

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA
Regular Meeting April 8, 2015
Final Minutes**



1. Call to Order	The President, Karen Lingis , called the meeting to order at 9:22 AM 19 people.
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 April 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"> • Kristy Piatek made a motion to pay the bills. Tara Horton seconded the motion. • Beestro chairs asked for additional funding. Tara Horton made a motion to move 250 dollars from family game night to Beestro. Kirsten McGrath seconded the motion.
5. Teacher Remarks	<p>Mr. Killen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten tea april 24 • 2nd grade thanks for support with Dinostars! • 3rd grade- May 8th- Music Performance- they need to wear white short sleeve shirts, denim shorts or jeans • April 15 meeting for 3rd grade parents to help with background for 3rd grade show • ducky tour field trips are May 4th and 5th. • Instruments in 4th grade- letter went home yesterday so that 3rd graders will pick 4th grade instruments before McMurray • PSSA next week ELA Mon-Thurs; makeups will be on Friday ; Mon-Wed next week for math-makeups Thurs and Friday
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelly Belcher • Volunteer Policy- state enacted new law- superseded our policy. must have 3 clearances - child abuse, criminal pa, FBI criminal. Waiver for FBI if you've lived in pa for 10 years (consecutively), you won't need FBI clearance. Acknowledgement of volunteer obligations- should you have a criminal incident after getting clearances, you must notify the district. The clearances are good for 3 years. • ALICE Training — A lot has transpired over the last few years. Officer Stevek and Shelly went to training. ALICE is about options Alert- communicating what is going on and where; L- lockdown, barricade the door- shove desks, move stuff- more barriers between ourselves and the bad stuff, every phone can alert the entire building! ; E- evacuation — distancing yourself from the bad guy- the best place might be getting out. now we know where the person is, and if we are far from them, we can get out. C- last resort- counter-nobody between you and danger- no opportunity for A,L,I, E ; what do you do in that case? Throwing stuff, yelling, don't just sit and be an easy target. We will share alice with our kids. what is taught here- age appropriate. where to go, what to do if they're in the hallway, Mr. T is working on what needs to be shared with them. Drills will look different. This is about survival. not about being a hero. Guidance counselors will provide age appropriate messages to share with our kids. Volunteer training? ALICE has been tested- in lots of schools- developed by officers who have been involved in scenarios where this has happened. "ACTivate ALICE" will be what comes across the PA system.
7. Area Council Report	<p>Nancy Zimmer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clearance • Junior Achievement Day • Reflections theme 20152016— let your imagination fly • Mr. Cunningham is retiring.

<p>8. Report of First Vice President</p>	<p>Gretchen Walker gave a brief report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beestro: April 24 from 5:00-6:30, 6:30–8PM- there will be a meal and a DeeJay - 2 seatings will be offered. Evening to get together and eat PASTA Too. It has a luau theme. You can come for either seating. 8.25 per person, you can also get take-out! Book fair will take place April 24-April 30. Buy one get one free. • Kindergarten Registration: welcoming packets- bookmarks, pencils, notes from current students, etc... We are having parents sign a waiver to access their mailbox. Kindergarten Tea — desserts or appetizers.
<p>9. Report of Second Vice President</p>	<p>Michelle Hoffman gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labels for Education: 20 free scholastic books for 3,000 upcs. we need another 1,000. • Box Tops: The next drawing will be Friday. Keep sending in Box Tops. • Bower Hill Day: May 29- we will need a slew of volunteers. We have confirmed the magician. we are looking at a couple of other options for some new things for BH Day. Anyone who covers lunch needs clearances. Morning and afternoon sessions, clearances are not required.
<p>10. Report of Third Vice President</p>	<p>Sue Filoon gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Fair: Open the 24-30. Buy one Get one free. Viadale link will come out. • Reflections: Awards assembly is Thursday Aril 30th 9:30AM (AM K, 2nd) 2:00 PM(PM K, 1and3) • Spiritwear: 3rd Grade Tshirt forms went home this week. \$6.50 for T's includes names of entire third grade. kids wear these on BH Day. Orders due by Friday March 20th-write check to BH PTA Shirts will come in at the end of May before BH day. Kindergarten shirts - orders will close tomorrow afternoon after the last screening. • Yearbook: Thanks to committee- final deadline this week.
<p>11. Principal's Remarks</p>	<p>Mr. Garvey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked the PTA for kindergarten registration and kindergarten screening- we could not run those days without the help! • Math Night was a nice success and had about 45 people. • Buddy benches are going to be installed in the next couple of weeks. • Junior Achievement Day- Mr. Marquis and Mr. Garvey are planning it. In the fall, it will match up with the 3rd grade Economics unit — what will they look like for all of our grade levels. Be on the lookout for info for help. • Finishing screenings tomorrow • Take your child to work day- April 23- must turn in the educational field trip form • April 21 Kennywood tickets • April 24- Beestro, Book Fair, Kindergarten Tea, red and white day! • April 30 - reflections ceremonies • Accelerated Math options criteria letters were sent out about taking the accelerated math test. sign permission slip - they don't have to take the test. testing dates: 3rd, May 6, May 4 for 1 and 2, kindergarten May 5. • May 1 is kKindergarten farm day • Kindergarten Orientation from 9:30 to 11 on May 5. Current kindergarteners are playing a bigger role. They will ride the bus with the incoming kindergarteners.
<p>13. OLD Business</p>	<p>Karen Lingis read the slate for officer nominations. All nominations were accepted. All slated officers were elected.</p>

13. New Business	Karen Lingis presented the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Kids Kitz- back for next year- order forms will go out the beginning of May.• Standing rules are updated yearly. hadn't been updated since 2005. Updated committees, reworded things to be appropriate. Kristy Piatek and Jen Ritz moved to adopt the standing rules.• Committees that are open for chair people: Area Council, Bower Hill Day, Character Counts, Family Game Night, Hospitality for PTA meetings, Open House Hospitality, BH Area Council Directory, Spiritwear, Yearbook.• Snack Scene cookbooks will be sold again this year. Top Chef happening again. Cookbooks will be \$1.00.• Karen closed the meeting at 10:38.
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Submitted by: _____
Samantha McVicker, Secretary, 2014/2015

Date approved: _____