

Council of Chelmsford Schools Quarterly Meeting

January 15, 2026

Agenda - January 15, 2026

7:00-7:10 Welcome & Opening Comments

7:10-7:20 Photo Update

7:20-7:25 [Minutes](#) (*Vote to accept*)

7:25-7:30 [Treasurer's Report](#)

7:30-7:40 Read-In Update

7:40-7:50 [Superintendent's Report](#)

7:50-8:00 [School Committee's Report](#)

8:00-8:10 [Principal's' Report](#)

8:10-8:50 [PTO Reports](#) (5 min each)

- [CHIPS](#), [Byam](#), Center, Harrington, [South Row](#), [McCarthy/Parker](#), [CHS](#)

8:50-9:00 [New Business & Discussion](#)

9:00 Adjournment

Reports

January 15, 2026

- Treasurer
- Principals' Report
- Superintendent's Report
- School Committee Report
- PTO Reports
- CoCS Business



CoCS Business

Lisa Bryant & Ginger Skoog, Co-Presidents

REMINDERS:

- Discount if 5 schools choose PTO Today over AIM insurance
- Event [SignUp.com](https://www.signup.com) and Zoom accounts for all PTOs
- Ricoh Copy Center services for all PTOs
- Still investigating JotForm account for all PTOs

Community Presentations

- **Assist CPS to fund “Cellphones in Schools” Expert Presentation**

CoCS Fundraisers

- Active: HomeWorks Energy and the Chelmsford Clean Energy & Sustainability Committee
 - More Publicity Needed from PTOs
 - \$25 to CoCS for each No Cost Mass Save home energy audit performed in house of Chelmsford student in 2025



Principals' Report

Donna Omobono, Principal of Center Elementary School

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jay Lang, Superintendent of Chelmsford Schools

School Committee Report

Maria Santos, School Committee Member



PTO Reports *

*approx. 5 minutes each
(plus discussion)*

Each PTO should ***focus on 1 or 2 items*** from their Activities lists to leave time to ***discuss “Successes” & “Need Support / Issues”***

** Full PTO Report text in Speaker Notes*



Activities Since Last Mtg.

January 2026

Upcoming Activities

ENRICHMENT

- Nov 18- Enrichment with Animal Adventures
- Dec 19- 6th grade chorus performance
- Jan 5- Winter Wonderland hallway decorations put up

FUNDRAISERS

- November 13 - basket raffle/bake sale (~1k)

ENRICHMENT

- Nov 20/21- Chelmsford Public Library Enrichment
- Feb 11- Sugarbug dentist enrichment
- Feb- Ivy the very determined dog enrichment (tentative)
 - Mar 4- Chelmsford Music Academy enrichment

TEACHER APPRECIATION

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FUNDRAISER

Bake Sale & Basket Raffle at CHIPS Open House night on 11/13

NON REVENUE EVENT

CHIPS

Successes

We had our most successful Bake Sale/Basket Raffle to date, Music enrichment with Parker students was wonderful!

Need Support / Issues

Possible help with contact info for another music artist enrichment (maybe one of the high school ensembles?)

Activities Since Last Mtg.

FUNDRAISER

- UML Hockey Game - \$700
- Rebecca's Nut Free Cookie Fundraiser - \$5,000
- Spirit Wear Sale - Profit TBD
- KJ's Dining for Dollars - \$250
- Boo Bash - \$3,000

TEACHER APPRECIATION

- Holiday Luncheon
- Classroom Restock

ENRICHMENT

- in-school enrichment with the Discovery Museum for all five grades. If you book the whole school you get a discount.
- Authors - 4th grade had Rob Buyea in December and 3rd has poet Lyn Hoopes in the spring.

January 2026

Upcoming Activities

FUNDRAISERS

- Sweetheart Dance - 2/6
- Roller Kingdom Night - 3/1
- Byam's Got TalenT - 3/28
- Walk-a-Thon - 5/2

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Souper Bowl Luncheon

ENRICHMENT

- Sheryl Faye historical presentations to 1st and 2nd
- Annual Lowell Mills field trip for 4th grade
- Mass Audubon coming in for K and 1

BYAM

Successes

- Souper Bowl is a big hit (we do it the week before Super Bowl), and a relatively cheap event (\$500-700)
- We have had some new parents show up at meetings and take on volunteer roles

Need Support / Issues

Same old story, trouble getting people to read newsletters/emails they are missing information and we are struggling trying to get them to know things.

Activities Since Last Mtg.

