



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

2/4/2020 PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jen Cramer-Marden, Lori Steger, Saige Burns, Gini Howard, Veena Saijan, Karen Bueno, Elaine Ward, Emily Rittenhouse, Tim Flynn, Shaharazad Kablan, Ava Bueno, Celeste Nathan, Mike Marden, Jen Underwood, Debbie Yearwood, Jeanette Fehr, Bhuvana Parampathi, Leena Nathan, Svetlana Betlack, Beth Fuerst, Jeanne Murck, Joele Carmen Topper, Sue Fuller, Mindy Walbesser, Kelly Garrity

Visitors:

1) Loudoun Test Prep: Lisa Myslenski & Vinay Bhawnani <https://loudountestprep.com>

New Program Partner

PTSO to get % on all SB Student Sign-Ups

Raffle for FREE TUTORING!

Notes: **Vinay** - founder of LTP, founded company in 2010 to bring extra income but in 2013 became a full-time job. Lisa took LTP at the end of her sophomore year and then became a proctor. LTP uses a proprietary software called "groupsmart" to form SAT prep classes of 5-6 students of similar abilities. Classes are 4 hours a week for 8 weeks. Students also take 3 practice tests during the class time. LTP fosters a great learning environment and students want to attend. LTP does academic tutoring in addition to SAT test prep. A portion of proceeds for tutoring (%) or SAT test prep (\$100) for each SBHS student will be donated to the PTSO. Classes form approximately 8 weeks prior to the administration of the next SAT/ACT test. They had a raffle tonight for free tutoring

2) Sheriff Representative: Sergeant Matt Bressler, Youth Services Section, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. Topics: School Safety, Teen trends in LoCo, Signs of drug use, & Safe2Talk App

Notes: First - thanks to parents for being involved with the PTSO. He was involved when his kids were younger and it really does make a difference. Here to discuss Safe2Talk and other initiatives to improve safety in the schools.

Parents and students can report safety issues in person and with administration, however those are not anonymous.

Safe2Talk is a smartphone app that provides the ability for users to submit tips anonymously and directly to the LCSO 24-hour emergency communications center. The app allows the user to issue an alert by school and priority or standard response. SRO's at a school are given the tips by their school, however immediate dispatch by the LCSO will occur for priority response needs.

Safe2Talk has 45 categories to choose from. Not everything that is reported are crimes. Examples of categories are depression, smoking, graffiti, etc. Items such as suicide threats or child abuse were handled by patrol due to high priority. A video was shown that described the program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWTDWDO9yJQ> Safe2Talk is a free app, anonymous, 24/7 monitoring by LCSO dispatchers, allows users to select specific school and type of incidents. Questions: Who can use the app? Answer: anyone - mostly has been students, parents, relatives, etc. There has been a little amount of "prank" reporting, but most submissions are legitimate. How are kids finding out about this? There hasn't been a big push yet, it depends on the school. Is there any follow-up? Yes, within the app, it is a "chat" and the tipster will receive information back from dispatch regarding the alert. It is a direct chat back and forth to the user on the app.

Special LCSO Slides re: Stone Bridge HS PTSO - What's hot?

- a. Vaping: This is an issue at all middle & high schools Student Assistant Specialist at each HS will work with substance abuse issues but also now vaping as well.
- b. Inappropriate use of technology: illegal images that are produced and shared do affect students
- c. Marijuana/Alcohol / Drug Use (?): System wide reported use is about the same amount as in years past - it is not increasing or decreasing (maybe slight right in marijuana as relates to vaping)
- d. Vaping - What is a vaping device? Lots of different types and each have juice that uses a battery power source to create vapor. The biggest problem model is the "Juul" because it has a very powerful and also very discrete because the vapors don't show or smell. Big health concern 2,711 vaping related lung injury cases reported to the CDC - very large increases. 60 confirmed deaths in 27 states. Most of the patients also report a history of using THC products. No single product has been associated with all lung injuries. It is completely unregulated. Marijuana vaping is one the rise.
- e. Technology Misuse/Issues:
 - Sharing inappropriate images / videos: Concerns: felony crime, loss of device, device reset, reputation issues, mental health/bullying
 - Oversharing personal information:: Remedy: tighten privacy controls, consider not having social media, think about photo content before posting
 - Communicating with strangers:Concern: Predators! If you don't know them IRL, don't friend them online!
 - Posting rumors and unverified information: Causes panic and could land you in trouble.
 - Advice: Keep phones out of the bedroom at night, charge phones in a safe space.

