



Stone Bridge High School PTSO
43100 Hay Road, Ashburn, VA 20147

10/09/18 PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jennifer Cramer, Theresa Prebish, Lori Steger, Dan Rittenhouse, Craig Steger, Sandra Lawyer, Jeanne Murck, Mike Marden, Tim Flynn, Shahrazad Kablan, Mary Leidy, Dianne Cohen, Dan Harris, Naresh Gogineni, Jeanette Fehr, Denise Lansdell, Renae Sterling, Farid Khan, Beth Fuerst

President Report: Jen Cramer

- Donations:
 - Wegmans - Dulles 28 - \$25
 - Harris Teeter - Lansdowne - \$30
 - Alex Kurashv - Northside Softwash for power washing the brick SBHS sign - before and after pictures are on the PTSO website
 - Mike Solomon - Stretch Zone - Homecoming game cow bells and they stretch out the football team
 - Sandra Lawyer - Chick-fil-A GW Store - discounting food for Homecoming
- Parent Volunteer Needs
 - Grading Policy Parent input
 - Beginning to look at consistencies across all 16 schools.
 - Possibly adding more parents. Please contact Nereida Gonzalez, director of High School Education (<https://www.lcps.org/Page/842>), if you are interested in participating
 - LEAP (Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents)
 - Contact Wayde Byard's office (<https://www.lcps.org/Page/810>) regarding Loudoun County Public Schools affiliation with LEAP going forward
 - MSAAC (Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee) - Shakira O'Neil is our new representative - thank you Shakira!
 - SBHS Accreditation Process
 - Still looking for parents. Currently have 3 volunteers but would like 2 to 3 more.
 - Shahrazad Kablan will contact parents with details.
 - It will require a couple of hours per month.
 - Visit is 2/6 and 2/7.
 - School beautification
 - Please contact SBHS Administration if you would like to help with any of the following items: carrying soil to the courtyard for the raised bed gardens that are fostering sustainability (hope to sell/donate crops); maintaining gardens in the front of the school; even mowing the grass
 - Mrs. Kablan helped with cleaning out the closets and making sure that we have the right equipment in the right place before the fire marshall visited.

- PTSO would like to purchase a large entry mat for the front of the school that says, “Welcome to Stone Bridge High School.” Cost is \$4000. We are looking for a partner for the mat, possibly the Athletic Boosters.
 - Central office group will do a SBHS walkthrough and recommend items that are in the budget(new fencing, press box needs a new floor, batting cages need to be redone). Much of the work has started.
 - Both courtyards need work especially the senior courtyard which has a water feature that is expensive to maintain.
 - There are plantings from 18 years ago in the courtyard that the arborist will address.
 - Thank you to Mr. Flynn for the beautification of the Stone Bridge and landscaping!
- Harris Teeter - Together in Education Code - 5930
 - Please register your eVIC card

Fund Request / Presentations:

- Mary Leidy - SBHS Social Worker - request for funds
 - Asking for funding for all day peer leader and advisor training for Sources of Strength Program.
 - 12 adult leaders trained
 - 80 students to train who were recommended by teachers or counselors. These students are different from PEER leaders because they help to connect students who are struggling with their strengths.
 - Chick-fil-A to pay for breakfast in the amount of \$94.52
 - PTSO to pay for lunch in the amount of \$222.38
 - PTSO will get back to Mary in the next 24 hours on the funding request.

Other Presentation:

- Denise Lansdell - SBHS Parent - Sunday sports and activities
 - This year the SBHS graduation is on Sunday.
 - Sports are not allowed on Sunday but not all LCPS activities.
 - Denise is working to prohibit any LCPS activities on a Sunday and she is asking for support on this item.
 - Mr. Flynn mentioned that SBHS has always used large facilities so they were given 2 dates for this year and one of the dates was a Sunday (\$18K per year to use arena). If they had it in the SBHS gym then they could seat 1600 in the bleachers and 500 on the floor but only 3 tickets would be given to each family.
 - It was mentioned by one of the parents that having graduation on the weekend (the Sunday date) is nice for out of town guests.

