## **Meeting Minutes**

June 2024



#### Cold Spring Home School Association

### Meeting Minutes 06/03/24

#### 1 PM / CONFERENCE ROOM

#### **ATTENDEES**

Kevin Cochran, Tonianne Hall, Rhonda Ragona, Angela Cook, Amanda Andriola, Denise Chila, Leah Clark, Tara Marmur and Divya Cyril

#### **APOLOGIES**

Marielba Santana and Brenda Davis

#### Welcome

Meeting minutes for May 2024 were approved.

#### **Committee Updates**

• See attached document.

#### **Fundraising**

- Pretzel order for May was 420 and will continue this week on Thursday, June 6th.
- Fernanda Fitch is set to take over the Pretzel fundraiser for 2024-25
- The Company Jim's pretzels may be a possible vendor for buying pretzels for next year.
- They are searching for other closer options.
- Penny wars is also a possible fundraiser that will be researched by Rhonda,

#### **Financials**

- The treasurers are waiting for some checks to be cashed by the end of this year. They are waiting to receive checks from two Spring Fair vendors.
- Marielba will send out reminders to cash checks.
- Financial report is attached to the email.

#### **By-Laws**

• A suggestion to change the by-laws from four open HSA meetings to one meeting per academic year and supplement communication with at least three newsletters.

• This by-law will remain the same and options of entertaining a HSA open meeting during events such as back to school night and Bingo night. This would be helpful to recruit more volunteers. They will be counted as open meetings to fulfill the by-Laws.

#### 2024-25 Budget

• This budget proposed by the Treasurers was approved by the board. Budget document is attached to the email.

#### **Other Business**

- The Board welcomed the new members Leah Clark and Tara Marmur as they step into the Treasury and Secretarial duties for the next academic year. Tonnianne Hall, Marielba Santana, Amanda Andriola and Divya Cyril were thanked for their tenure during this meeting.
- The outdoor classroom fund of \$80,000 might not be enough to pay the current contractors. Mr. Cochran is set to discuss the shortage of funds with the district business office and explore options for a path forward. The furniture for the outdoor classroom will be ordered from funds available beyond Home and School.

#### **End Meeting**

# June 2024 - Committee Updates

Committee	Chairpersons	What's the update?
Apparel	Margot Bauer and Kate Layser	Is there still interest in having an online apparel store open all school year? I will look into it.  Otherwise, just need to know when the sale will be in the fall so I have time to plan and prepare
Bingo	Karen Vechionne and Leslie Morgan	Event is over for the year 2023-24.
Book Fair	Emily Kiernan, Catherine DeLorenzo, Divya Cyril	Book Fair dates are Friday, September 20th - Monday, September 30th. The Book Fair Kickoff will be held on Friday, September 20th. We look forward to learning from the Board what they will plan for the free family element to help us generate excitement for the Fair's family shopping Kickoff time period on Sept 20th. Some previous year's Board organized free family offerings have been the Book Lover's Ball, face painting, Cold Spring Family owned Business sponsored Rita's Water Ice, and popsicles and tattoos. Thank you HSA Board for your support! See you in the fall at the Book Fair.
Bulletin Board	Trisha Markowitz and Debbie Olivastri	The last bulletin board is on display
Family Fun Committee	Amanda Andriola and Tonianne Hall	Family Fun is over for the year.
Father/Daughter	Amanda Andriola and Tricia Markowitz	Event is done for the year 2023-24
Garden Club	Dana Evans & Karen Vechionne	We've had a busy spring trying to keep the butterfly gardens nice, prep for and have an amazing bucket day. We still have some planting to do. Unfortunately, we have had very little support this year so Karen and I are trying to think of ways to make it all possible next year. The tulip beds are done and Ms. Kroupas had great tulip vases for the senior home.

Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and April Shaikh	Event is over for 2023-24
HRPCoordinators/	Missy LoFaso & Mollie McFeely	No updates
Hospitality	Catherine Barbieri and Tara Behan	No updates
International Night	Marielba Santana and Becca Bateman	Event is over for the year
Kindergarten Liaisons (which falls under the HRP Committee)	Marielba Santana and Andrea Kooker-Kuttler	No updates
Mother/Son	Rhonda Ragona and Debbie Olivastri	The event is over for the year 2023-24
Pretzel Day	Amanda	No updates
Pumpkin Contest	Rhonda and Sangeetha Mannivanan	Event is over for the year 2023-24
Rebates	Amanda Andriola	No updates
ROAR-A-THON	Divya Cyril and Catherine DeLorenzo	Event is over for the year 2023-24
Spring Fair	Tonianne Hall and Rhonda Ragona	Our total profit for the Spring Fair is: \$16,577.76. The pending items are the two food vendors' donations and the cost of the raffle basket ticket winners (Mrs. Falone's Class) pizza party. Everything else is turned in. Our community embraced the Luau theme, everyone had a great time. Everyone received a free lei and feedback about the tickets and not writing the number on each ticket was hugely positive. Everyone was thrilled. The mechanical surfboard was a hit and so were the yumsters which sold out early. The weather ended up being great. We were short on volunteers and had some challenges pulling the raffle tickets and finding the name that went with the number. It was very hard to be in all places at the same time. We didn't have enough

		volunteers to sell tickets or cover the games and inflatables- and had to pull kids to cover. Next year we will ask Bettes bounce to provide attendants and weigh the costs. All in all we think it was really successful and made more money than we expected. Tonianne and I had our debrief and will ask for feedback from Ellen and Janelle.
Sixth Grade Social	Emily Kiernan and Divya Cyril	The last social event of the year was Mini Golf at Freddy Hills Farm on Thursday 5/23 after the early dismissal. 57 kids registered for the event, which was a lot of fun @ \$11 pp, including 2 rounds of golf and an ice cream. The event yielded a surplus of \$51.67  Grad signs were sold on MPP @ \$8.95, and will be available for pick up from school this week. This item yielded a profit of \$23.38  The surplus that has been earned from the social club activities for the year is \$885.33, which will be carried forward to the EOY party at the YMCA on Sat 6/8, and added to that budget of \$1,700.  Kids will enjoy exclusive use of the YMCA facility, and the party will include water park, eSports gaming, DJ, games and food. There may be a small surplus from this event.  Cinch bags for distribution at the EOY Breakfast will be delivered next week. Total cost \$596.10. Aramark has confirmed that there will be no charge for the breakfast again this year, so this will leave a surplus on this line item. However, going forward there may once again be a cost attached to this breakfast, so it would be prudent to budget accordingly. No charge this year is a bonus.  The board may consider putting surplus 6th grade funds towards the outdoor classroom to purchase something as a 'gift' from the 6th grade class of 2024 as we did last year.  The social club committee will be wrapping up before the end of the school year, and preparing handover documents for the incoming committee chairs for next year. It's been a blast!
Trunk or Treat	TBD	Event is over for the year 2023-24

CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	No updates
Welcome/Volunteer Committee	Amanda Andriola/TBD	No updates
Yearbook	Kerry Scandale and Danielle Niblick	No updates