

Meeting Minutes

MARCH 2025



Cold Spring Home School Association

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IPM / CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendees

Kevin Cochran, Rhonda Ragona, Angela Cook, Tara Marmur, Mike Bateman, Jen Snyder, Emily Kiernan, Dave Weiler, Brenda Davis

Apologies

Leah Clark

Welcome

- Meeting minutes for February were approved.

Committee Updates

- See attached document.

Financials

- Financial report distributed.
- The initial discussion of next year's budget was started. Some additions to be considered for next year's budget include: Ropes Course and End of Year Parties for both fifth and sixth grades; and 30th Anniversary of CSE celebration.

Principal's Updates

Mrs. Davis updated the HSA Board on how the HSA funds provided have been utilized this year by grade level.

- Across all grades appreciation was given to the board for the \$75 teacher grants given annually that allow teachers to purchase items at their discretion for their students and classroom.
- Scholastic News Magazine subscriptions were also recognized as a valuable tool for classroom learning.

- Teachers across all grades reported back on how much students talk about enjoying the HSA-sponsored Family Fun Nights and assemblies like the recent Light Show and Game Show.
- A nod of appreciation was also given to the effort that goes into the teachers' luncheons throughout the year.
- Specifically, 3rd grade teachers expressed how much they appreciate the HSA funding the "life cycles baby chick project."
- Sixth Grade called out their thanks for the funds given for the Ropes Course.
- A quote from the teachers: "The kids enjoy this experience and learn a great deal from participating in this opportunity."
- Life Skills & Support teachers expressed their thanks for the upgrades and additions to the playground areas and for the ability to use the outdoor classroom area for sensory play.
- One quote from the LSS teachers included: "Trunk or Treat is a wonderful school event that is very naturally inclusive. Our special needs students and parents look forward to seeing how many teachers and peers know their children by name and are happy to see them."

Fundraising

- **Flower Fundraiser:** Rhonda shared a "wooden flower" fundraiser opportunity that we could offer to students for Mothers' Day.
- **Union Night:** Dave gave an update on CSE's Union Night. So far \$200 has been raised for HSA with 26 tickets purchased.
- **Father/Someone Special/Daughter Dance:** Final amount raised will be announced next month.

Mother/Someone Special/Son Event

- The Projector will not be able to be fixed before this event. We will project it onto the wall.
- The committee will send some choices of movie to Mr. Cochran for his input.
- Communication will be coming out soon after that.

Spring Fair

- Rhonda discussed new ideas for entertainment like a Gaga Pit Tournament by grade, Whipped Cream Pie in the Face to replace the Dunk Tank, a Lollipop Walk to replace Cake Walk and a Bracelet Making Station.

HSA Open Meeting

- The board approved the date of March 20 from 6:30-7:30pm and Rhonda is in communication with the Wait Until 8th group for a possible presentation that evening.

End Meeting

MARCH 2025 - Committee Updates

Committee	Chairpersons	What's the update?
Apparel	Margot Bauer	Event complete.
Bingo	Leslie Morgan and Abby Cundari	Event complete.
Book Fair	Catherine DeLorenzo, Divya Cyril and Tara Marmur	Event complete.
Bulletin Board	Trisha Markowitz	The bulletin board was updated for February. I'll hang a spring board in the next couple of weeks. FYI, I do plan to give up the bulletin board next year to a new person as I'm getting more and more busy with activities outside of school.
Father/Daughter	Janelle Coller	<p>We had 126 families attend the SweetHeart themed dance and everyone was feeling the love!</p> <p>We had a mix of parent and student volunteers help out.</p> <p>DJ Greg Curran and Jerry for the Photo Booth provided their services. Everything went smoothly and I would highly recommend them.</p> <p>Jen and the custodians were awesome to work with.</p> <p>Rhonda ran point on the refreshments for me and Alex Esteves was the visionary when it came to decorating.</p>

Garden Club	Dana Evans & Karen Vechionne	No updates
Harlem Wizards	Rhonda Ragona and Tara Marmur	Event complete.
Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and April Shaikh	Event complete.
HRPCoordinators/	Rhonda Ragona	Rhonda had Zoom meetings with several different groups of Homeroom Parents informing them about the Raffle Baskets, Teacher Appreciation week and the End of the Year Party's.
Hospitality	Lauren Rigby and Mary Beth Tingley	Currently preparing for teachers conferences and a MPP option.
International Night	Marielba Santana and Becca Bateman	No Updates
Kindergarten Liaisons (which falls under the HRP Committee)	Dana Hembree and Katy Jacoby	No updates
Mother/Son	Rhonda Ragona	Rhonda has booked the Photo booth. We will choose the movie and send out communication soon.
Pretzel Day	Fernanda Fitch/Nicole Schilling	We ordered 351 pretzels. We sold out all the pretzels from the cash table we had ordered (115 pretzels) plus whatever we had left from the prepaid table, plus a couple of cookie bags from the allergy option.
Pumpkin Contest	Mrs. Davis	Event complete.
Rebates	Rhonda Ragona	No updates

Spring Fair	Rhonda Ragona	Ellen Roach is not returning to run the raffle baskets. Janelle Collier is not returning to do the cake walk. Please see the Spring Fair sections of the notes. So far the DJ and Photo Booth are booked. Bette's Bounce is booked and two food trucks are booked. We will set a meeting date for soon to begin asking for sponsors.
Sixth Grade Social	Angela Cook and Janelle Collier	During the month of February the Sixth Grade Socials Club had our event at SkyZone in Chalfont. This event was hosted by Adriana Comprelli. A total of 36 students attended. The next event will be held on March 7th at Frenchtown Roller Rink.
Trunk or Treat	Rhonda Ragona	Event complete.
CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	No updates
Welcome/ Volunteer Committee		No updates.
Yearbook	Kerry and Dani	<p>We are plugging along and trying to gather as many photos as possible. Unfortunately, a lot of the things we've had pages for in the past won't be included, fun run, lifeskills, bucket day (after submission deadline), spotlight on the arts (after deadline), and talent show. We are trying to fill these pages with the more general school photos throughout the year.</p> <p>The layout is done and the following steps are in progress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asked Emily for as many photos taken throughout the school year as possible from daytime activities 2. Waiting on 6th grade panorama 3. Requested CSNN photos from Mr. Vorhees 4. Sent forms to 6th grade teachers to collect memories and signatures 5. Sent request to 6th grade parents for a volunteer to collect

		<p>baby photos and throwbacks</p> <p>6. Sorting through pictures to find particular classes that we are lacking photos for</p> <p>Next steps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We will begin selling the yearbooks in March or April2. We will most likely be looking for a new co chair for next year. Kerry's daughter will be in her last year and Kerry would like to transition to 5th/6th grade coordinator3. After next year, consider reducing the size of the book given the number of events that have been eliminated and/or moved beyond our submission date
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