



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

## 1/8/19 PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jennifer Cramer, Theresa Prebish, Lori Steger, Emily Rittenhouse, Jeanne Murck, Mike Marden, Tim Flynn, Shahrazad Kablan, Greg Ogorek, Ann Rourke, Leena Nathan, Mary Reilly, Jeanette Fehr, Pete Finan, Saige Burns, Chase Stone, Jillian Long, Yoon Jany

### Administration Report and Q&A: SBHS Administration - 15 minutes

- February Virginia Accreditation Update
  - Every 5 yrs every high school in Virginia is evaluated by AdvancED (led by educational professionals - <https://www.advanc-ed.org/>). They do a review of the school to determine how they are meeting professional standards and then give accreditation.
  - On 2/7 and 2/8, there will be 5 to 7 individuals visiting SBHS.
  - Criteria for evaluation includes areas such as leadership, governance, support, security, and maintenance.
  - Involves interviews of groups to determine what is being done well and areas of improvement.
  - Inviting parents to join parent group which is a public forum. Forum will take place from 9:30 to 10:30 am on 2/7 but plan for 1.5 hours. SBHS hopes for 20 to 25 parents and currently has 3 volunteers. There will be questions about your experience with the school and you will provide comments on improvement, successes, and challenges. If you want to participate but cannot attend they can do a phone interview with you. Please contact Vice Principal Shahrazad Kalan if you wish to volunteer.
  - SBHS standards are beyond what many do in the country and above the minimum requirements. There are some things we do great and there are areas that we need to improve. Mr. Flynn is looking at the past and future to determine how to improve SBHS. We are a community that is not afraid of excellence. He has a Special Education background and is striving to meet the needs of all children. He is not striving for middle of the road. The administration is planning to add classes like geospatial science. There are many things in place that started at the school and need to be funneled down to the teachers.
  - There will be an afternoon presentation on 2/8. It will be a combined presentation from 3 different student groups.
- Accident at intersection of Claiborne Parkway and Hay Road on 1/2/2019

- The male student that was hit is okay and he did everything right by wearing his bike helmet and pushing the button to cross Claiborne. The driver had a seizure and jumped the curb and hit him.
- Mr. Flynn has safety and security looking at foot traffic around the school. The traffic experts will come up with solutions. Mr. Flynn is advocating to connect the back and front parking lots to minimize the school traffic on Claiborne. There are thoughts about reconfiguring the 2 front parking lots including the bus loop parking lot. The bus parking lot is a mess because there are no standard places for buses or replacement buses. The students complain that their bus is always in a different spot. Mr. Flynn reconfigured the bus parking lot at Belmont Ridge Middle School. Considering 3 one way circles within the parking lots with specific in and out entrances to the school. If the changes are on campus then it is controlled by Loudoun County schools and not associated with VDOT. Most solutions have financial and/or convenience costs.
- VDOT is involved but they cannot put crosswalks everywhere. It was suggested that police give warning tickets to children that do not cross in a crosswalk but that would be a daily ticketing process and we are not doing that for now. No high school has crossing guards.
- They are communicating to parents and kids about safety.
- Right hand turn off Claiborne into parking lot
  - There is no stop sign to tell people to stop but Ann Rourke talked to a police officer about it one time and he said that white line means stop.
  - Parents are requesting some type of sign at that location telling parents and students to stop (but do not want to cause backup on Claiborne) or only turn right at that location - no clear guidance at that intersection and there is concern that an accident will happen.
- School Budget/School Updates
  - Superintendent budget is fixed now. If we want to add anything then it will not happen. Items like drainage, licensing, and other stuff can get started for the parking lot.
  - Superintendent is presenting budget to the school board this week. It will determine what is getting funded and where we stand against other schools in Northern Virginia. Mr. Flynn encourages parents to watch the process. SBHS needs funding to support children that have mental health issues. This is beyond the responsibility of the school counselors, teachers and admins.
  - SBHS has focused on collaborative seating. They have changed the seating in the cafeteria. They have created spaces that allow children to move out of class and collaborate.
  - Room 400 has changed dramatically.

- Chemistry is difficult 2nd quarter but gets better in 3rd quarter.
- Writing center is unique to SBHS and important. Writing center staff will review any student writing assignment.
- Library has about 230 kids every morning. There are 420 to 460 students in the library every day. Students use devices and collaborate. Librarians have stepped up to support what we are trying to do.
- Plans for updates to the irrigation on the baseball fields, fencing, press box, railings, and bleachers.

