

# Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 2026



# Cold Spring Home School Association

## Meeting Minutes 2/28/26

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**9AM / CONFERENCE ROOM**

### **Attendees**

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

### **Apologies**

Jen Snyder, Brenda Davis, David Weller

### **Welcome**

- Meeting minutes for January 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 January/February Highlights:
  - a. Family Bingo Night in Jan. raised \$672.74, just short of the \$750 fundraising goal. Still a great result for a very fun night enjoyed by students and their families.
  - b. Pretzel Day continues to be very popular. .
  - c. Pushing \$30 for 30 with communication to parents and having a table at Spring Fair was discussed.
  - d. Father/Daughter event raised \$1900.

### **Principal's Update**

- **Student Council:** Student Council raised the idea of bringing back a version of Beach Day in the spring. HSA may be asked to contribute funds to popsicles, etc. for the event.
- **Reading Olympics:** Cold Spring Elementary will host the annual event on April 9.

- **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.
- **Save the Dates:** Upcoming Spring events—**Field Day**, June 5. **5th Grade End of Year Promotion**, June 9. **6th Grade End of Year Promotion**, June 10.

#### **President's Update**

- **Update on Spring Fair:** (see Committee Updates attached)
- **Newsletter:** Version needs to go out for March.

**End Meeting**

## February 2026 - Committee Updates

Committee	Chairpersons	What's the update?
Apparel	Margot Bauer	Event Complete.
Bingo	Leslie Morgan and Abby Cundari	We are all set with expenses and Leah can give an update on what we raised in total.  We will need someone to join the bingo committee next year so throwing that out there!
Book Fair	Catherine DeLorenzo, Divya Cyril and Tara Marmur	Event Complete.
Bulletin Board	Leah Clark	
Father/Daughter	Janelle Coller	We had 131 couples registered plus 24 additional siblings  Everyone had fun with the Pop Star theme  Jerry from Curran Entertainment did the DJ this time and I actually think I preferred his style to Greg's for this particular event, his daughter Samantha did the photo booth and was really nice to work with as well — I highly recommend them

		<p>Alex Esteves and Laura Vallone once again master minds of decore</p> <p>Jenny Gabale (1st grade mom, new comer to CSE) was absolutely wonderful to work with on food</p> <p>Cold spring custodians and office staff were fantastic- having Emily in the office is such a blessing</p> <p>Day of volunteers rocked their jobs too and lots returned to the same jobs as last year</p> <p>Loads of photos for yearbook!!!!</p> <p>Financially I know we did well as far as covering expenses with some fundraising but don't have the exact number yet, we have the food receipt to submit and then we're set as far as treasures getting a final number</p> <p>Bingo passed their leftover snacks and drinks to us and we did likewise for either mother son or spring fair — it is in the HSA closet welcome to who needs it, passes along some snacks that were more on theme to staff break room</p>
Garden Club	Karen Vechionne/ Shannon Konopka	<p>We are in our dormant time, but preparing for spring!</p> <p>Karen has been busy with winter seed sowing for spring planting.</p> <p>Shannon has applied on behalf of the garden club for Bowman's Wildflower Preserve Spring Plant Grant. If received, we would be given up to 100 native plants for the Butterly garden.</p> <p>We would like to ask if a date has been set for Bucket Day yet? Please let us know that information when it is available.</p>
Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and Kate Tarr	Event complete.

HRPCoordinators	MaryBeth Tingley	I started the timeline by emailing Emily to ask when we can expect to have the raffle basket wrapping party and if it will still be in the art room, so the Homeroom Parents can prepare. Email to HRP's to get things started will go out beginning of next month. Also emailed Mary Beth to get it on her radar that raffle basket themes need to be accumulated. She will be asking for suggestions for themes from the spring fair committee, homeroom parents and possibly even students. Attached is the timeline I shared with her.
Hospitality	Rhonda Ragona and Brittany Segal	We have our March conference date of Thursday March 26th. We have decided on a "hello, Spring" themed brunch and stocking the lounge.
International Night	Becca Bateman and Melissa Atkins	No Updates
Mother/Son	Mary Beth Tingley and David Weller	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.
Pretzel Day	Nicole Schilling and Paige Johnson	We upped our pretzel order to 440. We sold out last month.
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>The 6th Grade Skyzone social was a total hit! We had 47 students bouncing off the walls, literally. Major shoutout to our amazing parent organizers, Karen McArdle and Jasmin Pizel, for making it all happen. We had 50 pre-registered students, 5 discounted tickets and one student paid with a check at the event to attend. Due to illnesses, 49 students actually attended (2 could not jump due to injuries) We had plenty of parent support for chaperones.</p> <p>I will be submitting one check this week. Skyzone profit should be \$80. Any surplus we accrue at our monthly socials will be applied to our end of the year party. Next social event is Roller Skating on December 20th 4:30 to 6:30 in Frenchtown, to be organized by Kerry Scandale. The MPP will open on March 7th for our Roller skating social.</p>
Fifth Grade Socials	Rhonda Ragona/Tara Marmur	<p>Two weeks ago, our roller skating social had a great turnout. Future planners should note that we marketed the event by emphasizing that we rented the entire rink and had staff available to help children learn to skate. The kids picked it up fast in that setting and it was so nice to have the whole place to ourselves for that event. This is also one of the most affordable places to go.</p> <p>Lastly, we just turned in the MPP form and info to go out for our March social which will be Ice Skating at Hatfield Ice Arena from 12 - 2pm on Sunday March 15th. Rhonda Ragona and Michal Walson organized this event. We have one rink entirely to ourselves for kids to learn with just Cold Spring support. We also possibly are including pizza since it will be at lunchtime.</p>
Trunk or Treat	Mike Bateman	Event Complete.
CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	No update.

Yearbook	Danielle Niblick and Jenny Gable	Things are moving along well for most of the yearbook! We will be opening sales in early March. If the HSA would like to purchase additional books to sell to parents who choose not to pre-order, that would need to be done by the end of April. Last year, there were parents who were upset because they did not pre-order and we only had about 30 extra to sell. We can only order the number of books that our pre-orders cover because we do not have funds to pre-pay for extra books. We have to order in 25 book increments. We set the price of the books based on our best guess of number of pre-orders and the number of staff books we need to cover. Once book sales have closed, we order as many extra as possible based on the funds from the pre-orders.