

Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 2025



Cold Spring Home School Association

Meeting Minutes 10/24/25

9AM / CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendees

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

Apologies

Brenda Davis, Jen Snyder

Welcome

- Meeting minutes for September were approved.

Committee Updates

- See attached document.

Financials

- Financial report distributed.
- Leah requested that Mr. Cochran remind teachers to submit their Teacher Grants for the year.

Principal's Update

- Mr. Cochran is working with Central Bucks School District Facilities Department and the HR Department to progress with Phase 2 of Cold Spring's Outdoor Classroom Project. An update will be given at the next meeting.

President's Update

- **Trunk-Or-Treat:** DJ, Dough & Co. food truck and Slobe Ice Cream truck are all secured for the event's food and entertainment. Leah and Jill bought candy with the allotted budget from Costco, along with donated candy from 5th grade families. A full roster of middle school volunteers are expected the afternoon and evening of the event to help with everything from moving the pumpkins outside for display to face painting during the event. A record number of 179 pumpkins

were submitted for CS's annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. The top three winners will be announced before the end of the school day.

- **\$30 for 30 Donation Drive:** Update on the donation drive: \$3,542 has been raised to date. The goal for the fundraiser is \$7,500.
- **HSA Open Meeting:** Scheduled for Nov. 21 from 10-11am.

Vice-President Update

- The Chick-fil-A Fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 7 raised \$54. Ideas were discussed about future fundraisers to be held in the winter and spring like a night at Nina's Waffles in Peddlers Village, Nothing Bundt Cake and/or Stock's Pound Cake sales.

End Meeting

October 2025 - Committee Updates

Committee	Chairpersons	What's the update?
Apparel	Margot Bauer	The apparel sale will run from November 1 through November 9. We are finalizing designs right now and will be prepping everything. If you're sticking the word out about it that would be great and I should hopefully have some graphics to pass out shortly.
Bingo	Leslie Morgan and Abby Cundari	No current update.

Book Fair

Catherine DeLorenzo, Divya Cyril and Tara Marmur

The Book Fair kicked off on Friday, September 19th, in celebration of Cold Spring’s 30th Anniversary. The evening was festive, well-attended, and full of school spirit, generating \$9,659.77 in book sales. This year, we also offered book sales during library hours on the same day as the kickoff, which helped boost overall participation and excitement.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Mr. John Lauricella for his remarkable generosity — donating a total of \$15,000 over the past three years in memory of his late wife, Catherine Lauricella, a cherished member of the Cold Spring community who loved reading and sharing books with others. His generosity has allowed every Cold Spring student to experience the joy of selecting and owning a new book. As this marks the final year of his donation, we remain committed to carrying forward Cathy’s legacy and continuing to foster a lifelong love of reading in our students.

The Book Fair close-out documents have been submitted, and the Scholastic check and deposit details are provided below:

- Scholastic Invoice (Total): \$4,666.56
- Total Sales (including Share the Fair cash): \$22,061.24
- Total Library Profit: \$4,500
- Scholastic Dollars Earned: \$1,317.20 (to be used by Mrs. Rosencrans for Scholastic book purchases)
- Cathy Cash Remaining: \$90 (to be allotted to Mrs. Rosencrans for additional library books)

A heartfelt thank you to the HSA Board Members, Cold Spring Principal, and staff for your continued support and teamwork in making this year’s Fair a success.

We would like to propose the week of September 25 – October

		<p>2, 2026 for next fall's Scholastic Book Fair.</p> <p>Finally, we extend our sincere thanks to Catherine DeLorenzo for her dedication and service to the Book Fair Committee over the past four years. Her enthusiasm for reading and community engagement has been invaluable.</p> <p>We are delighted to welcome Leah Clark, who will be joining Divya Cyril and Tara Behan as Book Fair Co-Chairs beginning next year.</p>
Bulletin Board	Leah Clark	<p>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. A fall or Thanksgiving themed board will go up on or around Nov. 3. If the board would like to include any announcements or dates for upcoming events, those can be worked into the design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Father/Daughter	Janelle Coller	<p>I have confirmed that DJ and Photo Booth - Greg Curran -same as last year</p> <p>We are considering a Pop Star theme.</p>
Garden Club	Karen Vechionne/ Shannon Konopka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First off, thank you for coordinating the replacement of the tulip beds. Looking forward to getting them installed and then working with Mrs. Kroupas to plant the bulbs or have the garden committee do it so the kids have something to cut in the spring and present to the local nursing home (I am sure both the kids and residents look forward to that) - we have been busy hitting end of season sales and have some plants ready to go into front gardens. Planting day is scheduled for 11/2 at which time we will also attempt to plant the grasses and shrubs around the outdoor classroom that we purchased with the excess 6th grade social funds from the class of 2024. - there is still roughly \$100 on the GC from the class of 2024. The original plan was to plant around the outdoor classroom but I believe that is all part of a larger landscaping project (which will hopefully include a good selection of native plants and no invasive plants) so that still leaves me with the balance on the GC. I could purchase plants for the front butterfly gardens or I