Secretary Report: Theresa Prebish

- September Minutes have been posted on the PTSO website on the SBHS site. Seeing that they were posted during the meeting due to website issues, if there are any corrections or additions please let us know through email or during the next meeting.

VP Programs Report: Lori Steger

- SAT Practice test was held on Saturday with 20 students. Huntington Learning Center administered the test and all proceeds went to our PTSO.
- Dan Harris - Turbo Tutoring Updates
 - Dan is a teacher at Westfields High School.
 - Classes are fun because they are high energy and interactive. He co-teaches with Greg, the co-owner.
 - Tell students all they need to know about the ACT and SAT in 2 hrs and 45 minutes, affordable at \$199 a class. Students increase their scores by 100 to 300 points per section.
 - They have partnered with the Redskins in the past.
 - There are 10 - 15 classes throughout the year
 - Gave back over \$1000 this year to SBHS. School gets a \$19.90 check for every child and most classes sell out.
 - He would like to give money back to other schools if we know of other schools that are interested.
 - Dan would like to partner with businesses to fund students on free and reduced lunch so if you know of any businesses that would be interested please let him know.

VP Membership Report: Emily Rittenhouse

- Membership still down 50% from last year
- 177 members, previously 154 members
- 56 teachers, previously 49 members
- 9 families that have registered online but have not paid
- We will be putting a note in the teacher's mailboxes as a reminder about membership
- One parent suggested an incentive to those teachers who join (\$30 to use to purchase supplies for their classroom if they fill out a form and show how the money was spent). Craig mentioned that it is not in the budget right now.
- Lori suggested a competition. For the department that has the most that join, they get some type of reward like a pizza party.

Webmaster: Dan Rittenhouse

- Walked through the PTSO website
 - Bazaar vendor link is at the top of the page. It will appear there until we are not accepting forms any longer.
 - We have photos of events on the PTSO website.
 - We have a link to the meeting minutes on the left hand side of the website.
 - We also have the PTSO bylaws along with SAT/ACT prep information.

Treasurer Report: Craig Steger

- Review of treasurer's report
- \$250 was given to the library for Book Club books

Hospitality/Fundraising Report: Sandra Lawyer/Melba Lesan

- Halloween goodie bags for teachers?? - no budget for this in particular at the moment
- Upcoming events - Cinnabon fundraiser beginning mid-October, pick up at Bazaar on November 17
- Bulldog Bazaar on November 17

Scholarship Report: Leena Nathan - no new updates

SEAC Report: Jeanne Murck is our new representative - thank you Jeanne!

- On October 13 at Briar Woods the Mental Health Conference will be held.
- October is disability and dyslexia awareness month.
- They went over policy issues during the last meeting. There was a lot of discussion about the restraint and seclusion policy. Comments needed by 10/18. They went over the redefinition of the policy and the need to follow the law and be proactive. The autism, speech, and language sub-committees will be made more broad.
- On 10/24, SEAC will hold the executive functioning workshop.

MSAAC Report: Shakira O'Neil - report to be given at next meeting

- next MSAAC meeting 10/10

ANGP Report: Jen Cramer/Mike Marden

- On budget
- Ornament Sale is going well - sold 200 of 400 ornaments.
- Questionnaire will be going to students about prizes, games, and food.
- They will meet with seniors during the administration of the PSAT test.

Administration Report and Q&A: SBHS Administration

- Mr. Flynn was proud of students as they were very positive during Homecoming week.
- The dance was well attended by 900 students.
- Jeanne mentioned that her son has autism and several groups of students said hello to him and mentioned that they were glad that he was there.
- The administration is here supporting our student leaders (part of their success is that student leaders take their job seriously). These leaders reach out to individuals that they see that have not connected with a group. The behavior of the students, the student government and the council groups has been outstanding. They have put in a tremendous amount of time for homecoming and they will do it even better as we move forward.

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PTSO Meetings - every 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Library @ 6:30!