

Bower Hill Elementary PTA

Regular Meeting May 1, 2013

Final Minutes



1. Call to Order	The President, Ria Kartsonas , called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. with 12 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ria Kartsonas welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for a great year.
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from April 2013 are approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer Gretchen Walker presented the Treasurer's report. The Auditing committee was selected: Beth Ruth, Rachel Leonard, Chrissy Seidling
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mr. Killen reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Oleynik, though on medical leave, sent a thank you for the bookfair and reminded parents that overdue notices went out. Mr. Killen stated that all parents are welcome to volunteer in June and to just stop in if you are able to help. • Thank you for the classroom funds. • He spoke of the first and third grade spring performances. • He reminded parents to send in any extra toys for the autistic support toy box.
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. O'Brein spoke of "How to avoid the summer slide". Her main message was to keep them reading. She shared a handout with reading, writing, math and enrichment activities to help prevent the summer slide. She encouraged a summer journal, spoke of the Public Library reading program and the BH Wiki.
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. • The School Board Candidate Forum went well, she encouraged members to watch it on channel 7 or Youtube when it's available. The election is May 21st. • She reminded members of the superintendent search. • Presenters also spoke about special education, Health and Human growth and development, and Technology. • She encouraged attendance at these meetings, stating this is the venue to ask questions. • Next meeting -May 23rd with the district's principals. • She reminded members of the tour of the high school on 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: At the Award Ceremony, Mr. Killen, Ms. Hareza, and Ms. Webler won awards. May 14th is the next meeting in the PT Community room. May 20th is the deadline for the logo contest.
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"> • Beestro: Gina stated it was a great success and thank you to all that helped out. • BookFair: Stated the book fair went well. • LFE: Karen Lingis reported Bower Hill received 20 Scholastic Books from the Book Bonanza promotion. LFE's current bonus sheet that has been submitted will give Bower Hill an additional 1,250 points. • Box Tops: Keep sending box tops in. Last drawing of the year is Friday May 3rd. • Kindergarten Orientation: Look for the volunteer link to sign up to help.

10. Report of Third Vice President	<p>Karen Lingis gave a brief report on the committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bower Hill Day: BH day is May 31. The committee is meeting and has started to plan the day. The volunteer link will be out soon. • Teacher Appreciation: Encouraged member to sign up to bring donations for the breakfast on Tuesday or the lunch on Thursday.
11. Principal's Remarks	<p>Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded parents the safety team program is functioning properly. • SAT's are going well. • The voicemail is up and running again. • With the Giant Eagle points she was able to redeem, 5 ipads and 2 butterfly kits. • Stated the Kids of Steel/Pittsburgh marathon this Saturday. Bower Hill has the most kids participating of all the PT schools! • Reminded parents they are able to borrow math books over the summer. • Stated the Beestro was fabulous. • She had a great time at the garden event last Friday. • The students and faculty enjoyed the Lincoln Assembly. • She is hopeful to have selected an assistant principal by July, currently she is in round 2 of interviews. • Bower Hill is going on the Ducky Tour and she strongly stated to parents that it is safe. • KPlus is coming back next year. • The curriculum for Science and Social Studies will be rewritten this summer. • They are looking into a Singapore math program.
12. Old Business	
13. New Business	<p>Ria Kartsonas reminded parents of the committees that still need chairs for next year.</p> <p>Lisa Briegel stated addition important dates: May 9th is the HS tour at 11am. May 30th is third grade orientation meeting for McMurray.</p>
Adjournment	There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 10:30a.m.

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

Date approved: _____