

# Cold Spring Home School Association

## October Minutes 10/2/23

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**1:00 PM / CONFERENCE ROOM**

### **ATTENDEES**

Mr.Cochran, Tonianne Hall, Rhonda Ragona, Amanda Andriola, Marielba Santana, Angela Cook, Denise Chila, Mrs.Davis and Divya Cyril

### **Welcome**

- Meeting minutes of September 2023 approved.

### **Fundraising**

- Pretzel orders increased from last year up to 315 pre-order
- Allergy friendly tickets will be printed in a different shape and size to distinguish the children who need the allergy friendly option and Amanda will hand them out.
- My payments plus recommendation for next year which would also assist teachers. We can pass on the \$0.40.

### **Walson Family Support**

- We discussed ideas on how to support Johnny and his family during their time at the hospital and when they come back home.

### **Financials**

- Please see the attached report
- We made the switch to PTO 2.0 software. Most items were corrected from the merge.
- Claudia asked about printing expenses. The Co-presidents will reach out to her about color print outs.
  - **Budget Discussion**
    - Inflation and high expenses are affecting our budget
    - We discussed that many activities were occurring simultaneously such as Roar-a-thon, pretzels, book fair, etc. It was a jam packed beginning of the year.
    - We will re-evaluate again towards the end of the year when we have our budget discussion.

### **Committee Updates**

- See attached document

### **Trunk or Treat**

- Vendors and DJs are booked. We have Middle School helpers signed up. Mr. Cochran will ask for Pallets and is moving forward with the bonfire. Toniaanne has back up candy for the teachers.

**Other Business**

- Nurse's office often needs supplies for children who need a change of clothing. We agreed to use Student Appreciation Money to have Amanda shop for discount new leggings, socks, and under garments.

**End Meeting**

# October 2023 Committee Updates

Committee	Chairpersons	Update
Apparel	Margot Bauer and Kate Layser	The Fall apparel sale went really well! Orders : 103 Products sold: 230 Profit to school: \$1,781 Apparel should be delivered next week.
Bingo	Karen Vechionne and Leslie Morgan	No updates
Blood Drive	Heather Reynolds	Our annual blood drive will be on 12/1 starting at 1pm. The Red Cross will order tables and chairs from a vendor to have them delivered to the room so they're already ready to go. That way we won't have to worry about sanitizing tables since there is an event that evening which will need district tables. The Red Cross has changed their policy on Fridays that all drives have to end at 5, which only gives them 4 hours this year as opposed to 5. With a 1 PM start time they'll need to at least get the unload process started by 12:15

Book Fair	Emily Kiernan, Catherine DeLorenzo & Divya Cyril	The Book Fair kicked off on Friday, September 22nd combined with the Family Fun event, the Book Lover's Ball and Costume Competition. All together, the evening generated \$4,950 in book fair sales, but book sales were down from last year's launch night sales of \$7,331. The Book Fair has been going very well, with most students shopping during their library class. Mr. John Laricella's \$5000 donation on behalf of his late wife Cathy, a former Cold Spring employee who loved to read, has ensured every child at Cold Spring has had the opportunity to purchase at least one book at the Fair. The Cathy Dollars have impacted our student population positively because there have been many happy students who have spent their \$10 Cathy Dollars and participated in the Book Fair at a 100% student participation level. The Fair will close at school at the end of the day on Monday, October 2nd, and then remain open for online sales until October 5th during which time the School still earns Scholastic Points. The Book Fair committee has 2 weeks to work with our Scholastic Representative to officially complete the close out of our Fair. Many students are using the eWallet digital payment system, we had a lower number of parents create eWallets for students this year, and funding overall was lower. It is recommended that giving 2 weeks notice and communication of this program helps its success.
Bulletin Board	Trisha Markowitz and Debbie Olivastri	No updates
Family Fun Committee	Amanda Andriola and Tonianne Hall	The 2nd annual Book Lovers' Ball was a success! We had 40 students register for the costume contest. Jake the Jaguar made an appearance and danced with students. NJHS members from Holicong helped with distributing popsicles, costume contest registration and bookmark craft. They also voted on costume contest winners.
Father Daughter	Amanda and Tricia	Father Daughter will be meeting this week. We plan to find a liaison for next year and come up with our theme.
Garden Club	Dana Evans & Karen	No updates
Holiday Shop	Jennifer Fisher and April Shaikh	No updates
HRPCoordinators/	Missy LoFaso & Mollie McFeely	Homeroom parents were randomly selected last week. Halloween party is the same day as the parade— Oct 31st. The party time is to be determined by each grade team, so the teacher should know the party start/end time. Missy is still waiting on Mr. Cochran for confirmation for parade start time. Once she has that information she will send it out to the HRP contact list! 9:15 am parade start time –updated by Mr. Cochran
Hospitality	Catherine Barieri and Tara Marmur	No updates
Kindergarte	Marielba Santana and	We are trying to schedule at least 2 play dates in October. PM parent