January 2026

Upcoming Activities

EVENTS

- Basket raffle fundraiser and ice cream social was a huge success--free admission for families, one free basket raffle ticket per Center student

TEACHER APPRECIATION

- Back to school staff appreciation luncheon

FUNDRAISERS

- Spirit Wear fundraiser

ENRICHMENT

- PTO paying for all field trips--Half of 3rd grade already went to Garrison House

EVENTS

- Riverhawks game on 10/17
- Trunk or Treat coming up on 10/18 - free admission

FUNDRAISER

- Recycle Day coming up on 11/8--NHS has signed up student volunteers

STAFF APPRECIATION

- Staff appreciation soup and chili lunch on 10/23

ENRICHMENT

- Natasha Lowe visiting on 10/30
- Pumpnickel puppets coming in November for K

CENTER

Successes

- Well attended first PTO meeting at school in September
- Everything going smoothly so far, no big changes from last year.

Need Support / Issues

Hopefully recycle day volunteers are enough, last year both events needed more help

Activities Since Last Mtg.

January 2026

Upcoming Activities

ENRICHMENT

- Playful Engineers (1st, 10/20; 2nd, 10/21; 4th, 10/22)
- Garrison House (3rd, 10/16 & 10/20)
- Archaeology 4 Schools (4th, 11/14 & 11/18)
- Acton Discovery Museum-Magnets (4th, 12/10)
- Sam Drazin (whole school, 1/12)

STAFF APPRECIATION

- Apple Cider & Donuts (10/17); Stock the Teacher's Lounge (Nov) Dash (December)

FUNDRAISERS

- Pumpkin Fair (\$3,981, 10/18)
 - Spirit Wear (\$1,054, 10/25)
 - Dine-to-Donate @ Zesty's Pizza (\$1,150, 10/23)
- UML River Hawks Hockey Night (\$1,085, 11/7)

NON REVENUE EVENT

- Family Movie Night (11/21)

ENRICHMENT

- Mike Bent, magician (K, 1/28)
- Plimoth Patuxet museum (3rd, 2/3)
- Discovery Museum - Lights and Lasers (4th, 2/12)
- Boston Symphony Orchestra (4th, 3/13)
- Good Pickin' Farm -Books and Bunnies (K, 3/18)

STAFF APPRECIATION

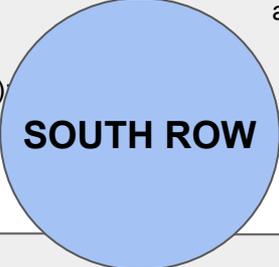
- Lunch during March PD

FUNDRAISERS

- Crafternoon w/Tiny Tiles (1/31)
- Roller Kingdom Skate Night (2/16)
- UML River Hawks hockey (3/7)

NON-REVENUE

- Free Family Movie Night (1/23)
- crafternoon free crafts (1/31)



Successes

We are having really wonderful luck collaborating with the National Honor Society. It is also great seeing and talking with some of the students who attended South Row as elementary students taking the time to volunteer for events.

Need Support / Issues

Concerns with finding parents to step up and join PTO board going forward. Some current board members are moving on and important roles to fill next year. Where do you find people willing to step up?

Activities Since Last Mtg.

January 2026

Upcoming Activities

ENRICHMENT

- Sam Drazin grade level assemblies Jan 12
- Pumpkin math

FUNDRAISERS

Nov. Read-A-Thon - \$4,300
Quick Click Portraits

NON REVENUE EVENT

Riverhawks game - discount tickets

STAFF APPRECIATION

- Nov-Awesome to the Core Candy apple bar
- Dec- Hot cocoa bar and raffle
- Jan -Welcome back bags for all staff

ENRICHMENT

Bret Bataclan -artist residency
week of Mar 16

FUNDRAISERS

- Feb 1 - Skate Morning

STAFF APPRECIATION

- January: Orange you glad it's Friday
- Feb: Valentine's Appreciation treats and notes from students

HARRINGTON

Successes

Need Support / Issues

Activities Since Last Mtg.

January 2026

Upcoming Activities

ENRICHMENT

- 11/6 Sober Truth (8)
- Sam Drazin Family Night
- Field Trip: A Christmas Carol (7)

FUNDRAISERS

- 11/8 Recycle Day
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Riverhawks Ice Hockey

STAFF APPRECIATION

- 11/26 Pluck a Turkey
- Holiday Cookie Stroll
- Classroom Supply
- Replenishment

EVENTS

- Project 300 (Tom Gallagher, MV Food Bank)

ENRICHMENT

STAFF APPRECIATION

- 1/28 Classroom Supply Replenishment
- 2/14 Show Me Some Love

FUNDRAISERS

- 2/1 No Brainer
- 2/14 Harlem Globetrotters at Tsongas
- 2/21 Riverhawks Hockey Game

NON-REVENUE EVENT

- 1/30-1/31 School Musical: Mean Girls, Jr.

MCCARTHY

Successes

- Staff Appreciation activities are going well. Middle school collaborations are essential. Collaborating with other schools to bring in presenters is working well and cost effective (e.g. Sam D, Jump Rope)

Need Support / Issues

QUERY/SUPPORT NEED

- At times reserving space can be difficult if competing with various athletic clubs/activities (e.g. CYBL)

Activities Since Last Mtg.

