

# Meeting Minutes

MAY 2025



# Cold Spring Home School Association

## Meeting Minutes 5/5/25

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### **1PM / CONFERENCE ROOM**

#### **Attendees**

Kevin Cochran, Rhonda Ragona, Angela Cook, Tara Marmur, Brenda Davis, Jen Snyder, Emily Kiernan, Leah Clark

#### **Apologies**

David Weller, Mike Bateman

#### **Welcome**

- Meeting minutes for April were approved.

#### **Committee Updates**

- See attached document.

#### **Financials**

- Financial report distributed.
- Discussed 25/26 budget.
- Board will approve next year's budget during June's monthly meeting.

#### **Principal's Updates**

1. Rhonda gave an update on the progress of attaining quotes from landscapers for the area around the outdoor classroom. One landscaper is in the process of sending a quote and another is meeting with Rhonda this week to survey the scope of the project. The board was also advised that there will be a recurring expense of annual upkeep for the gardens which will be factored into the yearly budget.
2. Jill Carothers has signed on to fill the position of Depositing Treasurer for next year's HSA committee. We are still in search of a co-president to work alongside Mike.

## **President's Update**

### **Spring Fair**

- Marketing is done for Spring Fair except for incoming sponsors.
- We definitely have fewer sponsors this year, and many of the sponsors have downgraded what they are willing to give. We are not sure if that is a sign of the times that we aren't stressing. Thanks to the Harlem wizards event earlier this year.
- The map and event program are done but won't be finalized until next week.
- The sign-up genius is done for volunteers. The volunteers have been trickling in from the high school and middle school. Mr. Cochran has agreed that the student council can volunteer which is great.
- Rhonda is trying to figure out the rules for Gaga ball. Her daughter and her friend have generously agreed to run the Pie in the face with the teachers. The sign-up genius will be sent out soon for that.
- The silent auction is up and running and will go live Monday at noon. Some of the items for the silent auction we haven't received yet so we don't even know what to put in it so we honestly can't add them until later.
- Rhonda has been sending out communication for Mr. Cochran to forward on his schedule.
- Raffle baskets are underway with the teachers and we did put in a generic communication for news and notes especially for those classes who's homeroom parents are delayed in sending requests. Raffle baskets will be wrapped on Monday, May 12th in the Art Room.
- Angela has generously agreed to be in charge of prepaid tickets the night of the Spring Fair. Leah and Tara will be in charge of the cash box tickets in the cafeteria. We have decided to separate the locations to keep the lines down.

### **Fundraising**

1. Due to the increase of expenses with both 5th and 6th grades graduating next year, the Board discussed the possibility of reinstating a school-wide, flat-fee donation pledge request at the start of next school year in lieu of fundraisers.

### **Next Year's Events**

1. Board agreed to hold the Apparel Sale in mid-October.
2. Aug. 28th from 3-4:30 will be the Back to School Ice Cream Social at Cold Spring.

### **End Meeting**

# MAY 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 Spring.
Father/Daughter	Janelle Coller	Event complete.
Garden Club	Dana Evans & Karen Vechionne	<p>From the gardening committee, bucket day was 2 weeks ago and it was a huge success. We had the most parent volunteers we ever had and the gardens are looking beautiful. I stopped over yesterday and planted some of my winter sowing seedlings that were ready for the ground and Mr. Reed will be assisting with keeping them watered in. Our order from Pollen Nation of 25 plugs should be delivered this week so once that happens, Dana and I will coordinate some dates for planting - and hopefully get more of the winter sown seedlings in the ground. Bountiful Acres will be donating a dozen vermilionaire plants to be added to the gardens - these are annuals but they are huge hummingbird attractors so we are excited to get them in the gardens! We are also looking at sourcing some additional plants to be added to the gardens.</p> <p>Mrs. Kroupas will soon be harvesting the flowers from the K and 1 beds in the playground area and those flowers will be delivered to a local assisted living facility. At that point, we will try to put some ground cover seeds in those beds to hopefully improve the soil further.</p>

Harlem Wizards	Rhonda Ragona and Tara Marmur	Event complete.
Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and April Shaikh	Event complete.
HRPCoordinators/	Rhonda Ragona	Raffle Baskets are coming together. We did have some HRPs who we needed to track down to do it. Mary Beth has been super helpful in taking on other classrooms where HPs are unavailable.
Hospitality	Lauren Rigby and Mary Beth Tingley	Hospitality has taken over Teacher Appreciation week for this year only. It is usually the board who comes up with the theme, etc, but Mary Beth had a plan and is very talented in the marketing department especially. Her Taylor Swift theme is really great and communication went out to parents last week.
International Night	Marielba Santana and Becca Bateman	International night was a wonderful success. Becca and Melissa did a wonderful job and the families who came out and hosted tables were the real mvp's! The food is incredible. We really do need to tell people, don't eat before you come, as there is always a lot of food. Also the high schoolers who helped set up and did tattoos were amazing. The cake walk was very fun and the addition of relevant questions to traveling made it even better. A lot of the participants were worried as they have lost some countries' participation since last year but you couldn't tell. Becca and Melissa have agreed to do it next year again.
Kindergarten Liaisons (which falls under the HRP Committee)	Dana Hembree and Katy Jacoby	No updates
Mother/Son	Rhonda Ragona	Event complete. Profit of \$600.
Pretzel Day	Fernanda Fitch/Nicole Schilling	No updates
Pumpkin Contest	Mrs. Davis	Event complete.

Rebates	Rhonda Ragona	No updates
Spring Fair	Rhonda Ragona	Please see President's Update
Sixth Grade Social	Angela Cook and Janelle Coller	The Sixth Grade Socials Club held its April Social at Hellerick's Family Farm on April 26th. This social was led by Jillian Kruze. About 50 students were able to attend and enjoy a fun evening of aerial adventure, s'mores and pretzels. This was the last social of the school year. The final event will be our End of Year Party. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th from 6-9pm at the Doylestown YMCA. Angela Cook and Janelle Coller will be hosting this event.
Trunk or Treat	Rhonda Ragona	Event complete.
CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	No updates
Welcome/ Volunteer Committee		No updates.

Yearbook	Kerry and Dani	<p>Our yearbook has been submitted to send to the printers and we have placed an order for 350 copies. This will leave us with roughly 40 copies to sell to students who didn't preorder for \$23 (includes taxes and fees).</p> <p>We have sent a note to Rhonda asking if we can earmark the money that comes from the sale of those books towards the yearbook for next year. Next year, we will be increasing the number of page in the book to account for big sections for both graduating classes instead of just one. We would like to offset the increased cost for that year as much as possible using the overage from this year.</p> <p>The only other note is that we need help recruiting yearbook staff. I am happy to stay on as co-chair but we need to recruit a co-chair to run the full yearbook. Kerry will move into the 6th grade coordinator role, primarily focusing on that section. We will also need a 5th grade coordinator. The 5th grade coordinator would coordinate with parents and/or teachers to gather baby pictures, quotes or memories, throwbacks, and social pictures as well as create the 5th grade pages (although I am happy to help) .</p>
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