

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA  
Regular Meeting October 2, 2013  
Final Minutes**



1. Call to Order	<b>The President, Ria Kartsonas</b> , called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. with 34 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ria Kartsonas welcomed everyone.</li> </ul>
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes from September 2013 are approved as written.</li> </ul>
4. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Assistant Treasurer Denise Kimberling</b> presented the Treasurer's report.</li> </ul>
5. Teacher Remarks	<p><b>Mr. Killen:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you to the PTA for the Read a thon.</li> <li>During open house there will be a collection taken to fund a memorial bench for Evelyn Jozefkowicz.</li> <li>Mrs. Kitner is looking for volunteers to help her with hanging artwork and with the high school art show on May 16.</li> <li>Mrs. Oleynik needs volunteers for the book fair and you can sign up through the Viadale link.</li> <li>Mr. Tupper announced the Spring concert dates and they are as follows: First grade, May 22; Second grade, March 14; Third grade, May 9.</li> </ul>
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Jeannine French, Superintendent, spoke about her transition into the district and the goals that she has for it.</li> <li>She spoke about the changes in the PA Department of Education evaluations for the district and encouraged us to visit the website for further information and to see how our district scores.</li> <li>Dr. French also assured us that she has an open door policy and to call or e-mail her with any questions or concerns.</li> </ul>
7. Area Council Report	<p><b>Nancy Zimmer</b> reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please attend an Area Council Meeting to learn information about all of the schools and PTA's in the district.</li> <li>At the previous meeting Dr. French spoke.</li> <li>The meetings are held once a month on the third Thursday. The next meeting will be October 24 where an administrator from each building will be speaking.</li> </ul>
8. Report of First Vice President	<p><b>Karen Lingis</b> gave a brief report of the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Assemblies:</b> The next assembly, Pioneer Days, will be held on October 7. Volunteers are needed to help facilitate this assembly.</li> <li><b>Newsletter:</b> The newsletter is e-mailed out each Sunday evening. If you are interested in including something in it please have it sent to Karen by Thursday.</li> <li><b>Labels for Education:</b> Please save labels and send them to school with your kids. We were just able to submit 14,000 more points!</li> <li><b>Library Volunteers:</b> If you have volunteered to work in the library, please see the updated schedule that was e-mailed. There are still some openings, so if you are interested, please contact Wendy Edgar.</li> <li><b>Spirit Wear:</b> Sonia Koupiaris reported that the Spirit Wear order was completed and it will be in by the end of October.</li> <li><b>Reflections:</b> Entries turned in by October 4<sup>th</sup> will be entered in the early bird raffle. The final raffle will be held on October 25 and all entries are due by October 28.</li> <li><b>Book Fair:</b> The book fair will be held October 21-25. Please sign up on the Viadale link to help!</li> </ul>

9. Report of Second Vice President	<p><b>Michelle Hoffmann</b> gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Box Tops:</b> Please send in box tops on the collection papers sent home from school. The next drawing will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• <b>Character Counts:</b> The 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Character Counts was a success. Mrs. Kimutis class put together a wonderful video that was shown at the celebration and we were able to view it at the meeting. They are also conducting Operation Troop Appreciation to collect cards and supplies for the troops. More info to come.</li> <li>• <b>Teacher Appreciation:</b> Liz Zurich reminded us that Open House is coming up and please sign up to provide dinner for the staff. Contact Liz if you would like to donate.</li> </ul>
10. Report of Third Vice President	<p><b>Gretchen Walker</b> gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read a thon:</b> Ria Kartsonas reported that the Read a thon is in full swing. Read for the record will be held on October 3.</li> <li>• <b>School Pictures:</b> School picture retake day will be held October 17.</li> <li>• <b>Open House Hospitality:</b> Allison Wilding reported that volunteers are needed to donate cookies to open house.</li> </ul>
11. Principal's Remarks	<p><b>Principal Mrs. Kelly Gustafson</b> reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Myers received a \$1000 grant to be used towards health and wellness.</li> <li>• Teachers are wearing "just move" t-shirts to promote exercise with the students.</li> <li>• The "Kids of Steel" marathon will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul>
12. Old Business	
13. New Business	
Adjournment	There being no further business, Ria Kartsonas adjourned the meeting at 10:15a.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nikki Beagle, Secretary, 2013/2014

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