January 2026

Upcoming Activities

STAFF APPRECIATION

- 11/25 Pluck a Turkey
- 12/17 Holiday Cookie Stroll

FUNDRAISERS

- 12/7 Craft Fair & Gingerbread contest
- 12/28 Fundraiser: UML River Hawks Ice Hockey Game

ENRICHMENT

- Pyramids & Pharaohs (Grade 6)
- Learning the Ropes w/jump rope (Grade 5 & 6)
- Community Read-In

FUNDRAISERS

- 2/14 Harlem Globetrotters Game
- UML River Hawks Ice Hockey Game
- Calendar Raffle Awards

STAFF APPRECIATION

- 1/23 Classroom Supply Replenishment
- 2/14 Show Me Some Love

EVENT

- 1/16 Grade 5 Snowflake Social
- 1/20 Grade 6 Snowflake Social
- 3/12-3/14 School Musical: Mary Poppins!

PARKER

Successes

Our craft fair was successful bringing middle school vendors and outside vendors together. We raise almost \$1,000 vendors fees. Our two staff appreciations were well received.

Need Support / Issues

QUERY/SUPPORT NEED

We really struggle to find parent volunteers. Not just for events but for bigger planning items too.

Activities Since Last Mtg.

January 2026

Upcoming Activities

TEACHER APPRECIATION

- We hosted a Fall Treats for Staff, complete with baked goods, apple dipping bar, and apple cider. It was well received.
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FUNDRAISERS

- We hosted our First Annual Pickleball Social. Mistakes were made, but we learned a lot, and everyone still had a lot of fun! We plan to host a full tournament this spring!

FUNDRAISERS

- Begin the After Prom Planning
- Gift Card Fundraiser for the Holidays

TEACHER APPRECIATION

- Coming up we are hoping to host a Grab and Go for teachers this November.

CHS

Successes

- We used NHS volunteers and that worked out very well for our staffing needs. The students are respectful, helpful, and they are all looking for hours. Highly recommend (can give contact info for NHS, NEHS, and any random clubs we gather from if anyone wants).

Need Support / Issues

SUPPORT NEEDED

- We'll likely need volunteer help for the After Prom :).

**TREASURER'S REPORT
COUNCIL OF CHELMSFORD SCHOOLS
SEPT. 1, 2025 - AUG. 31, 2026**

January 15, 2026

Balance on October 15, 2025		72.11
Income:	CURRENT	CUMULATIVE
Photo Commission	0.00	0.00
Other	0.05	0.05
Total	0.05	0.05
Expenses:		
Picture Distribution	0.00	0.00
Scholarship	0.00	0.00
Community Read-In	0.00	0.00
Presentations	0.00	0.00
Fees	0.00	0.00
Accountant Fee	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00
Net For Year:		0.05
Balance on January 15, 2026		72.16

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025 – 2026				Notes
	Budget	Actual		
Income:				
Photo Commission: Lifetouch	+ \$ 16,000.00	\$ -		
Misc. Donations	+ \$ -	\$ 0.05		
TOTAL Inc.	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 0.05		
Expenses:				
<i>Operating Expenses</i>				
Fees: Bank & Accountant	- \$ 55.00	\$ -		\$35 paid on 1/15/26 from Checking. To Reimburse Courtney Cooper \$19.50 for Annual filing.
Miscellaneous Op. Exp.	- \$ 745.00	\$ -		Note: Reimbursement of \$211 due to Ginger Skoog for Expenses for sign up costs to 10/31/2025 and Google Domain to 5/5/26. Fees for 11/1/2025 to 10/31/2025 sign up also need to be reimbursed.
Subtotal Ops.	\$ 800.00	\$ -		
<i>Programs & Distrib. to PTOs</i>				
Distrib: Picture Commis.	- \$ 10,000.00	\$ -		
Programs - Enrichment	- 2,500.00	\$ -		
Scholarships: Student (2)	- \$ 2,000.00	\$ -		
Scholarships: Teachers (2)	- \$ 200.00	\$ -		
Program: Community Read-In	- \$ 500.00	\$ -		
Subtotal Prog./Dist.	\$ 15,200.00	\$ -		
TOTAL Exp.	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -		
Projected Net	\$ -	\$ 0.05		
Bank Balance as of 9/1/2025	72.11			
Budgeted Net Income / (Expense)	\$ -			
Budgeted Bank Balance as of 8/31/2026	72.11			

New Business & Discussion

- CoCS bylaws: updated version will be voted on in May
- Microsite: All board members for each PTO should be updated and events listed in the MegaCalendar - please reach out if you need assistance



That's All Folks!

*Next Meeting:
March 26, 2026 16 @7pm
Zoom*

Remaining Dates for 2025-2026:
5/18 (hybrid, quorum)

QUORUM REQUIRED

Each PTO needs 1 Board Member
& 2 other parents from their school
to be present for the vote.

*(Parents may only represent 1
school PTO, and CoCS Officers
may not count for a school PTO.)*

