

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA
Regular Meeting: October 4, 2017
Draft Minutes**



1. Call to Order	The President, Karen Lingis , called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. There were 17 people in attendance.
2. President's Remarks	Karen Lingis welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.
3. Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer, Julie Collins, presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Julie presented the full budget. Just over \$40,000 sitting in budget and discussed what expenses we have had. ● Motion to pay bills was made by Melissa Konggaard and seconded by Brandi Hamrick.
4. Teacher Remarks	Presented Under Principal's Remarks.
5. Report of First Vice President	<p>Laura Rohrbach gave a brief report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read-a-thon. Report given by the chairperson Sam McVicker: The Read-a-thon is our annual and only fundraiser. Sam went over the Read-a-thon packet that was sent home. The Raffle tickets and the first raffle was held today. Each raffle winner will win a book (different for each grade level) and prizes. The Grand Prize winner who will be picked from the top readers/top money raiser per grade will win "Principal for the Day". The theme this year is "Only One You" by Linda Kranz. Each child at Bower Hill will also be painting a rock in Art Class to be put in the BH Rock Garden which will continue on in following years with new kindergarteners. The Medal Ceremony will be on Wednesday, Oct 25th. Top winners will be announced on BeeTV. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karen recognized and gave a huge thank you to the Read-a-thon committee for all the work they have done decorating the school. Sam McVicker, Laura Rohrbach, Julie Collins, Tanya Kotenoglou, Melissa Mertz, Michelle Mascaro ● Area Council: At the September was the District Administration spoke. A re-cap of what is going on each school was presented and provided a nice overview of the District. Every other month, the building principals will present. The next meeting is Oct 19th at 9:15 am. ● Assemblies: Melissa Mertz is the chair. The first assembly is November 9. Storyteller Tim Hartman will present: "What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February Assembly –Civic Light Opera – Gallery of Heroes - Roberto Clemente Program ○ May – Carnegie Science Center - Solar Quest Program ● PTSD Directory: On pace to have done and printed and distributed in early December. ● Bower Hill Day: Date is June 1, 2018. NOTE: PTA Members will be the first to get the ViaDale sign up blast. ● Homework Helpers. The chair people are Chelsea Johnston and Carrie Ace. The current session started last week and there are still spots to sign up if interested. ● Open House: Angela Srsic is the chairperson. Open House is Oct 18 and 19. They are always looking for volunteers to help bake cookies for that evening. Typical donation is 3 dozen cookies; allergy free is a plus. Both store bought or homemade are appreciated. ● PTA Hospitality: Thank you to Erin Helon for signing up for the position. ● Spirit Wear: The chair people are Melissa Konggaard and Kristi Piatek. Orders are in and should be delivered by the end of October.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spirit Week: Please see dates at the bottom of the Agenda.
<p>6. Report of Second Vice President</p>	<p>Sam McVicker gave a report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflections: Reflections is a nationwide program that encourages students to explore ideas through Art. This year’s theme is “Within Reach”. Children can create submissions based on the theme in the areas of music, dance, written submissions, art. Every child is recognized at our district level. If you have a child that is interested in the arts and the Reflections Program, the deadline for submissions is October 27th. ● Yearbook: The current price for the Yearbook is \$18. Starting October 6th, prices will go up to \$20 and it will continue to go up throughout the year. ● After School Dance: We are still taking registrations through this week. This is a great opportunity to have your child try any of the dance/tumbling classes. ● Library Volunteers: They are always looking for volunteers in the library. You can even just come in for your child’s library class and volunteer. Volunteers are always welcome.
<p>7. Report of Third Vice President</p>	<p>Deanna Gallagher gave a report on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership: Thank you to Membership Chairs Christine Mullery and Lynne Willison for entering all the memberships so quickly. If you or someone you know has not turned in your membership, please turn them in or encourage them to become member. ● The Book Fair: The Book Fair is Oct 16 – 20. This year, it is a Western Theme. We will need lots of volunteers to work the Book Fair. Volunteer blocks will be 2 – 2.5 hours. You can also come in to shop with your child. There will also be an online sale available that will include a lot more titles. Those sales will also credit our Book Fair and will be open for 3 weeks; including 1 week before and 1 week after the in-school sale. Book Fair will also be open during Open House. This year we are adding a Round Up Option – if you are paying with cash, you can “Round Up” to make it an even