Meeting Minutes

MAY 2026

Cold Spring Home School Association

Meeting Minutes 5/29/26

8:45AM / CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendees

Kevin Cochran, Tara Marmur, Emily Kiernan, Leah Clark, Jill Carothers, Brenda Davis, Mary Beth Tingley, Mike Bateman, Becca Bateman, Jenny Gabale

Apologies

Jen Snyder, David Weller

Welcome

- Meeting minutes for April were approved.

Committee Updates

- See attached document.

Financials

- Financial report distributed.
- Jill introduced the 2026/27 budget for approval. Final approval will happen at a meeting on June 4.

Principal's Update

- **Outdoor Classroom:** Brauer Services will begin Phase 2 of the project at the end of June.
- **Eagles Autism Coin Drive**: Organized by Ms. Lawn, the coin drive exceeded its goal of $10,000. The Philadelphia Eagles' Swoop will visit Cold Spring on Thursday, June 4 for a special assembly.
- **Tropical Day:** A rebranding of the ever-popular Beach Day to Tropical Day was held on May 21 and was a hit among students and faculty.
- **Transfers:** Mr. Cochran announced the transfer of the following Cold Spring teachers:
  — Mr. Groves to Tohickon Middle School
  — Mrs. Steen to Central Bucks South High School
  — Mr. Rogers to Central Bucks South High School
  — Mrs. Alderfer to Holicong Middle School
  — Mr. Fein to Holicong Middle School

— Mrs. Douglas to Tamanend Middle School

Best of luck to all of these teachers at their new schools! You will be missed at Cold Spring!

President's Update

- **Spring Fair:** Spring Fair was a resounding success on Friday, May 15. The final amount raised is still being calculated, but is expected to exceed $14,000.
- **HSA Board for 2026/27 School Year: President:** Mary Beth Tingley; **Co-President:** Leah Clark; **Vice-President:** Tara Marmur; **Treasurer:** Jill Carothers; **Secretary:** Jenny Gabale; **Check-Writer:** Becca Bateman.

End Meeting

May 2026 - Committee Updates

Committee	Chairpersons	What's the update?
Apparel	Margot Bauer	Event Complete. **Next year's Chair: Alyssa Pospishil**
Bingo	Leslie Morgan and Abby Cundari	Event Complete **We just need someone to help next year with the hopes they take it over.**

Book Fair	Divya Cyril, Tara Marmur, Leah Clark	We are excited to share the dates for the 2026–2027 Book Fair: The Bookfair is set for the upcoming year: Kristen Meyers is our current contact from Scholastic. **September 25, 2026 – Kick-Off Event** We would appreciate additional information regarding any extra activities the HSA Board will be organizing during the kick-off night. **September 25 – October 2, 2026 – Book Fair Shopping** Students will have the opportunity to shop during their scheduled library hours. A special thank you to **Catherine DeLorenzo** for leading this year's Book Fair. **Leah Clark**, **Tara Behan**, and **Divya Cyril** will be joining and supporting the Book Fair team. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our librarian Mrs. Rosencrans for supporting the Book Fair throughout the years. **Mr. Lauracelli's** dedication and contributions have helped make this event especially meaningful for our school community.
Bulletin Board	Leah Clark	No updates.
Father/Daughter	Janelle Coller	Event Complete.

Garden Club	Karen Vechionne/ Shannon Konopka	The garden looks amazing!! Big thanks to Karen for her winter sowing. The Fall planting is rooted and is thriving here in the spring. The garden club has been meeting to weed and will continue through the summer. Officially, we are transitioning Christin into the role of chair and she will start taking care of things little by little. I will remain a helper to her always. For summer watering, it has been brought to our attention that Mr. Cochran will be taking care of setting up the sprinkler and watering the butterfly garden. Could it be clarified if we need to let him know each time to water or if he will just set up his own watering schedule. Also, if he could let us know any weeks he might be away so we can take care of it. I have decided to stay on as co-chair for the next school year with our new co-chair Christin. This will work out great for all.
Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and Kate Tarr	I'll be chairing next year and the Holiday Shop is gearing up for our hybrid approach next year of committee purchased items and an outside holiday shop. We'll start submitting receipts in July if that works for finance.
HRPCoordinators	MaryBeth Tingley	

Hospitality	Rhonda Ragona and Brittany Segal	Brittany and I have really had a blast working hard for the teachers and staff of Cold Spring this year on the Hospitality Committee. I just wanted to send an email, copying Tara in case she wants to share with the board at her updates so you can get everyone's input for next year. We returned to the traditional potluck this year and it seemed like a huge hit. Our theory was to keep alternating the types of meals and foods offered. We also would create a robust Sign up Genius, and then just try to fill in where we could with our budget and our donations, trimming as needed. Here is our feedback for next year: August: We did the Welcome back teachers brunch. I brought a reusable welcome back brunch sign that the next hospitality commitee can use. We had a great response stocking the teachers lounge at this time. We also tried to keep the food items easy to make. With quiches, oatmeal, a yogurt bar, bagels, veggie trays and charcuterie. The yogurt bar was cute but not a hit. Lots of fruit left over so not sure if you wanna do that next year. Fall conferences: We did a soup and salad luncheon with take out soup containers so the teachers could grab and go. It was the week of Thanksgiving and our opinion was that we could fill in the gaps were needed if we didn't get a lot of things donated and we would keep the food light for the teachers when we knew probably everybody's gonna be eating a feast that weekend.It was a hit - the soups crock pots were all completely empty at clean up. Definitely didn't need as many rolls as I thought. With every event we tried to also have a veggie tray and a meat and cheese tray. Those always go as well. Custodian appreciation day: We brought in a basket of homemade muffins, snacks and treats for them with Mugs and key chains and thank you cards. Each custodian had their own gift bags. December Cookie Exchange: This year the teachers took over the cookie exchange. We bought decorations and set up for them and then let them do their thing. There was some confusion that we were supposed to come back and clean up, but that was not our understanding so I apologized to Rich and cleaned up what was left the next time I was in. We hope it was a hit? Spring Conferences: We mixed it up again and went back to a brunch theme but this time we asked for Egg caseroles and french toast/pancake caseroles, etc and we definitely had some parents showcase their brunch talents. We used warming mats which really helped keep things warm for the teachers and continued to try to use up some of the millions of random plates, napkins, and

