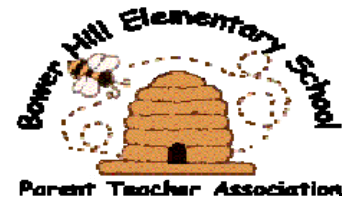


# Bower Hill Elementary PTA

## Regular Meeting November 7, 2012

### Final Minutes



1. Call to Order	<b>The President, Ria Kartsonas</b> , called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. with 16 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ria Kartsonas welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.</li> </ul>
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tricia Wolfe and Liz Zurich moved that the October 2012 minutes be approved. Minutes from October 2012 stand per majority vote.</li> </ul>
4. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Treasurer Gretchen Walker</b> presented the Treasurer's report and requested the bills to be paid. Kristi DeVentura and Candace Sell first and seconded respectively.</li> </ul>
5. Teacher Remarks	<p><b>Mr. Killen</b> reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for the Open House Teacher/Staff dinner.</li> <li>• Thank you for the Election Day Volunteers. The students enjoyed the day.</li> <li>• Thank you from Mrs. Oleynik for all the help and hard work for the Book Fair, especially the chairpersons and Mrs. Walker.</li> <li>• Thank you to the parents for the classroom wish list donations and to the PTA for the gift certificates for the students from the Read-A-Thon.</li> <li>• Thank you for veteran pictures and help with Veterans Day preparations.</li> <li>• Reminder of Parent/Teacher Conferences on Nov. 8.</li> </ul>
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Zetty spoke about PTSD: the big picture. She gave the group the PT budget presentation.</li> </ul>
7. Area Council Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lisa Briegel</b> encouraged everyone to attend a meeting.</li> <li>• High school renovation was a topic of discussion.</li> <li>• Introduced the Issue box. A way to submit anonymous questions and to ask important questions. The box will be placed in the BH PTA room and be brought to PTA meetings. Questions and issues will be distributed to appropriate place (Area Council/building principal) to be discussed/addressed.</li> <li>• Next meeting - November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:15a in the district administration office.</li> </ul>
8. Report of First Vice President	<p><b>Lisa Briegel</b> gave a brief report of the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Character Counts:</u></b> Mrs. Gustafson reported BH's "Chess Guy" Eric Berthoud was honored. Spring Award Community Honor was Mrs. Foley. Mr. Traumuller was awarded and honored. BH parents spoke about Diversity. Bower Hill was given praise by a parent for their Veterans Day celebration.</li> <li>• <b><u>Newsletter:</u></b> Karen Lingis asked to be sent the exact info you would like to have in the blast.</li> <li>• <b><u>PTSD Directory:</u></b> Has been submitted, copied and is in the binding stage. Will go out in November. Still looking for a dispensing chairperson.</li> <li>• <b><u>Membership:</u></b> Currently approx. 700 members. It's not to late to become a member.</li> <li>• <b><u>Open House:</u></b> Thank you for all the bakers and the chairpersons.</li> <li>• <b><u>Reflections:</u></b> Deadline was Monday. 106 were submitted. Judging will be tonight.</li> </ul>
9. Report of Second Vice President	<p><b>Gina Ciminel</b> gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Bookfair:</u></b> Thank you for all the volunteers and the chairpersons.</li> <li>• <b><u>LFE:</u></b> Karen Lingis reported depositing 6,317 pts. Current balance is 40,653 points. Reminded parents to keep sending LFE in and to register Giant Eagle Adv. card.</li> <li>• <b><u>Box Tops:</u></b> Next drawing is on Friday. Asked to register Giant Eagle Advantage card for eBox Tops.</li> </ul>

10. Report of Third Vice President	<p><b>Cindy Moran</b> gave a brief report on the committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Read-A-Thon:</u></b> Thank you to all those involved. It was a great success. Approx. \$21,500 raised by reading 250,000 minutes.</li> <li>• <b><u>Spirit Recognition:</u></b> Buzzer Bee will visit November 16<sup>th</sup> and will soon delivery the tumbler with lid and straw with the buzzer logo to the students.</li> <li>• <b><u>Teacher/Staff Appreciation:</u></b> Liz Zurich spoke of the Cookie Exchange on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> for the teachers and will be asking for homemade cookie donations.</li> </ul>
11. Principal's Remarks	<p><b>Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson</b> reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displayed the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade job vest for the "Caution Crew". She is speaking with the High School to help to manufacture more.</li> <li>• She is looking into grants for wellness opportunities.</li> <li>• BH purchased #2 pencils with some Box Top money.</li> <li>• Mrs. Gustafson was asked about the transition of penmanship between 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade from the prior meeting. They are having meetings to address it.</li> <li>• She will be speaking at a conference at the Waterfront and will present the Read-A-Thon success.</li> </ul>
12. New Business	<p><b>President Ria Kartsonas</b> reinforced the Issue box. Gina Hansen brought up holiday party parent involvement. Mrs. Gustafson and Ria Kartsonas addressed her concerns/suggestions.</p>
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.</p>

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Karen Lingis, Secretary, 2012/2013

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_