

**Bower Hill Elementary PTA**  
**Regular Meeting February 3, 2016**  
**Final Minutes**



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| 1. Call to Order                  | <b>The President, Karen Lingis</b> , called the meeting to order at 9:15. There were 29 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 December 2015 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>• Erin Fallon made a motion to pay the bills, Rhonda Becker seconded the motion.</li> <li>• Deanna moved to move \$ 400 to new student coord. from Readathon Surplus; Christine Chapas 2nd.</li> <li>• Will use \$ from class parties to Spirit Week.</li> </ul>   |
| 5. Teacher Remarks                | <p><b>Mr. Killen:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dates: 3rd grade- Pittsburgh day- march 24 – volunteers needed; black and gold day- march 24; PSSA Testing- April 18- ELA; April 25- math; April 28- Take your child to work day- no testing– make-ups are the following week; Mr. Tupper- Dinosaurs March 18 2nd grade, 2nd grade parents who want to help setup- dinostar meeting tomorrow AM @ 8:30. 1, 1st grade perf. Thurs may 26, 3rd grade perf. friday june 10th. 3rd grade ducky tour – planning stages; valentine party february 12- let facilitators know, FGN- students were so excited!</b></li> </ul>   |
| 6. Guest Speaker(s)               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. French: Budget will not go up beyond index, but will go up; public comment period for arbitration; Reading intervention program- summer program using title funds, if it is for typical students, we would have to find funds– went well, would like to do it again; all day kindergarten- you'd have to double staff and space; we also don't receive a lot of funding; close to 80% of budget is staffing; PSERS- Pension- we used to have to contribute 7-10 % and now we are up to 30%. If someone makes 100,000 it's really 130,000. 3,000,000 is pension costs in a fixed budget. make sure that you take advantage of public comment period for arbitration. Did not purchase Rolling Hills property. How do you call a delay? they start the night before. township lets them know if they've primed the roads. two superintendent chains– strict guidelines- 1, two much snow and can't push it off; 2, if it's not going to be significantly warmer in two hours- don't do it- it's disruptive to lots of families, 3- if there is a risk of frost bite after 30 min, we would not do it. Food Service: four year contract with Aramark; ability to opt out every year , but Dr. French visited other schools and didn't see anything better. testing came about for accountability to tax payers/state. doesn't tell us about individual students but it tells us if our curriculum is on the right track district wise.</b></li> </ul> |
| 7. Area Council Report            | <p><b>Julie Collins:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• building principals were there- minutes are online- Tarzan April 7-10; Peter Pan @ middle school Feb. 25-28; next meeting w/ district admins. feb. 18th @ district admin building; area council donated 100 to every school library for books. Ms. Kunkle purchased books. New School Calendar for 2016-2017 is out. Kennywood Day was moved to June 28.</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>• Character Counts: Kristen- march 8th at middle school; finalizing spring award date</li> <li>• Librar Volunteers: can always be added- calendar is out. last week of school we need LOTS of help. Mrs. Briegel is on vacation.</li> <li>• Spirit Recognition- Buzzer shirt forms have gone home. Shirts should be in my February.</li> <li>• Yearbook- done and ordered. will be in in June. Take to Kara Tygaard if you are interested in helping.</li> </ul>   |

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| 9. Report of Second Vice President | <p><b>Karen Lingis on behalf of Stephanie Tracy</b> gave a brief report on the committees she oversees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC: classes have started- new system went relatively well, some changes for next year.</li> <li>• Box Top- February 5, March 4.</li> <li>• Reflections assembly: June 13th- probably two assemblies- more details to follow.</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>• Assemblies- Feb. 23- CLO assembly the amazing innovators from pittsburgh</li> <li>• Family Game Night- Angela and Dana did a great job and it went well. 167 families came – spotlight article from Shelly Belcher and it has been around since 2007-2008 school year.</li> <li>• Garden: Kristi Parks starting seedlings; which classroom teachers would like to help; contact if you're interested in participating. sam will send email.</li> <li>• kindergarten registration: March 16th and March 17th. 9:30 - 12; 1:30-3:30; and the 17th March 17th 9:30 - 12; 1:30-3:30 Screenings April 5 and 7; orientation may 3rd. Volunteers needed for all of that.</li> <li>• Spirit wear- 3rd grade shirts paperwork will come out in march.</li> </ul>  |
| 11. Principal's Remarks            | <p><b>Mr. Garvey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One full calendar year since he has been here. Thank the PTA for everything that you do. Jump Rope for Heart- lots of work, thank you, to parents and PTA;</li> <li>• Jump Rope for Heart: culminating Feb 16-19 during PE classes. Jump Rope skills are not tied to donations. We have set a goal of \$4000. we have made \$3340 so far. When our community gets behind something, it is achievable. It's on the morning announcements, AHA gives lots of info.</li> <li>• National Honors Society- stuffed animal drive was successful.</li> <li>• Spirit Week-doesn't have to be a super hero- it can be mom, dad, etc...whoever is a hero in your life. delivered through lessons in class. 350+ heroes at Bower Hill so far.</li> <li>• Family Game Night- nice to enjoy the event this year.</li> <li>• Math Programs- First in Math and Sum Dog, school goal of answering 1,000,000 questions for the year;</li> <li>• Expanding BeeTv- awards ceremony- who is the biggest gainer of the week on First in Math; etc...</li> <li>• ALICE lockdown drill February 19th. February 11th - Mr. T will be doing a HERO lesson</li> </ul> |
| 13. Old Business                   | <p><b>Karen Lingis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No old business.</b></li> </ul>   |
| 13. New Business                   | <p><b>Karen Lingis</b> presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominating Committee: Megan Small, Rhonda Becker, Chelsea Johnston, Carrie Ace, Melissa Mertz</li> </ul> <p>Meeting adjourned at 10:35.</p>   |

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Samantha McVicker, Secretary, 2015/2016

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