n Liaisons (which falls under the HRP)	Andrea Kooker-Kuttler	recruited.
Mother/Son	Rhonda Ragona and Debbie Olivastri	Rhonda will be filling in for Michal until it is determined if she can take over the planning in 2024.
Pretzel Day	Amanda and Fernanda Fitch	Pretzel orders have far surpassed last year. We are at 315 student pre-orders. Last year, it was 271. 7 allergy friendly options requested. 2 switched to pretzels on Friday so we will be down to 5. We ordered 425 at .45 \$191.25. We sold \$97.75 cash day-of. So ~411 pretzels total! Kindergarten PM was purchased separately and delivered on Thursday because of the half day.
Pumpkin Contest	Rhonda and Sangeetha Mannivanan	Rhonda and Sangeetha are meeting on October 4th to start planning but will be re-using what Rhonda created last year. We will need some volunteers to help receive pumpkins in the morning and afternoon. We are considering using an electronic form as well. Holicong students help for pumpkin transport on October 27th at 2pm.
Rebates	Amanda	No updates
ROAR-A-T HON	Catherine DeLoernzo and Divya Cyril	The HSA ROAR-a-Thon ran from the Kickoff Assembly on Friday, Sept 8th to the Fun Run on Friday, Sept 15th. It was a comprehensive flat donation type fundraiser that had student leadership lessons, assembly excitement and a Fun Run to cap the whole experience for the student body. To date, the community has donated \$20,351. The online donation site Gives Signup will remain open until October 31, 2023. Our program used prizes as an incentive, but really tried to focus on what all the kids were learning from this comprehensive program - ROAR lessons, leadership, mentoring and a positive Fun Run experience with t-shirt and medal. All students received a free t-shirt and a participation ROARmedal which were well received by students! All staff also received a free t-shirt and appreciated being included and definitely represented CS on Fun Run day. After our operating costs of t-shirts, medals, popsicles, DJ, and the Midway Fire Department donation, which amounted to \$5248.20, the ROAR-a-Thon raised the HSA <b>\$15,103</b> . The majority (68%) donated around \$25-\$50. It was not a compulsory fee or registration for each child.
Spring Fair	Tonianne and Rhonda	We have selected a Hawaii Luau theme for Spring Fair next year. Food vendors and DJ are booked. We are having a committee meeting in November.
Sixth Grade Social	Emily Kiernan and Divya Cyril	The 6th grade social club will kick off the 23/24 school year with a Haunted Hayride at Winding Brook Farm on Friday Oct 20. Information including a link to purchase tickets on My Payments Plus will go out next week.

		<p>Parents have already received some information on the social club including rules and expectations for students to review and sign off before their child can 'join' the club. We have also reminded parents that chaperones will be required to safely run these events to ensure that their clearances are up to date. Currently, the following dates are confirmed:</p> <p>Friday, October 20, 2023 - Haunted Hayride at Winding Brook Farm</p> <p>Friday, November 10, 2023 - Bowling at Thunderbird Lanes</p> <p>Friday, January 26, 2024 - Snow Tubing at Blue Mountain</p> <p>Ice skating will likely take place on December 1st, the early dismissal day which has worked well previously. Details for this event to be confirmed. The End of Year Party has been re-booked at YMCA Doylestown for Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 6-9pm. This venue worked out great last year for the party and we were keen to snag this date on the weekend before graduation again. An invoice for \$200 to secure the booking is expected very soon.</p>
CS Superintendent Advisor	Catherine DeLorenzo	<p>For Superintendent Advisory Meeting:</p> <p>Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council meetings will be held in the Board Room located at the district's Educational Services Center, <a href="#">16 Welden Drive</a> in Doylestown.</p> <p>Meetings begin at <u>9:30 a.m.</u> on the dates listed below:</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, October 24, 2023</u></b>  <b><u>Tuesday, December 19, 2023</u></b>  <b><u>Tuesday, February 20, 2024</u></b>  <b><u>Tuesday, April 16, 2024</u></b></p>
Yearbook	Kerry Scandale and Danielle Niblick	No updates