President Report: Jen Cramer-Marden

School Improvement projects - 2 interior courtyards, other beautification projects- Mrs. Kablan is heading this effort

Notes from Administration Team: Mr. Flynn - \$7000 deposit has been paid to a contractor who will address safety issues in the senior courtyard - replace trees, pond will stay and will be maintained 2nd courtyard - entire courtyard will be turned into vegetable gardens to teach food and security. Students will work during the year and summer and we will be using square foot gardening / to create food in small spaces. Front courtyard will also be cleaned up / old items removed. New irrigation components are going to be added to catch rain water and other sustainability items to keep the plants alive. SB will be having some volunteer days and can use as many volunteers as possible.

Thank you to Wal-Mart for your generous donation. Donated \$75 for PTSO Chilli luncheon. P.S. The new location is hiring! <https://careers.walmart.com/>

Ms. Kablan - Stone Bridge will be hosting 4 delegations for Loudoun Youth International Students and needs host families. Please email Ms. Graham and see the form and sign up! Danyael.Graham@lcps.org

Mr. Flynn - Chinese Club is having a New Year celebration - encourage families to attend.

Funding Request:

Parent Drama Boosters - Mrs. Karen Bueno, President - here to request funds to help start-up a drama boosters club Student Rep: Ava Bueno - they need money for set construction, costumes, props, show rights. NY trip is \$800 for each student. Having a booster organization to help fund these activities would be very helpful.

Celeste Nathan - Model United Nations conference - SB Model UN will be hosting its first MUN conference on March 20-21, 2020. Schools from all over Northern Virginia counties will be competing. SB MUN is only 10-15 members which is relatively small and they need additional resources to purchase notepads, name tags, gavels, and certificates. They will also be having fundraising efforts. They are expecting about 200 people.

Battle of the Books (4/1/2020) asking for help organizing food donations from SBHS parents - they are asking for food donations from SBHS parents

Ethics Day Breakfast (3/19/2020) - Ethics day is held off-site and helps present ethical situations and students discuss; they are requesting food and donations. They have an on-line donation portal See: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/170268>

Secretary Report: Jeanne Murck-Meyer

November minutes posted and are approved unless changes are needed

Hospitality/Fundraising Report: Saige Burns

Spring Expo April 25th, 2020 (bazaar) and Fundraising Raffle - 48 vendors signed up, hoping for 100 vendors total - Help needed with advertising - We have 19 communities whose residents are over 55, and we need to have volunteers help contacting the communities and dropping off flyers.

NEED VOLUNTEER - to head up Cinnabon fundraiser (delivery April 25 at the Expo)

NEED VOLUNTEER - to be the lead on the teacher appreciation luncheon - we will be on hand the day of the event to help everything run smoothly, date is Tuesday, May 5.

VP Programs Report: Lori Steger

Turbo Tutoring will be offering a class at SBHS on Wednesday, March 11 from 6:30-9:15.

There is also a class at Briar Woods on Feb.5 and a class at Westfield on March 7. More information and registration: <https://turbo-tutoring.com/act-sat-class-registration/> Huntington Learning Center had a SAT practice test at Stone Bridge on 1/25, and we had 33 students attend. Thanks to Huntington for making this available to our students and for generously donating registration fees to our PTSO!

VP Membership/Webmaster Report: Emily/Dan Rittenhouse

Current membership: 229 family members and 67 staff members

Our goal = 250 families, 100 staff

Scholarship Report: Jeanne Murck-Meyer

8 Volunteers Signed up - Thank you! I will be sending a schedule email soon.

Scholarship information will go out in March

SEAC Report: Veena Sajjan

- SEAC meeting was on 01/08/2020
- Three sub-committees have been formed
 - Policy, Procedures, Practices and Compliance
 - Executive Functioning and Social-Emotional Learning
 - Specialized Programs and Services

SEAC has put together a Budget Task Force to provide budget recommendations to the School Board on behalf of SEAC.

There was a presentation on "Building a Trauma informed classroom and Home" by Dr. Kelly Henderson.

You can access the entire SEAC meeting at <https://vimeo.com/383753715>

MSAAC Report: Aundrea Foster (Jeanne Murck-Meyer, alternate)

- Last meeting was a November 20th joint meeting with SEAC
- The focus of the meeting was the 1st of a two-part series on Closing the Gap on Discipline Disparities
- The meeting opened with MSAAC Business and a presentation highlighting a couple of MSAAC initiatives. The second initiative is a community review of the draft Memorandum of Understanding between LCPS and local law enforcement agencies. The 1st initiative is to establish MSAAC Student Representatives.

Special Note from Mr. Flynn: Course selection is currently taking place. Please check-out all the new AP & DE courses.

ANGP Report: Jen/Mike Marden - 2 minutes
Come to the meeting for more details

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PTSO Meetings - every 1st Tuesday of the Month in the Library @ 6:30!**