

Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 2025



Cold Spring Home School Association

Meeting Minutes 12/19/25

9AM / CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendees

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

Apologies

Mike Bateman, Jen Snyder, Mary Beth Tingley, Brenda Davis

Welcome

- Meeting minutes for November were approved.

Committee Updates

- See attached document.

Financials

- Financial report distributed.

Principal's Update

- **Screen-Free Indoor Recess:** Cold Spring is one of the first elementary schools in Central Bucks to implement screen-free indoor recess during inclement weather. The initiative is going well with the entire CS teaching staff committing to this adjustment to encourage hands-on activities and meaningful social interaction.
- **Holiday Shop:** Students really enjoyed this annual seasonal event. Total sales came in at \$14,796 with a \$3,000 profit for the school. Some feedback included adding a 30-minute Sensory Friendly Shopping block of time at the beginning of the day as an option for students.
- **Coming Up:** Six-week after-school enrichment programs for students are set to be announced at the end of January. Cold Spring's annual Family Bingo night is scheduled for Friday, January 23.

President's Update

- **\$30 for 30 Donation Drive:** We are currently at 53% of our goal of \$7500 with a total of \$3,974 raised so far. In January the board will do another push for donations by communicating to parents where we are in our fundraising goal and the importance of meeting said goal by the end of the fundraiser.

End Meeting

December 2025 - Committee Updates

Committee	Chairpersons	What's the update?
Apparel	Margot Bauer	Winter apparel items are being delivered tomorrow for distribution.
Bingo	Leslie Morgan and Abby Cundari	Bingo planning is well underway. When school is back after the break communication will start going out to parents.

Book Fair	Catherine DeLorenzo, Divya Cyril and Tara Marmur	Event Complete.
Bulletin Board	Leah Clark	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	Father/someone special Daughter dance is on track. We are doing the Pop Star theme, Dj/Photo Booth has been confirmed and deposit has been paid. I will do a save the date announcement on Facebook after the holidays and a SUG for general volunteers about a month prior to the dance.
Garden Club	Karen Vechionne/ Shannon Konopka	The gardens have been put to sleep for the winter. I will be submitting my receipts shortly for all the plants that were put into the garden this fall. Over the holiday break, I will start the winter sowing to hopefully have more plants to put into the gardens come spring. We are still waiting to hear what the ideas are for keeping the gardens watered over the summer. We will gladly meet with the HSA to discuss options and come up with the best solution but we really need to start talking about that soon and having a plan put in place.
Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and Kate Tarr	The holiday shop was a success. We had around 3800 items, we sold \$14,796 in gifts. Around \$3000 in profit, which is more than planned. We had 2 classes shop per 30 minute time slot. A few kids needed extra time, but for the most part everyone was able to complete shopping within 30 minutes. With 3800 items, it was slimmer at the end for the last few classes. We did finish with a small inventory to carry over next year or to bingo night. We were lucky to have many members of the board stay and work the registers all day. THANK YOU. We had the most volunteers 10-12 at a time, which was helpful for grades 2nd and below. Next year the plan is to move

		towards an outside company and supplement with holiday shop favorites, mugs, sports apparel, jewelry and blankets. A few volunteers showed interest in helping Kate with the shopping.
HRPCoordinators	MaryBeth Tingley	Rhonda sent an email reminder to the Homeroom Parents about the winter parties as well as introducing Mary Beth as the new Homeroom Parent Coordinator.
Hospitality	Rhonda Ragona and Brittany Segal	Monday, November 24th was the Teacher/Faculty luncheon. Everything went great! We ended up with 5 soups and 4 large salads that were all completely empty, Rhonda did get two large aluminum sheet pans and made large salads as that one never filled in and we never heard back from the places we tried to get donations from. This morning Rhonda and Brittany set up and decorated for the Teachers Cookie Exchange with a hot cocoa and coffee bar. It looks like a fun event.
International Night	Becca Bateman and Melissa Atkins	No Updates
Mother/Son	Mary Beth Tingley and David Weller	No Updates
Pretzel Day	Nicole Schilling and Paige Johnson	We have Pretzel Day on the 19th and we've ordered the same amount as last month, 440. We didn't have too many left over last time so we think it's a good number.
Pumpkin Contest	Mrs. Davis	Event complete.
Spring Fair		Update for the spring fair though is that we are booked on food vendors and Leah is working on the inflatables. Need to start brainstorming games and reaching out for silent auction items if we decide to keep the silent auction.

Sixth Grade Socials	Katy D. /Jenn Fisher	<p>Our next 6th Grade Social is Let's Go Ice Skating! and is scheduled for Saturday, December 20th 6:50 - 8:50pm. The MPP is still open. Karen and Jeff Meringer are our parent organizers. We currently have 31 students registered with 4 of these tickets being discounted. Our January social is Snow Tubing which will be held on Friday, January 9th 5:30 - 8pm. Laurel Van Orden is our parent organizer for tubing. The Snow Tubing social is open on MPP now because we have to give a final count early to Blue Mountain. Tubing for students will close on MPP on January 2nd. We will also offer limited tickets to family members on MPP from Dec 27th through Jan 2nd.</p>
Fifth Grade Socials	Rhonda Ragona/Tara Marmur	<p>We had a successful "Glow Bowling" social in November at Thunderbird Lanes. Organizers were Leslie Morgan, Abby Cundari and Debbie Olivastri. Kids had a blast. Kids even received prizes for the best glow outfits.</p> <p>December's social is tonight at SkyZone. Organizers are Stephanie Grossman and Julia Levy.</p> <p>In January, 5th grade is heading to Blue Mountain for snow tubing.</p> <p>Rhonda and Tara are exploring and researching other venues for the end of the year party while maintaining their saved date at the school as an option.</p>
Trunk or Treat	Mike Bateman	Event Complete.
CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	No update.
Yearbook	Danielle Niblick and Jenny Gable	No update.
