

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA  
Regular Meeting: December 5, 2018  
Meeting Minutes**



1. Call to Order	<b>The President, Samantha McVicker</b> , called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.
2. President's Remarks	<b>Samantha McVicker</b> welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes	<b>Secretary, Michelle Adamshick</b> , verified those in attendance had received a copy of the Minutes from the November meeting included with the handouts for today's meeting. Motion to approve minutes was made by Kirsten McGrath and seconded by Marlene Thomas.
4. Treasurer's Report	<p><b>Treasurer, Julie Collins</b> presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of the current treasurer's report were distributed.</li> <li>• Motion to pay bills was made by Mr. Killen and seconded by Mr. Garvey.</li> </ul>
5. Teacher Remarks	<p><b>Mr. Killen</b> provided a teacher update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Mrs. Myers – May 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Kids of Steel Marathon, information will be coming home soon, siblings can participate in the Toddler Trot and be signed up with Bower Hill</li> <li>• From Mrs. Miller – thanks to everyone who donated fidget toys, they are very helpful</li> <li>• Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> is Colonial Day for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, follows the conclusion of the George Washington biography study</li> <li>• Polar Express Day is Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – gift of reading with 1<sup>st</sup> graders the week of Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Holiday party, thanks for the help in preparing for the parties</li> <li>• Thanks to the volunteers who helped set up the holiday décor outside</li> <li>• From Mrs. Briegel – the Library needs more volunteers, numbers have started to dwindle since Thanksgiving</li> <li>• Early thanks for teacher cookie exchange coming up</li> </ul>
6. Guest Speaker	<p><b>Jennifer Handke – PT4Kindness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group formed following Rachel's Challenge kickoff to keep the momentum going in the community</li> <li>• Focus on being more 'for things' than 'against things', inclusive not exclusive</li> <li>• It is a group for the adults in the community, type of FOR (Friends of Rachel) Club, similar to student groups in the schools</li> <li>• Kickoff sessions were held this past Sunday and Monday to brainstorm ideas</li> <li>• First official meeting will be Jan. 15at the Peters Township Library</li> <li>• She provided a sign-up sheet to be added to the email list (can choose to be informed or added to the team)</li> <li>• Idea is to have town hall type meetings</li> <li>• Looking for help behind the scenes (Facebook, web design, etc.)</li> <li>• Some great kindness ideas that also include no cost ideas</li> </ul>

7. Report of First Vice President	<p><b>Angie Glud</b> gave a brief report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>After School Dance:</b> Recital will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at the High School, costume have been ordered</li> <li>● <b>Area Council:</b> District Administrators presented, discussed new high school plans, there will be no Dec. meeting, the next meeting will be on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Administration building</li> <li>● <b>Box Tops:</b> Next drawing is this Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>● <b>Character Counts:</b> Awards ceremony was held in November, Bower Hill custodial staff received an award. Kristen Seaman attended the meeting yesterday and relayed the following: Rachel's Challenge continues, nomination forms for the Spring Awards Ceremony can be found on the website, the next meeting is on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup></li> <li>● <b>Reflections:</b> Judging was conducted a couple of weeks ago. Awards ceremony will be on May 10<sup>th</sup></li> <li>● <b>Spirit Recognition</b> – Buzzer Bee was here for Red White &amp; Kind Day this past Friday</li> </ul>
8. Report of Second Vice President	<p><b>Carrie Ace</b> gave a report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Beautification Committee:</b> Thanks to all the volunteers for helping to make our school look so great, many compliments coming in from parents</li> <li>● <b>Gratitude:</b> Next gratitude project will be at the Holiday Party, there will be a special station set up for kids to create a vision board with ideas for kindness in 2019</li> <li>● <b>Volunteer Coordinators:</b> Holiday Party will be on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, volunteers selected have been emailed to verify their attendance. Letters went home yesterday to collect money for holiday teacher gifts, money is due Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, let Carrie know if you haven't received the letter</li> </ul>
9. Report of Third Vice President	<p><b>Laura Rohrbach</b> gave a report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Teacher Staff Appreciation</b> –Teacher Cookie Exchange will be held on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> so cookies must be dropped off next Wed. or Thurs. by 11 a.m. so the cookies can be trayed, still looking for more people willing to bake cookies in hope that each teacher can select a dozen cookies</li> <li>● <b>After School Classes</b> – Floor Hockey and Dodgeball signups start on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> on AtoZ, other classes will start the end of Feb. and run through April, more information about signups for those classes will be coming after the break</li> <li>● <b>Home work Helpers</b> – Signups are open for the next session, there are a few slots left; currently looking for a new committee member</li> </ul>
10. Principal's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rachel's Challenge – Mr. T and the Kindness Committee just met again, there is a Teacher's Challenge each week, this week the challenge is to show 3 coworkers that you are thankful for them</li> <li>● Kindness Chains will be brought out in the hallway before polar express parade, will be draped from the ceiling outside the cafeteria and then grow from there, the plan is to take them outside on Bower Hill Day and possibly wrap them around the building</li> <li>● Kindness Calendar for the month of December is hanging in each classroom, Kirsten McGrath commented that she liked hearing the morning announcements include today's kindness act of picking up trash for today with specific examples of how it can be done</li> <li>● Red White and Kind Days going well with new banner</li> <li>● Rachel's Challenge belt presented each week for to a classroom for kindness</li> <li>● Response to Date Meeting held last Monday – our school did very well again with test scores</li> <li>● Reminder to parents to please send coats with kids for outdoor recess</li> </ul>
11. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>
12. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>

13. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>
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Submitted by: Michelle Adamshick  
Michelle Adamshick, Secretary, 2018/2019

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