

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA  
Regular Meeting March 2, 2016  
Final Minutes**



1. Call to Order	<b>The President, Karen Lingis</b> , called the meeting to order at 9:16AM . There were 18 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Lingis welcomed everyone.</li> </ul>
3. Reading and App. Min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes from March 2016 are approved as written.</li> </ul>
4. Treasurer's Report	<p><b>Treasurer, Denise Kimberling</b> presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deanna Gallagher moved to pay bills; seconded by Julie Collins.</li> <li>• Julie Collins made a motion to move 350 to Advancement for Education from Spirit Recognition. Seconded by Melissa Mertz.</li> </ul>
5. Teacher Remarks	<p><b>Mr.Killen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dates:</b></li> <li>• <b>Musical 1st grade may 26, 3rd grade June 10th.</b></li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kunkle: National Poetry Month- Rebecca Edwards, Ms.Kunkle and Mrs. Oleynik are providing an opportunity to submit a poem that they have written by April 29th to either Ms. Edwards, or Ms.Kunkle. They will choose two writers per grade level to present their poems at the public library on May 4th. Everyone is welcome to attend. PTA Member who'd like to read a poem is welcome.</b></li> <li>• <b>130 kids signed up for kids of steel- the most bower hill has ever had. The end of the month will end run club. wed april 27th run club should wear t-shirts from run club</b></li> <li>• <b>kindergarten tea will be held at the public library this year.</b></li> <li>• <b>Farm Day is on May 6th for Kindergarten.</b></li> <li>• <b>3rd Grade- Ducky tour: May 12, hobbs, killen, hanna, May 18- hang jones welcome and panza, may 20- lawrence and sacco. permission slips will be coming out.</b></li> <li>• <b>Pittsburgh Day- thank you for all volunteers- no way they could do it without the volunteers!</b></li> <li>• <b>PSSA testing- weeks of April 18 and April 25</b></li> </ul>
6. Guest Speaker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fred Traumiller</b></li> <li>• <b>Monthly Hero Lessons taught by teachers; School wide positive behavior support system- improving social and behavioral climate of the school. Bus safety, Indoor Recess, Cafeteria; using children's literature— One, Say Something, Don't Squeal unless it's a Big Deal, Sorry!, My Secret Bully, How to Lose all Your Friends</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
7. Area Council Report	<p><b>Julie Collins:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4th Grade at McMurray will start to write letters to the 3rd grade students who will visit mcmurray on June 15th and 16th. Mrs. Anderson- Buildings and Grounds for feasibility study at Rolling Hills. Contract Update April 14th is the arbitrators meeting. Then he has ten days to make his final ruling. A work stoppage cannot take place until this is complete.</li> </ul>

8. Report of First Vice President	<p><b>Kirsten McGrath</b> gave a brief report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Char. Counts:</b> Spring Wards April 26th at PTMS Auditorium. May 27th in the am- mock crash day. Rally for America— Family Friendly program @4PM on 9/11/2016. for 15th anniversary. Monday at 3 pm is a planning meeting. Parks and Rec are looking for people to assist in writing grant. Fingerprinting available at rec center.</li> <li>• <b>Bower Hill Day-</b> Meeting this week to continue with the plans. All vendors are secured. Next step is for clearances to be given to committee. Possible rain plans. Everything is moving well! Beginning of May is when the Viadale link will come out. June 17th.</li> <li>• <b>Art Volunteer:</b> Week of Beestro they need as many hands as possible. Art will be through kindergarten/art hallway, down into the gym, and up through the library hallway.</li> </ul>
9. Report of Second Vice President	<p><b>Stephanie Tracy</b> gave a report on the following committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reflections: KAM and 2nd grade morning of April 27th. KPM 1st and 3rd grade afternoon of April 27th.</b></li> <li>• <b>Box Top Drawings: April 15th</b></li> <li>• <b>Labels for Education:</b></li> <li>• <b>Junior Achievement: Friday June 3rd. Must attend one of the two trainings 5/17 at 7PM or 5/19 at 9:15AM at Bower Hill.</b></li> <li>• <b>Beestro: April 29th - you must be submit your RSVP for Beestro- no walk-ins. Return Date is April 22nd. Seating preferences will be considered but cannot be guaranteed. Art show will be free, BOGO book fair will be going on April 29th - through the following Friday.</b></li> </ul>
10. Report of Third Vice President	<p><b>Laura Rohrbach</b> gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gardening: Mrs. Miller's learning support room is doing seedlings; 2nd grade is planting marigolds</b></li> <li>• <b>Kindergarten Coordination: screenings this week; orientation is May 3rd. K Tea is April 29th.</b></li> <li>• <b>School Kidz Kits: Forms came home- order until June 19th.</b></li> <li>• <b>Spirit Wear- Submitted for Kindergarten and 3rd grade.</b></li> <li>• <b>Teacher Appreciation: May 2- May 6th.</b></li> </ul>
11. Principal's Remarks	<p><b>Mr. Garvey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Busy times ahead: Dates; tomorrow is 2nd grade field trip to Heinz Hall. Kindergarten does the stay- trips Farm Day and Beach Day. First Grade is trying to go to triple B farm but changes in schedule are causing problems. It would have to be write at the beginning of June. Nurses have to be available. Alternative ideas are being considered.</li> <li>• April 15th Kennywood Ticket sale Day</li> <li>• April 22- half day</li> <li>• May 3rd Kindergarten Orientation</li> <li>• Accelerated Math Test Dates- May 16, 17, 18, 19.</li> <li>• MAP and Dibels will be between May 18th and June 10th.</li> </ul>
13. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nominations were read for elections. No further nominations came from the floor. All offices were then voted on orally.</b></li> <li>• <b>Karen Lingis, President</b></li> <li>• <b>Laura Rohrbach, 1st VP</b></li> <li>• <b>Stephanie Tracy, 2nd VP</b></li> <li>• <b>Samantha Mcvicker 3rd VP</b></li> <li>• <b>Becky Lipinski, Secretary</b></li> <li>• <b>Julie Collins, Treasurer</b></li> <li>• <b>Angie Glud, Asst. Treasurer</b></li> </ul>
13. New Business	<p><b>Karen Lingis</b> presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standing Rules</li> <li>• Chair Committees: Readathon, Beestro, After School Dance, Book Fair, Junior achievement,</li> </ul>