

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA
Regular Meeting December 3, 2014
Final Minutes**



1. Call to Order	The President, Karen Lingis , called the meeting to order at 9:18am with 32 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Lingis welcomed everyone.
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from November 2014 are approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer, Denise Kimberling presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion to move \$37 from homeworker helpers and \$37 from After School Classes was made by Rachel Leonard and was seconded by Tara Horton. This was to cover the cost of misplaced checks that were resubmitted and the money was originally taken from "banking fees." • A motion to pay the bills was made by Rachel Leonard and was second by Christine Chapas. It was approved by majority vote
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mr. Killen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Oleynik wanted to remind everyone that Grinchmas Good Deeds will get kids in Washington County books. • Mr. Tupper wanted everyone to know that the Mexican Fiesta (1st Grade) will be May 22nd, Dinosaurs (2nd Grade) will be March 20th, and the Patriotic themed music and art show (3rd grade) will be May 8th. • Mrs. Piatt wanted everyone to know that Polar Express Day would be held on December 22nd. 2nd Grade does hot chocolate sale to benefit the City Mission. Only the second grade buys and sells the hot chocolate. • 3rd Grade will be doing the Gift of Reading project. Books will be read to first graders.
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Hanak talked about Snack Scene and how it got started. • They discussed the new shirts that would be given to every student - Buzzer wearing a Chef's hat. • The American Federation of Teachers expressed interest in Snack Scene and Just Move Campaign. In conjunction, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Hanak are conducting a survey to ask parents how Snack Scene has changed the way you eat/exercise at home.

7. Area Council Report	<p>Karen Lingis reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. French and Dr. Murphy discussed PA Core. They answered lots of questions. There was a good dialogue. Envisions math tools are on the website. • Mrs. Belcher went over the PTSD website • She mentioned that winter weather info is on the site as well as that the December 15 School Board Meeting would discuss the school performance profiles. Bower Hill did great- 92%. • State passed a law saying that volunteer clearances must be renewed every 3 years. • New School Calendar for 2015-2016 was approved. • Adam Swinчек will be at the January 22 Area Council meeting to discuss IT Dept. and new things.
8. Report of First Vice President	<p>Gretchen Walker gave a brief report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Game Night: Friday January 30 6-8PM. Parent volunteers needed in one hour shifts- older children in need of volunteer hours can come. • Spirit Recognition: Snack Smart t-shirt will be given free to each student from the PTA. Should they come before christmas, they'll ask the kids to wear the shirt on the day of Snack Scene.
9. Report of Second Vice President	<p>Michelle Hoffman gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character Counts: Tentative date for Spring Award Ceremony at the middle school (if space is available) is April 15, 2015. Mr. Ryan Klingensmith spoke about teens dealing with stress, anxiety and social media. Watch for emails about the other parts of this series. • Box Tops: The next drawing will be held December 12. Keep sending box tops. • Cookie Exchange: December 12- We still need bakers. Sign up by emailing Michelle Mascara. • LFE: log onto website, enter sweepstakes for a school to win \$1000.00. Ordered 3 mini iPads and they have arrived! • Directories: Thank you to Darlene Lamanski for getting them done so quickly!
10. Report of Third Vice President	<p>Sue Filoon gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Classes: email will go out in mid-january. They are hoping to do it through Viadale. One volunteer is needed for every class to run, and you must have your clearances. All instructors who have physical activity classes must take a concussion and cardiac course online. Parents and students must sign waiver along with registration. • Yearbook: Thank you to yearbook photographers for being so diligent! \$15 yearbook orders will be due before holiday break.
11. Principal's Remarks	<p>Mr. Garvey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Garvey came to introduce himself as the new building principal. He is planning a mid-January transition and is looking forward to learning about Bower Hill. He stressed that he is big into communication, and mentioned that his Peters Township emails should be up and running this week.

13. New Business	Karen Lingis presented the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Next evening PTA meeting will be March 24, 2015.• Nikki Beagle will be moving in January. Sam McVicker will transition into Nikki's role.• Next PTA meeting is February 4, 2015.
	There being no further business, Karen Lingis adjourned the meeting at 9:56AM.

Submitted by: _____ Date approved: _____
Samantha McVicker, Secretary, 2014/2015