Tops: Please send in box tops. The first drawing of the year is to be held on Sept. 13. • Character Counts: They are holding their 15th anniversary celebration on September 17 at the high school. All are welcome. • Membership: Please send in your membership money to join the PTA. • Hospitality: Encouraged members to sign up to bring refreshments to future PTA meetings. • Directory: Darlene Lemansky reported that they need volunteers to help in the distribution of the directories upon their delivery to the school.

10. Report of Third Vice President	<p>Gretchen Walker gave a brief report on the committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read a thon: Kristi DeVentura reported that the Read a thon is set to begin on September 23. Packets explaining the fundraiser will be sent home with the students soon. • School Pictures: Kristi DeVentura reported that picture day was successfully held on August 30th. Make up date TBA. • Yearbook: They are currently seeking bus stop photos. Please email them to the committee.
11. Principal's Remarks	<p>Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please welcome our new superintendent Dr. French. • September 13th is going to be "Dot Day". Please wear polka dots to school that day. • The theme for this year at Bower Hill is the book "The Dark". The teachers are busy creating activities for the students centered around this book. • With some of the box tops proceeds we were able to purchase a new boom box for the physical education teachers. • Mrs. Gustafson and Mr. Traumuller attended the McMurray Mixer on August 15th. Thank you to the Bower Hill and Pleasant Valley PTA's, it was a great success. • Pencil sharpeners are needed for each classroom. Box tops can be used to purchase them. • Mrs. Hanig-Jones class is decorating the outside of the school with new planters. Box tops proceeds are providing the money for the project. • Bower Hill will be welcoming our new assistant principal in October. • Denise Tannehill inquired about field trips for this school year. Mrs. Gustafson reported that they are still being discussed and no plans have been made at this time. • Darlene Lemansky inquired about the elimination of the Japan chapter in second grade. Mrs. Gustafson reported that it was deleted and the curriculum was realigned with state standards.
12. Old Business	
13. New Business	<p>Ria Kartsonas reminded parents that volunteers are needed to shadow current chairpersons who will be moving on next year.</p> <p>Kathleen Chaudhari reported that the volunteer coordinators are meeting September 6th to assign volunteers. She reiterated that it is all computer generated.</p>
Adjournment	There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 10:20a.m.

Submitted by: _____

Date approved: _____

Nikki Beagle, Secretary, 2013/2014