

Bower Hill Elementary PTA

Regular Meeting February 4, 2015

Final Minutes



1. Call to Order	The President, Karen Lingis , called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM with 16 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 December 2015 are approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer, Denise Kimberling presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Zimmer made a motion to the pay the bills. Jen Reitz seconded the motion. • Transactions were made for Yearbook, After School Classes, and Homework Helpers.
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mr. Killen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Oleynik- library Facebook page has over 500 likes- thank you! 7,099 books were checked out of the library at Bower Hill in January- thank you to all of the volunteers. Take your child to the public library day Saturday February 7th from 11:30 to 1:30. Continue to utilize the wiki! www.bhlmc.wikispaces.com • Big thanks from the teachers to the PTA for the Valentine's Party organization- The bags are their lifeline that day!
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nicole Burgard • Spoke about utilizing Artsonia in her classroom. It is the largest kids art gallery in existence. It does require parents' permission. It allows parents/family members to view their children's artwork as well as purchase gift items that display the work. 20% of the proceeds come back to Bower Hill's art program in the form of supplies, adaptive resources, and books for Ms. Burgard's art room. A PTA volunteer group will be created to help facilitate this process, and allow the other art teachers to begin using Artsonia. • Mr. Bill Merrell stopped in, and discussed the possibility of a new pool for the school district as well as some updates being made at McMurray Elementary.
7. Area Council Report	<p>Nancy Zimmer reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Swinchak has plans for tech throughout schools, and plans to get more technology into the hands of students. McMurray Library now has Aquis Touchboard. • February 5 - meeting for 7th graders going into 8th grade. • February 10- social media and tech at McMurray. • February 11 - Family College Planning Night @ PTHS. • March 5,6,7: Meeting for 8th graders going into 9th grade. • Directory Committee is looking for new recruits. Contact Karen Lingis if interested.
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: 161 families came- Amy Michalesko did a great job! • • Spirit Recognition: Kelly Recker dressed as Buzzer Bee distributed Snack Smart shirts into each classroom. • Bistro: Donations are being accepted for gift baskets to auction off during Bistro.

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"> • <u>Character Counts:</u> T32 representatives. Bower Hill drew a large crowd! Spring awards will be held April 14th. • <u>Box Tops:</u> The next drawing will be held February 6. Keep sending box tops. • <u>Homework Helpers:</u> thank you to the chairs. • <u>Membership:</u> Please send in dues. • <u>Hospitality:</u> Donate any extra Keurig Pods to PTA for Hospitality.
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"> • <u>After School Classes:</u> 14 classes, thanks to volunteers, double check dates that you volunteered. • <u>After School Dance:</u> Dance rehearsal and recital will be held the last weekend of April. • <u>Reflections:</u> Finalizing a date for the assembly. • <u>Yearbook:</u> 653 yearbooks have been ordered. Thank you to the wonderful Yearbook committee for dedicating their time.
11. Principal's Remarks	<p>Mr. Garvey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselor Appreciation Week- send Mr. T emails of appreciation. • Valentine's parties on the 13th • Finishing MAP assessments which are taken 3 times per year. • PSSA dates April 13-16, April 20-22. • 1st in math- math games, enrichment activities, piloting through the state. Students logins will be going home. • Meghan Meyers received a grant for snack scene. AFT using Snack Scene as a model for other teachers.
13. New Business	<p>Karen Lingis presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee will create slate and read at the next meeting. The committee will be made up of: Nancy Zimmer, Rhonda Becker, and Heidi Johnson • Next meeting is on March 4, 2015 at 7:00PM.
	<p>There being no further business, Karen Lingis adjourned the meeting at 9:56AM.</p>

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

Date approved: _____