International Night	Becca Bateman	I wanted to report about a successful international night. The SUG was a little light even the week of, but people signed up and showed up. SUG says 65 signed up I did a rough count at a high point and it was 75. I think we did end up having 7 “countries” represented as well as a salsa tasting bar. I spoke with those who participated and received lots of positive feedback. Those who prepared food also had positive things to say. I’d love to find out how other events receive feedback so I can be congruent in continuing to make it a great event year after year. It is super simple to prepare for, inexpensive, it is wonderfully intimate, and decent participation. Overall the messaging it sends that celebrating diversity is important might be the most important. Honestly it is the best kept secret of the best food in doylestown area -pop up restaurant! I’m lucky to be able to be a part of it! My co-chair has a kid graduating so I need to find a co-chair.
Mother/Son	Mary Beth Tingley and David Weller	Event Complete
Pretzel Day	Nicole Schilling and Paige Johnson	We have Pretzel Day coming up next Friday. We are ordering 440 pretzels again.
Pumpkin Contest	Mrs. Davis	Event complete.
Spring Fair		**To be discussed during the meeting.**

Sixth Grade Socials	Katy D. /Jenn Fisher	6th Grade EOY Party is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th at the YMCA. This is a free HSA sponsored event and the party is now live on MPP for registration. An email invite has been shared with families and we are collecting MPP rsvps until June 3rd. We plan to manage the food and decoration purchases from the 6th grade social surplus. The YMCA invoice has been paid. 6th Grade socials has coordinated the purchase of both 6th and 5th grade middle school swag bags. The purchase line item was from the 6th and 5th grade EOY teacher sponsored event. They are to be distributed at the upcoming special breakfasts. Jenn Fisher will be delivering the bags to the teachers on Monday, June 8th. 107 graduation yard signs were purchased and distribution starts on Tuesday, May 26th in the school vestibule. We were able to negotiate a reduced per sign price because we sold over 100 signs. We are looking forward to hosting another successful 6th grade social at the YMCA. We hosted 8 total monthly socials this year with the most well attended event being January's Snow Tubing, followed by Bowling in November and February's Skyzone. All events were well attended and organized well by our parent volunteers. We had tremendous parent support which helped the overall success of our socials program. Big thanks goes out to Kevin Cochran, Leah Clark and Jill Carothers who helped support our program every step of the way - thank you Kevin, Leah & Jill. We've been in communication with incoming new Social Chairs, Divya Cyril and Jenni Ross, to share hand over information.

Fifth Grade Socials	Rhonda Ragona/Tara Marmur	We tried to use the information that Angela shared for last year and here are a few tidbits from us and our experience. Tara, please feel free to add anything you think is relevant. And Katy, this may or may not be others' experience as well - I know you have done this before. We were not allowed in to decorate until 5:45pm. With students arriving at 6pm (which guess what, they all arrived 15 minutes early too.LOL) we were running around a bit. So I'd recommend having a bag ready with just a few decorations for the lobby (tablecloth) and all of your sign in info - and balloons. I'd recommend reminding parents to come at 6pm and not earlier so you can catch your breath. Also, we did end up with a lobby full of 50 excited kids waiting to be released (Hannah was struggling cause all the tables had disappeared and they had to walk down to another building to get them and we still didn't get as many tables as promised but we pulled in the round tables from in front of the gym. Then she was supposed to talk to them before letting them loose into the pool area, etc.). In our go bag for the front we also posted this sign (attached), which we made upon Angela and April's recommendation. Apparently last year there were a lot of wet floor problems outside the locker rooms and we wanted to try to avoid that liability. We also made sure volunteers knew to ensure the kids dried off thoroughly before leaving the pool area. Some girls did come out in suits with shoes on but they were dry. I also had brought some extra towels because believe it or not several of the kids forgot towels. It worked out great. There was some confusion because we were told that we were going to have two attendants in the gym which they split, one side for basketball and one side for dodge ball. We were told they were going to facilitate games and such for the kids. That didn't happen. They did not stay in the gym, so I'd recommend if you have enough help, having someone help with that. The kiddos really enjoyed the freedom of the party. They did try to walk around with food so we had to keep reminding them to eat in the party room only. Our menu was pizza from Dominicks, Chips, goldfish, and rice crispy treats from BJ's, 2 cases of bottled water, and Cupcakes from Sam's club . We did have a photo booth and magnets for a keepsake as

Trunk or Treat	Mike Bateman	Event Complete.
CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	No update.
Yearbook	Danielle Niblick and Jenny Gable	Yearbooks have been shipped! When they arrive, we will distribute them to teachers and they will be distributed on a date selected by Mr. Cochran.