		<p>can purchase plants for another area of the school grounds. Please let me know your preference (the GC is for Gino's nursery and their end of season sale kicks off Wednesday, 10/22, and they usually sell out pretty quickly so I would like to get there ASAP).</p> <p>- we continue to work with Mr. Reed to have the gardens watered weekly in anticipation of our planting on 11/2</p> <p>If you would like some input on the plants selected for installation by the landscaper, please just reach out and I will be happy to provide some feedback.</p> <p>One more thing, regarding the kindergarten beds - usually K and 1st graders plant the bulbs in the fall and they bring the bulbs from home. Depending on the timing of the installation of the border beds, they may not be able to do that this year so there was discussion of having the garden committee plant them and the kids can cut them in the spring. If we wind up going with option 2, will the garden club be responsible for purchasing the bulbs out of our budget or could we still ask K and 1st graders to bring them in since they would be cutting them in spring?</p>
Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and Kate Tarr	<p>Shopping/ pricing is under way. We have about 2925 items with a goal of 3400-3600. We need to discuss the future budget. In the last 2 years it has been about 9000 to 10000. Holiday shop making about 1500-2000. Next year, we are still strongly considering working with a company and filling in with holiday favorites(blankets, squishmallows, sports hats and jewelry). Help and new ideas are always welcome.</p>
HRPCoordinators/	Mary Beth Tingley	No current updates.
Hospitality	Rhonda Ragona and Brittany Segal	<p>The hospitality committee has been busy bees - almost too busy, because we realized we forgot to celebrate custodian appreciation day. It was on October 2nd, when the kids were off for Yom Kippur. So we coordinated with the office and made a</p>

		<p>plan to supply breakfast for Thursday October 16th for them. We decided to make a homemade breakfast casserole and homemade muffins so that we could give them a gift. With the budget we gave them mugs that say "You make everyday Sparkle and shine, thank you for all you do." and a key chain that says "we'd be a mess without you. thank you." on behalf of the HSA. They were very appreciative.</p> <p>We are meeting on Tuesday, October 21st to plan out our next Teacher Luncheon which will be on Monday, November 24th. We will be doing a Friendsgiving theme. Our next event will be supporting the cookie exchange.</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	Last pretzel day we sold out of all 355 pretzels. We reopened MPP and we have 311 kids who have prepaid. That's the last time we are going to open MPP for the year. We ordered a total of 480 this time because we didn't want to run out again.
Pumpkin Contest	Mrs. Davis	We had a record number of 179 pumpkins submitted for the contest. A record high number! Such creative entries!
Spring Fair	Board	In keeping with the school's 30th anniversary, Mike came up with the idea of making it a 90's theme and used Chat GPT to come up with a lot of great ideas for games and food. We need to decide on food trucks and reach out to reserve them in the next few weeks. We need to try to recruit parents that are willing to help with the planning so that it doesn't all fall on the Board. Perhaps we can send out an invite or post on the FB page that we are going to hold a planning meeting in Nov or Dec, similar to what the Holiday Shop does to get people excited to help.

Sixth Grade Socials	Katy D. /Jenn Fisher	<p>The second 6th Grade social event of the year was a Haunted Hayride held on Saturday, Oct 11th. Parents, Kellie Horvath and Melissa Hefner, did a great job organizing a fun, memorable activity for the grade. 44 students registered for this event with 42 in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 41 registered on MPP ● 3 late registrations ● Farm payment (deposit plus final check) \$920 total ● MPP sales minus 4% fee and adjusted for 4 free/reduced discount (\$1123.20) ● \$90 late registration ● Parent reimbursement for glow sticks \$42.38 ● Total surplus for hayride (not accounting for payouts for other activities including Kickball's water ice) = \$250.82 <p>Next up is Glow Bowling to be held on November 15th at Thunderbird Lanes.</p>
Fifth Grade Socials	Rhonda Ragona/Tara Marmur	<p>Cara Sosnoski and Lauren Kinnard hosted a great Fall Fun social at Hellerick's in October. The kids had a great time!</p> <p>Next up is Glow Bowling in November, Sky Zone in December and Snow Tubing in January.</p> <p>Lots of fun to come!</p>
Trunk or Treat	Mike Bateman	No current updates.
CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	<p>This school year's Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council's first meeting will be held on October 28, 2025. The meetings will be held in the Board Room located at the district's Educational Services Center, 16 Welden Drive in Doylestown. Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. on the dates listed below:</p>

		<p>Tuesday, October 28, 2025 Tuesday, December 16, 2025 Tuesday, February 24, 2026 Tuesday, April 21, 2026</p>
Yearbook	Danielle Niblick and Jenny Gable	<p>Things are moving along well for the yearbook. We have a co-chair, Jenny Gabale, a 5th grade coordinator, Ed Soto, and of course Kerry as 6th grade coordinator.</p> <p>We are well under way with creating a layout plan and selecting themes for the book.</p> <p>One thing I would like feedback from the board on is spring ordering for the yearbooks. Yearbooks are sold through online pre-ordering Mid-March through late April. The exact price of the book is determined based on the final number ordered. Because we do not know this number until after parents pay, we use the previous year to estimate counts and set the price. At the conclusion of the ordering period, we use any surplus from the pre-orders to order extras. In the last few years, we've had between 25 and 50 extras that are sold on a first come first serve basis, with the funds going to the HSA, not to the yearbook. Last year, there were complaints from parents who did not pre-order and were not able to purchase from the leftovers because we ran out.</p> <p>Because the yearbook does not have the funds to pay for extra books, we plan to use the same approach as previous years. Alternatively, if the HSA has the funds and would like to ensure additional books for families who choose not to pre-order, the HSA could purchase books during the online pre-order to sell once the books have been distributed. We anticipate the cost of the book this year to be approximately \$23-24 plus taxes and fees. I wanted to put this idea out there early in the year in case it is something that you would be interested in planning for.</p>