

Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 2026



Cold Spring Home School Association

Meeting Minutes 1/30/26

9AM / CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendees

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

Apologies

Jen Snyder, Mary Beth Tingley, Brenda Davis, David Weller

Welcome

- Meeting minutes for December were approved.

Committee Updates

- See attached document.

Financials

- Financial report distributed.
- Next meeting discussion needs to begin on next year's budget.
- Round-up of December Highlights:
 - a. The Holiday Shop was a huge success, exceeding fundraising expectations with \$3k profit (versus \$1.5k goal).
 - b. Pretzel Day is performing roughly 20% ahead of fundraising projections thus far.
 - c. Approximately \$6k of outstanding checks have cleared, reducing open commitments to \$2.3k.

Principal's Update

- **After-School Activities Club:** Started on Thursday 1/29 and will continue for the next five weeks. Clubs are moderated by CSE staff. The building also holds clubs for third-party businesses including Young Rembrandts, Mad Science and Chess.
- **Reading Olympics:** Cold Spring Elementary will host the annual event on April 9.

- **Bingo Night:** The evening was a huge success enjoyed by students and their families.
- **Board Positions:** Discussion in the next few months on the future of the board and suggestions for open board positions including Co-President, Secretary and Treasurer/Check Writing.

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 February, 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. It was also suggested to have a thermometer graphic at the Father/Daughter and Mother/Sons Event showing parents where we are at our goal and asking for donations.
- **Update on Spring Fair:** (see Committee Updates attached)

End Meeting

January 2026 - Committee Updates

Committee	Chairpersons	What's the update?
Apparel	Margot Bauer	Event Complete.
Bingo	Leslie Morgan and Abby Cundari	Bingo was a hit with families and students last Friday night. Leslie Morgan and Abby Cundari did an awesome job with organizing the event. The Bingo committee was extremely thankful that the custodian staff fully set up the gym with tables and chairs. The concession stand did very well. Final expenses still need to be submitted.
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	All is on track for the dance. SUG for day-of volunteers will be out early Feb.
Garden Club	Karen Vechionne/ Shannon	No updates.

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Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and Kate Tarr	Event complete.
HRPCoordinators	MaryBeth Tingley	Rhonda sent out an email introducing Mary Beth as the New Homeroom Parent coordinator - she will be sending the info out for the raffle baskets in March.
Hospitality	Rhonda Ragona and Brittany Segal	<p>In December we decorated and set up for the teachers' cookie exchange which looked lovely. We hope the teachers enjoyed it. When I came in for the winter classroom party I was asked why we didn't clean up after the cookie exchange. There seemed to be some confusion as to who was responsible for that. After the classroom party I went in there and washed the dishes and finished up cleaning. It was my understanding that we were just setting up but I tried to make up for it. Our next celebration will be admin professionals day April 22nd and for bus driver appreciation on April 28th as per communication with Emily.</p> <p>The next teachers conference is March 26th and 27th if you could please advise on what date we need to have a luncheon.</p>
International Night	Becca Bateman and Melissa Atkins	No Updates
Mother/Son	Mary Beth Tingley and David Weller	<p>Booking DJ, will play Spring Training live on projector in cafeteria (similar to Bingo Night). Will need to start recruiting volunteers to help set up and work event. Small scale recreation of Citizens Park/Phillies stadium. Will also DIY a photo booth for parents to take pics with their own phones. Games like corn-hole, strike pitch, etc. Trying to recreate some of the fun captured at Savannah Banana games.</p> <p>Monday, will send Emily graphic for MPP and Kevin for inclusion in News & Notes.</p>

Pretzel Day	Nicole Schilling and Paige Johnson	We are having our January Pretzel Day on January 30th. We'll have 430 pretzels to buy: 310 at the prepaid table and 120 at the cash table.
Pumpkin Contest	Mrs. Davis	Event complete.
Spring Fair		Theme is 90s. Food has been confirmed from Skips Wrightstown, Smokin Earls and Dough and Co. Leah is checking into a discounted bounce house company to make sure they are properly insured. DJ/Photo Booth have both been secured. Next steps include recruiting volunteers, getting sponsorships and setting up an in-person event to establish a committee.
Sixth Grade Socials	Katy D. /Jenn Fisher	<p>6th Grade Snow Tubing was a success! We held our event on Friday, January 9th at Blue Mountain. The weather forecast had us worried, but the rain stopped right before our event began and the kids barely came down from the mountain because they were having so much fun. We had plenty of parent support for chaperones. Laurel Van Orden organized this event, and did a great job.</p> <p>We had 60 attendees (students plus guests). Our surplus/profit for this event should be \$216.40. Our total surplus at the end of the year will be applied to the 6th Grade end of year party. Our running surplus at present is \$296.36.</p> <p>The next social event is Skyzone on February 20th, organized by Karen McArdle and Jazmin Pizel.</p>

Fifth Grade Socials	Rhonda Ragona/Tara Marmur	The clubs are moving along nicely. Snow tubing is coming up this Friday at Blue Mountain (event has been postponed until 2/6 due to extreme cold temperatures), and roller skating at the Frenchtown roller rink is Thursday evening February 12th. All socials are planned except Aprils and Rhonda and Tara are searching for venues and for options for the end of year party.
Trunk or Treat	Mike Bateman	Event Complete.
CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	No update.
Yearbook	Danielle Niblick and Jenny Gable	No update.