#### **Fund Request / Presentations):** Presenters

- SBHS Crew Team - \$250 request - Jillian Long (Captain) and Chase Stone (3rd yr rowing) - PTSO agreed to fund their request
  - They do sprint and fast racing in the spring. They do 5k and 6k races in the fall. There is no funding as a varsity sport. Jillian lettered 2 years in a row. Boats can cost as much as new car.
  - Launch boats are what coaches use during practice. The team cannot row at all if the coaches are not able to be out on the water in their launch boat (VASRA requirement). The coaches need to be near the rowers in case there is an injury such as a blister because all injuries need to be treated immediately and properly. For example, Chase had to go to the hospital for an infected blister. Their launch boat motors will not start or stall out.
  - Engine sizes vary. The motors are more like the boat motor on a fishing boat.
  - It costs over \$1000 per child to row
  - They had 2 boats go to nationals last year.

#### **Hospitality/Fundraising Report:** Lori Steger/Jen Cramer

- Follow Up on Holiday Cookie Party - It was wonderful. They had a lower amount of cookies this year. Had to limit cookies during first lunch in order to make sure there were enough for the other lunches (1st lunch is when the most teachers come). The request for support should not be last minute (there was some miscommunication with the school emailing the request earlier). The teachers also received gift cards to Bonfish and Chick-fil-A.
- Spring Bazaar - Saige Burns volunteered to be the coordinator but she will need a another person to help with it.

#### **VP Programs Report:** Lori Steger

- SAT Practice Test - January 19 -100% going back to PTSO. After the test there will be a results meeting. During that meeting they will tell you about the SAT Prep Class.
- SAT Prep Class - \$895 - 35 hour class through Huntington Learning Center
- Turbo Tutoring - now offering private tutoring class for \$400 with 10% back to the PTSO, next ACT group session is Feb.6 at Briar Woods and SAT is Feb.23 at Westfield, both \$199 with 10% back to the PTSO

#### **Treasurer Report:** Craig Steger - 5 minutes

- Review of treasurer's report

- Total account balance \$20,828
- 1 teacher and 1 parent joined the PTSO since last meeting
- Fall Bazaar fundraising total was \$2592.06
- Cinnabon fundraiser total was \$645.41

**President Report:** Jen Cramer - 10 minutes

- Proposal of PTSO meetings going forward - every other month or quarterly? Group decided to keep the monthly meetings.
- Harris Teeter - Together in Education Code - **5930**
- Giant - **03795**

**VP Membership/Webmaster Report:** Dan/Emily Rittenhouse - 3 minutes

- 190 members
- 62 teachers

**Scholarship Report:** Leena Nathan

- Scholarship committee forming - need 4 parents who do not have a senior
  - Students will write about a teacher who impacted them during their time at Stone Bridge. They will also write a tweet. More details to come.
  - There are specifics on the number of words for essay to adhere to.
  - You have to be a member of PTSO for your senior to apply.
  - Last year there were 25 applications and we awarded four \$1000 scholarships. The names are stripped off in order to be fair - no bias. Best odds of getting a scholarship.

**SEAC Report:** Jeanne Murck

- December SEAC meeting - They reviewed and voted on LCPS Restraint & Seclusion Policy. SEAC gave recommendations to the board that included some type of child restraining if necessary. Board did not like the proposals because the board feels that restraining should be banned.
- January 9th SEAC meeting - They will discuss home-bound based instruction which is emerging in special education. Many parents beginning to choose this type of instruction to best help their child.

**MSAAC Report:** Shakira O'Neil

- No updates

**ANGP Report:** Jen Cramer/Mike Marden

- Finalized games and working on finalizing permits
- Ornament Sales complete
- Need help with fundraising - See Jodi Morton
- Want to volunteer? Contact Ann Gustafson

- Mr. Flynn mentioned that they have storage in the school for the ANGP stuff that was being stored in the outdoor shed which was infested with vermin that they have been exterminating. SBHS administration has been red tagging items in the school to clear out unused items with the result of creating more storage space in the school. Red tagged items have been picked up from SBHS 7 times this school year.

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