

# Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 2025



# Cold Spring Home School Association

## Meeting Minutes 9/26/25

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**9AM / CONFERENCE ROOM**

### **Attendees**

Kevin Cochran, Tara Marmur, Emily Kiernan, Leah Clark, David Weller, Mike Bateman, Jill Carothers

### **Apologies**

Mary Beth Tingley, Brenda Davis, Jen Snyder

### **Welcome**

- Meeting minutes for June were approved.
- Welcome to Mary Beth Tingley as Co-President for the 2025/2026 School year.

### **Committee Updates**

- See attached document.

### **Financials**

- Financial report distributed.
- The set-up of Venmo is being put on hold to review practices used at other CB elementary schools.

### **Principal's Update**

- Mr. Cochran has received extremely positive feedback on the 30th anniversary celebrations. Teachers and staff praised the celebratory events—assembly and photo opp—during the school day. Students also appreciated the free t-shirts courtesy of the HSA. Parents and students enjoyed the after-school festivities including the DJ and food, along with the opportunity for students to visit the Book Fair with their families.
- Full-day kindergarten is off to a great start. Cold Spring's K-team of teachers is amazing. It's great seeing our group of youngest learners in the building!

- After review of several proposals, HDZ Landscaping has been contacted by Mr. Cochran to progress with Phase 2 of Cold Spring's Outdoor Classroom Project. An update will be given at next month's meeting.

#### **President's Update**

- **Trunk-Or-Treat:** DJ and Dough & Co. food truck are secured. Board voted on not having any additional concession sales so that families can enjoy the event with their children. Leah and Jill volunteered to buy candy from Costco. Some 5th grade moms are also donating bags of candy for the event. We need a rough estimate of 5,000 pieces of candy. High school student volunteers need to be asked to come to the day of the event to help move pumpkins outside for display.
- **\$30 for 30 Donation Drive:** Mr. Cochran is sending a paper and electronic letter out to parents by the beginning of next week explaining this year's fundraiser. An update will be given at next meeting on response from families.

#### **Vice-President Update**





- The Chick-fil-A Fundraiser is set up for Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 4:30-7pm at the Warrington location. Parents are being notified about the event through Facebook and News & Notes.

#### **End Meeting**

# September 2025 - Committee Updates

Committee	Chairpersons	What's the update?
Apparel	Margot Bauer	We are just waiting on a date from the HSA as to when we will hold our apparel sale this fall. I believe there was talk about it being in November so I just need to know the exact date so we can start working on everything on the backend.
Bingo	Leslie Morgan and Abby Cundari	No current update.
Book Fair	Catherine DeLorenzo, Divya Cyril and Tara Marmur	<p>The Book Fair officially launched on Friday, September 19th, in celebration of our 30th anniversary. The day included both the kickoff event and Day 1 of library-time sales.</p> <p>While the kickoff event was a success, it required a full-day commitment from volunteers—covering both school hours and after-school hours. This schedule proved taxing and may not be the best option for future years.</p> <p>We were fortunate to work with many parent volunteers this year. Families have also expressed interest in learning more about the HSA and its committees. The Book Fair could be a great opportunity for the HSA to provide flyers and contact details. Handing these out would be a simple way to invite new families to get involved in upcoming HSA events.</p> <p>The Yearbook QR code was another helpful tool, especially for parents who were taking pictures during the fair. We are also very grateful to the HSA members who supported us at the cash registers, and we would love to continue this practice at future fairs.</p> <p>We expect to have the final numbers from this year's fair by the end of the week and will share both the results and options for next year's fair soon.</p>
Bulletin Board	Leah Clark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am planning a Halloween themed board that I hope to put up the afternoon of 9/30 since it is a half day that day. The board will feature a haunted house, spooky tree and other Halloween related items but nothing scary.</li> <li>• Since I am doing a Halloween specific board, I will put up a more general fall or Thanksgiving board on 11/1 to bridge us to December.</li> <li>• December will feature a winter theme with snowmen. That board should stay up through the end of January when I will switch to a Valentines theme or something that goes along with the Father/Daughter dance.</li> </ul>

Father/Daughter	Janelle Coller	No current update.
Garden Club	Karen Vechionne/ Shannon Konopka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shannon has been hard at work cleaning up all the beds from all the weeds that popped up over the summer</li> <li>- we are working on putting a SUG together for gardening dates over the next couple of weeks that we will circulate out to the CSE community for help</li> <li>- gardening committee continues to be a 1-2 person operation trying to maintain all the gardens so any thoughts/brainstorming to increase participation would be greatly appreciated</li> <li>- getting into fall, we will have some more intensive clean up to do (as time allows) and we can't cart away all the debris in our cars. If we leave it there, is it something that facilities can haul away on the next school day?</li> <li>- the tulip beds in the kindergarten area are in serious need of repair. I put a post on the CSE Parents page last year asking if there were any landscapers/construction folks who would volunteer their time to replace them. I didn't get a response but this will need to be addressed soon or the beds will simply collapse</li> <li>- our new co-chair, Shannon, has availability during the day to do some garden clean-up. Would this be possible and, if so, is it just a matter of coming to the office for a sticker? Also, Shannon would be interested in creating an after school garden club for students that are interested. Is that possible and, if so, how should we facilitate it?</li> <li>- interested in pitching an idea to the art teacher about creating painted rocks or bricks to be used as a border around the front butterfly gardens to help keep it neat. How should we pursue it?</li> <li>- Finally, fall is the time when we stock up on the recyclable garden bags from the township to hopefully get us through most of our clean-up. In the past, one or two people have made multiple trips but, as you can imagine, that is a pain - especially when we are getting them for our own houses, as well. Please let me know if you have any thoughts on this.</li> <li>- Question: Luther Reed used to be our teacher liaison. Can you please get confirmation that he will still be our teacher liaison, and, if not, who will be?</li> </ul>

Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and Kate Tarr	<p>Holiday Shop planning is officially underway for 2025!</p> <p>We're also reviewing companies to partner with next year to bring in new products as well as supplement with our own purchases, and looking for a <b>Co-Chair</b> to join the team.</p> <p>If anyone is interested in learning more about what we do behind the scenes to make the Holiday Shop a success, we'd love to have you join us at our upcoming <b>committee meeting</b>:</p> <p> <b>Date:</b> September 30 at Jenn's house</p> <p> <b>Time:</b> 12:30 PM</p> <p> <b>Children are welcome!</b></p> <p>Feel free to attend in person or email our co chairs Kate <a href="mailto:kkw234@gmail.com">kkw234@gmail.com</a> or Jenn <a href="mailto:jjfisher_pfs@verizon.net">jjfisher_pfs@verizon.net</a> if you'd like more information or want to get involved.</p> <p> <b>Mark your calendars!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Holiday Shop Date:</b> December 11 2025</li> <li>● <b>Set-Up Day:</b> December 10</li> </ul>
HRPCoordinators/	Mary Beth Tingley	No current updates.
Hospitality	Rhonda Ragona and Brittany Segal	<p>The Teachers Welcome Back Brunch and Stock the Teachers Lounge went great. We had lots of kind donations and filled in the gaps with our \$100 budget. We bought a Cold Spring Coffee Bar sign, had lovely back to school decorations, had many lovely quiches, a yogurt parfait and granola bar, two charcuterie boards, veggie trays, fruit, and tons of sweet treats. Solebury Orchards donated a large crate of apples and Maryanne's Pastries donated two dozen donuts. The lounge was stocked thoroughly and we hope the teachers were happy with it. Any feedback you can give us is wonderful. Also, Rhonda and Brittany would like to submit their expenses but we are wondering how to get the forms now that the website for HSA is no longer. Can someone please send us the form to submit expenses when you have time?</p>

International Night	Becca Bateman and Melissa Atkins	No current updates.
Mother/Son	Mary Beth Tingley and David Weller	No current updates.
Pretzel Day	Nicole Schilling and Paige Johnson	Our first Pretzel Day will be 9/26. Pretzels are purchased for 60 cents each, a 10 cent increase from last year. We are selling for \$1 in cash day of and \$10.50 prepaid on MPP for the year. There's no prepaying in cash this year. We have advertised on Facebook, News & Notes and a flyer went home to parents. There are 135 sign ups on MPP so far. The window will close for MPP on 9/21.
Pumpkin Contest	Mrs. Davis	No current updates.
Spring Fair	Board	No Updates
Sixth Grade Socials	Katy D. /Jenn Fisher	The first 6th grade social of the year was our traditional Kickball activity on Friday, Sept 12th. Students had a lot of fun playing kickball on the big soccer fields and then enjoying water ice from Annie's after the games. The free for families event was well run by parents Melissa Adkins and Megan Thorne. We had 48 students registered via MPP, and 1 late sign up to bring our final registered number to 49 students. We are a class of 59 students and were very happy with the large response. The Annie's Water Ice expense of \$36 will act as a deficit in our accounts and will be made up by small surpluses from future events going forward. MPP had an issue that it "dropped" 5 students off of the final daily spreadsheet. We were able to catch this, but did bring this issue to the attention of both Mrs. Kiernan in the office and the HSA treasurers. We are hoping they can help rectify this issue going forward especially as

		<p>monies start to be collected. We appreciate their assistance. Our next social is the Haunted Hayride to be held Saturday, October 11th at Winding Brook Farm. Melissa Hefner and Kellie Horvath are our parent planners.</p>
Fifth Grade Socials	Rhonda Ragona/Tara Marmur	<p>The first two events are up and running. Eric Van Orden and Sandra Velez are planning the kickball social and have been very helpful. We are just modeling it off of the 6th grade version which luckily Eric has a 6th grader as well. The Kickball social will be Friday, September 26th. This is a Free event - the social club usually has an overflow of funds so we will make up the cost of the water ice throughout the year.</p> <p>Cara Sosnoski and Lauren Kinnard are planning the October Social which will be at Hellericks and will be open for registration as soon as kickball is over. We figured it was better to get these events earlier in the month as the holidays are approaching. The October Social will be Friday, October 10th from 4:30 to 7pm after school with the Adventure Farm, Hayride, corn maze and pizza from Dominicks supplied through Hellericks. It will cost \$15 per student.</p> <p>Rhonda and Tara are exploring doing some of the 5th grade parent suggestions as well including looking into Main Swing, Top Golf, and shady brook farms holiday wagon.</p> <p>Looking forward to all the fun events. We are currently trying to assign parent volunteers to months as the events are a bit fluid.</p>
Trunk or Treat	Mike Bateman	No current updates.
CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	No current updates.

Yearbook	Danielle Niblick and Jenny Gable	<p>Yearbook is underway. We've begun the layout and are working on gathering pictures from the September events.</p> <p>We are very much in need of a couple of 5th grade parents to take over the 5th grade section. With the "final year at cold spring" sections being long and labor intensive, it needs the attention of a current parent to make it special. Jenny and I will cover K-4 and full school sections, Kerry will take 6th grade and I will pitch in as a 6th grade parent, but we need 5th grade volunteers to make their section special as well.</p>