purchase and make it an “all for books” account to go to Hurricane Harvey schools so that they may purchase books for schools in Texas that were affected by the Hurricane. Scholastic will match our donation. ● Box Tops/Tyson A+ Project: Please clip and send your box tops and your Tyson labels. Next box top drawing Oct. 6th. Please also remember to check expiration dates before you send them in. ● Gratitude Committee: Thank you to the Gratitude Committee. They just completed their first project Carrie Ace, Melissa Arabia, Jen Bock, Hillary Echard and Stephanie Tracy. They collected and are sending 37 boxes of school supplies to schools that were affected by the Hurricanes. A moving company also donated their services to take the supplies. ● Character Counts: BH hosted the Character Counts meeting on Oct 3rd. There were 23 people that attended. Special thanks to Kristen Seaman who organized the event. Character Counts has an award ceremony in the Fall every year and nominations are still be taken. If you know somebody who has shown good character, please take the time to nominate them. This doesn’t need to be some grandiose event, even some small act of kindness; adult or child. ● School Pictures: School pictures re-take day is Oct 19th. Anybody can have re-takes, but you HAVE TO send in your original packet. People who missed the original picture day can also have their pics taken this day. ● Teacher Staff Appreciation – This Committee is organizing volunteers to donate/supply/make food for both nights of Open House. A sign up has gone out for donations for both nights. It is a football theme.
<p>8. Principal’s Remarks</p>	<p>Mr. Garvey welcomed parents and presented the following remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Garvey gave the following report for the Teachers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Garvey acknowledged how pleased he and the teacher and staff are with the Read-a-thon theme this year and how beautiful the school looks with the decorations. Dr. French also commented on how nice the school looked on a recent visit. ○ Looking forward to Open House and an early thank you in advance for the Dinner. ○ Mrs. Miller thank you for gently used toys.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principal Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Garvey commented on what a great start to the school year it has been. He also reminded all in attendance that his door is always open and to please come to him with any concerns as you run into them. ○ Thank you to the Gratitude Committee and all the donations. ○ Very excited about the Rock Garden. Mr. Traumuller and Mr. Garvey will be edging the garden and making it beautiful for the painted rocks. ○ Please remember to turn in your BOX TOPS. Box tops can help to create a new revenue source to get exciting benefits for the kids. Last year we were able to procure a ipad cart with Box Top revenue! ○ Our first ALICE drill will be next week. ○ Guidance – lunch groups are ongoing. If there are any lunch group requests, please reach out to Mr. T. ○ HERO Program. There has been one change to the program where the Principals are no longer making phone calls to parents to let you know your child has been chosen; but, there is a handout/diploma like document going home with the child instead.
9. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
10. New Business	<p>Shelly Belcher presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shelly Belcher presented the plans for the new high school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These design plans that were presented will not be shown other than at PTA meetings, Buildings & Grounds meetings and Area Council Meetings ○ She briefly touched on the township side of the Property and plans for that side of the land and noted that if you should get a Marketing call regarding township plans/needs – please respond. ○ Shelly fielded questions and answers from the attendees. ○ If you have any additional questions or hear rumors, please feel free to call or email Shelly directly. ● Alice Training – Alice training is done 1 time a year for Parents. Oct 24th at District Admin building at 9:30 am. This is done once a year for the staff and students and we offer this to the parents so that you can see exactly what your children and the staff. If you can register on the website that you are coming it is helpful. If you can't come, you can go to the website and watch a video. Karen said it is very beneficial to learn the language and see the motions. Also helpful if an intruder were to enter your home. ● School Kits: We are looking to switch to a new company for next year. School Tool Box is the company. It will ship to your home. We were get a sample; all items are name brand. The biggest benefit is that you can pick and choose what pieces you want in your kit (i.e. if you don't want headphones, you can omit them). If you spend \$50, you get free shipping. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Melissa Konegaard made motion to vote to switch to School Tool Box and Brandi Hamrick seconded the motion ● School Calendar The new calendar is out and if you have any feedback, the school board members are open to your feedback. Special note to point out, the first day of school is August 22, 2018.

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