

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA  
Regular Meeting: November 1, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**



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| 1. Call to Order                   | <b>The President, Karen Lingis</b> , called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. There were 17 people in attendance.   |
| 2. President's Remarks             | <b>Karen Lingis</b> welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.   |
| 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes | Minutes from Sept 2017 and Oct 2017 were presented. Minutes from May and June 2017 were approved as written.   |
| 4. Treasurer's Report              | <p><b>Treasurer, Julie Collins.</b> Report was presented by Karen Lingis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We raised <b>\$28,362</b> from the Read-a-thon Fund Raiser!!!</li> <li>● The Fall Book Fair had a \$1,000 credit in Scholastic dollars and a <b>cash profit of \$4,891.19</b>, which will go toward library enhancements and book purchases throughout the year.</li> <li>● Proposed to increase the Educational Enrichment fund by \$1500 – (noted that this is the teacher stipend and the proposal would increase the allotment from \$25/teacher to \$50/per)</li> <li>● Proposed to increase the Beestro budget by \$200</li> <li>● Proposed to increase the Advancement for Education budget by \$2,000 to help defray the cost of field trips for the 2017/2018 year.</li> <li>● Motion made by Melissa Konggaard to move the funds as proposed. Seconded by Tanya Kontenoglou. Motion passed.</li> <li>● Presented all Budget activity for October.</li> <li>● Motion made by Erin Helon to pay the bills and seconded by Shannon DelSardo. Motion Passed.</li> </ul> |
| 5. Teacher Remarks                 | <p>Mr. Killen attended the meeting and had the following remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thank you for the Halloween Party it was well organized and went well. The kids really enjoyed the party.</li> <li>● Thank you for the rock garden. Everyone thinks it is very nice and most importantly, the kids love it.</li> <li>● The Read-a-thon is great! Great lasting memory, great fund raiser but great memory too.</li> <li>● Open House dinners: Every year; we want you to know how much we appreciate it. Not only is it a great thing but it is a great opportunity for us (the teachers and staff) to sit and catch up.</li> <li>● Pop tabs – we are collecting them for Ronald McDonald House. Took in a collection of them just now – please keep them coming in.</li> <li>● Kids of Steel Registration is Open! \$20 is the registration fee. The actual date is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. More details to come home soon.</li> <li>● Tomorrow is Parent Conference day. They are scheduled for tomorrow and Friday.</li> </ul>                               |
| 6. Report of First Vice President  | <p><b>Laura Rohrbach</b> gave a brief report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Read-a-thon.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thank you so much for everything with the Read-a-thon. Especially all of the volunteers for all of their donated time and everything they contributed.</li> <li>○ We are hoping to do a thank you/congratulations celebration with the kids sometime in November. Right now, it is proposed to be hot chocolate and oreos.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Area Council:</b> The principals presented at the last meeting.</li> </ul>  |

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|                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ At the last meeting, a topic was presented by School Board Rep Lisa Anderson regarding the upcoming Election to educate the community regarding a topic that will be on the ballot regarding Township Taxes and Homestead Exceptions.</li> <li>○ Next meeting is Nov 19<sup>th</sup> with District Administration.</li> <li>● <b>Assemblies:</b> Melissa Mertz is the chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The first assembly is November 9<sup>th</sup> and will be the Storyteller Tim Hartman who will present: “What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?”</li> <li>○ February Assembly will be the Civic Light Opera – Gallery of Heroes – The Roberto Clemente Story</li> <li>○ May – Carnegie Science Center - Solar Quest Program</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>PTSD Directory:</b> Books will be distributed in early December.</li> <li>● <b>Spirit Wear:</b> All orders went out last week.</li> </ul>  |
| 7. Report of Second Vice President | <p><b>Sam McVicker</b> gave a report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Reflections:</b> Entries were due today, 11/1.</li> <li>● <b>Yearbook:</b> The current price for the Yearbook is \$18. Starting October 6<sup>th</sup>, prices will go up to \$20 and it will continue to go up throughout the year.</li> <li>● <b>Library Volunteers:</b> They are always looking for volunteers in the library. Mrs. Breigel wanted us to reiterate that you can even just come in for your child’s library class and volunteer. Volunteers are always welcome.</li> </ul>  |
| 8. Report of Third Vice President  | <p><b>Deanna Gallagher</b> gave a report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>The Book Fair:</b> In addition to Read-a-thon being best yet, the book fair was also the best yet! Roughly \$23,000 in books sold. Approximately \$5,000 of that stays right here at our library. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the Book Fair and helped with Set up and Tear Down. There will be another Book Fair in the Spring; which is typically the Buy One Get One Free!</li> <li>● <b>Box Tops/Tyson A+ Project:</b> Please clip and send your box tops and your Tyson labels. Next box top drawing Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. Please also remember to check expiration dates before you send them in.</li> <li>● <b>Gratitude Committee:</b> Current Project is the candy collection. All kids should have went home with a letter that the collection is at the PT Public Library Lobby or in the BH Parking Lot today and Monday and Tuesday.</li> <li>● <b>Character Counts:</b> Awards are Tuesday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>● <b>School Pictures:</b> School pictures are done! Re-take day was Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. Any issues, please call LifeTouch directly.</li> <li>● <b>Teacher Staff Appreciation</b> – Thank you to all the parents who donated all the items who for the Teacher Open House Dinner. Also, Thank You to the committee who organized the dinner. The feedback received was super positive.</li> </ul> |
| 9. Principal’s Remarks             | <p><b>Mrs. Franczyk</b> welcomed parents and presented the following remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● She started with a HUGE thank you because there is so much stuff that goes on in the beginning of the year between Read-a-thon, the Book Fair, class parties, open house, etc. that goes on and you all (the PTA/Parents) do so much. And it goes off without a hitch. It has been such a great start to and such a positive start to the year.</li> <li>● Also, thank you for the addition of all the positive word artwork all around the building with the Read a thon, it has brought such a great feeling to the entire student body and building.</li> <li>● Character Counts next Tuesday, Mrs. Franczyk is the co-chair of the event and wanted to relay that it is a really neat night and it is a really feel good night. You have to live or work in the community to be nominated. Parents nominate other parents and kids also get nominated. The event is at the Middle School Auditorium at 7PM.</li> <li>● Open House – was an outstanding fun night.</li> <li>● Boy Scouts just made and donated a little free library at the car circle. Please stop by and check it out.</li> <li>● Halloween Parties seemed like a blast. The kids looked like they had so much fun.</li> </ul>  |

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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not only was it the Best year for the Read-a-thon, the Best Book Fair, BUT... <b><u>Bower Hill is also #1 for our School Performance Profile!</u></b> The School Performance Profile is the way the State of PA rates schools for our school performance. As Mrs. Franczyk said, “<u>We Nailed It</u>”. We were scored at a 96.8 this year. Based on good curriculum, good interventions, and what we are doing for every kid in the classroom so that they are successful. If you Google “School Performance Profile”, you can see the report on Bower Hill. OR follow the link below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Link: <a href="http://www.paschoolperformance.org/Profile/4176">http://www.paschoolperformance.org/Profile/4176</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 10. Old Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sam McVicker further explained the Homestead Exception Tax item that will be on the next ballot “ACT 50” that was discussed at the Area Council Meeting.</li> </ul>   |
| 11. New Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will adapt an addendum to our Bylaws effective immediately to send two more people to PTA Convention.</li> </ul>   |

Submitted by: Christine Mullery  
Christine Mullery, Secretary, 2017/2018

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