

Bower Hill Elementary PTA

Regular Meeting March 6, 2013

Final Minutes



1. Call to Order	The President, Ria Kartsonas , called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. with people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ria Kartsonas welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming out in the snow.
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from February 2013 are approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer Gretchen Walker presented the Treasurer's report.
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mr. Killen reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you to the second grade DinoStar parents for all they have been doing to prepare for DinoStars. Mrs. Oleynik wanted to remind parents April 19-26 will be the Buy One Get One Free Bookfair. March 6 is World Read Aloud Day. Thank you for the wonderful Valentine's Day party. Mr. Bratetich needs help with the garden. Any volunteers that are interested may contact him. He would like to send out a news blast.
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Tupper announced DinoStars is next week. He stated the third grade performance is May 10 and will have a patriotic twist. First grade is May 23. He spoke of this year's theme "Express Yourself" and the Art of Listening Program. He was very thankful for all the support the PTA gives Bower Hill.
7. Area Council Report	<p>Lisa Briegel reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 11 - PSAT, Keystone and Graduation project. Shelly Belcher just sent out an Invitation to sign up for the Superintendent search. Area Council had a discussion about FBI finger printing all coaches even volunteers. Used book Sale is May 17 & 18. April 23 from 7p-9p in the Middle School Auditorium is the School Board Candidate Forum. She presented the High School renovation brochure by the Area Council. She said it is at the printers. She also announced the petition site is up and running. Next meeting -April 25 Dr. Dimperio will discuss technology and devices at 9:15a in the district administration office. The school board will be providing hospitality.
8. Report of First Vice President	<p>Lisa Briegel gave a brief report of the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character Counts: Spring nomination forms are now available. Newsletter: Karen Lingis encouraged members to send info for the newsletter and email blasts when they have an event coming up. Thank you to those who have send emails to her that she was able to cut and paste. Reflections: Had the assembly March 5, all students that had an entry including the regional winners were recognized.
9. Report of Second Vice President	<p>Gina Ciminel gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beestro: Cindy Shavolt stated the Beestro will be April 19th from 5p-8p with 2 seatings (5-630 & 630-8). This year will have a luau theme. Dinner will be catered by Pasta Too. The DJ and photo booth will be returning. A link will be set up for sign-ups to help. She reminded everyone of the Relay for Life baskets. LFE: Karen Lingis reported Bower Hill currently has 53,00 points. She has received enough LFE UPC's for Bower Hill to be eligible for 20 Scholastic Books from the Book Bonanza promotion. She stated Bower Hill is roughly 4,000-5,000 points away from a 20% bonus if submitted by the end of the May. Box Tops: Keep sending box tops in. Kindergarten Coordination: Orientation will be March 20 & 21. Packets are available in the BH Office.

10. Report of Third Vice President	<p>Karen Lingis gave a brief report on the committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Game Night: Is rescheduled for March 15th from 6p-8p. There will be a box top special, 5 box tops =1 raffle ticket. • Spirit Wear: Sonia Koupiaris reported third grade t-shirt order forms went home on March 4th. They are due the end of March. The t-shirts are used for Bower Hill day. During Kindergarten registration, kindergarteners will be able to order Kindergarten t-shirts.
11. Principal's Remarks	<p>Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented 2 books: Wonder by R.J. Palacis - About a 5th graders with a facial deformity who starts public school after being home schooled. One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate, a story told through the eyes of the gorilla Ivan. • Reminded parents about Kindergarten registration • Announced that at Family Game Night the Civil Air Patrol will have 2 stations • Encouraged parents to support a local transplant patient parent on March 16th at the Swirlie Whirlie. • Announced that Bower Hill will be participating in the Kids of Steel part of the Pittsburgh marathon on May 4th. PT will have a tent. Students have until May 4th to run 25 miles. The last mile will be done as part of the Pittsburgh marathon. • She will soon begin interviews for the assistant principal position. There were 135 applicants. • Reminder parents of the superintendent search. • Stated homerooms for next year won't be started until May. • PSSA - Teachers have to take a test to give the test. • Reminded parents the SAT's are coming up in April.
12. New Business	<p>Darlene Lemansky announced the nominations for the 2013-2014 executive board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - Ria Kartsonas • 1st Vice President - Karen Lingis • 2nd Vice President - Michelle Hoffman • 3rd Vice President - Gretchen Walker • Treasurer - Sue Filoon • Assistant Treasurer - Denise Kimberling • Secretary - Nikki Beagle <p>Nominations will be posted for 30 days in the PTA room.</p>
13. Old Business	<p>PTA room security - Ria Kartsonas announced new protocol for the PTA room security. You must keep the keys with you while you are in the room. If there was an emergency, protocol is "Lock Door, Lights off, Out of View".</p> <p>Bylaws/Legislation - Diana Wilcox presented the proposed changes to the BH PTA Bylaws. Bylaws will be posted for 30 days and a vote will be taken at the PTA meeting in April.</p> <p>Ria Kartsonas reminded all chairpersons that the VP's will be contacting them to see if they will be returning next year. She stated that Area Council will be having the bowling league again next year. Ria updated on the progress of the 3rd grade mixer for PV and BH at McMurray.</p>
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 12:41 a.m.</p>

Submitted by: _____

Date approved: _____

Karen Lingis, Secretary, 2012/2013