



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

3/10/2020 PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jen Cramer-Marden, Shaharazad Kablan, Tim Flynn, Emily Rittenhouse, Dan Rittenhouse, Lori Steger, Saige Burns, Mike Marden, Jeanne Murck-Meyer, Jordan Kanarek, Bhuvana Gopi, Kelly Garrity, Jen Underwood, Jeanette Fehr, Dania Vasquez, Sue Fuller, Jen Smirnoff, Bill Wilkin, Kalliopi Angelidaki, Ruchi Suri

Guest Speaker: Jordan Kanarek of College Wise -Top Secrets of College Admissions presentation! Preview: "Do I need the SAT or ACT? How many activities should I be doing? What do highly selective schools look for?"

Notes: Some schools are shutting down tours of colleges for parents of Sophomores and Juniors because of the coronavirus. Call the school in advance to make sure that the school is still open for you to visit.

5 Secrets of College Admissions:

- 1) Test Scores - Nowadays high test scores are not a guarantee of admission to an elite school. Having a 1590 doesn't get you in or out of an Ivy these days. Average SAT is 1090; ACT is 21. An important thing is to consider these days what the score can give you for the merit based aid (in-state tuition for out of state schools). Test scores are nowhere near as important as the other
- 2) Courses vs. Grades - Schools are not just looking for higher GPA, they are looking for more honors and AP courses. Course rigor will stand out amongst the rest.
- 3) Activities - There is a common misconception that a kid needs 30+ activities, etc. in order to get into a good school. Recommend 3--5 pointed activities that demonstrate the 3C's care/commitment/consistency (3Cs). Show deep care for the things that they do.
- 4) People knowing people: everyone has a friend who went to XXX school that could write a recommendation letter, but this doesn't always help. Similarly, being a legacy doesn't guarantee your child will get in (unless you go for early decision, maybe).
- 5) Be open to the balance of the list of schools to apply to, in-state / out-of-state options, safety schools, etc. It doesn't really matter as much where you go to school, it is what you study that will determine your earning potential upon graduation. Malcolm Gladwell Zeitgeist video about why going to the elite school may not as be as important as their rank within the school that they go to. 3-4 targets and 3-4 safety schools is the best plan.

President Report: Jen Cramer-Marden

- Update from Mrs. Kablan and Mr. Flynn

Administration Updates: Tim Flynn, Principal

- **Coronavirus Preparedness Update:** LCPS COVID-19 Plan and Policy; Update on spring activities; Remote learning planning ? Notes: LCPS & COVID-19 -District Information will be updated daily on the LCPS website <https://www.lcps.org/Page/227421>

What is Stone Bridge going to do if school is canceled?

Stone Bridge has made a very significant, detailed contingency plan for remote instruction if the school is closed for any long term amount of time. (Others in the district and our cluster may be modeling this plan). The plan requires delivering of instruction in a synchronous (live with teacher) and an asynchronous (independent) way.

SB will be using tools that teachers have access to to teach synchronously including

- LCPS Webex (allows instruction, modeling, scaffolding) - *to instruct synchronously*
- Hyperdoc/Google classroom / Shared google docs - *to engage*
- Office Lens, Flipgrid, Quizlet, Quizizz - *to elaborate*
- Google form locked mode (primarily), Edpuzzle, Quizizz, Quizlet, Phoenix - *to evaluate*
- Gaggle allows the school administration to monitor all words and phrases, text phrases, etc on student-issued chrome books. Gaggle alerts notifies admin of inappropriate communication. Gaggle also allows the administration to see if the student is working in certain programs.

SB will use tools that will allow teachers to deliver instruction asynchronously including

- Pre-recording of lectures
- Google classroom
- More writing may be required (and some students may struggle with this) but it will be required to maintain rigor & communication

Teachers will receive training to help them gain new skills in the remote instruction arena.

LCPS Facilities Plan for the building for COVID-19

- Cleaning products used in schools are OSHA regulated and are commercial strength and school only uses cleaners that LCPS supplies. Each of these products are OSHA marked with symbols related to the hazard. Color indicates the use. Training is required to work with these cleaning products. Training for the administration is complete; training is available to teachers. NO household cleaning products are allowed to be used at the school (due to the lack of OSHA hazard symbols). 10 teachers have already completed this course so that they can use the lcps supplied sanitizer. Some formal guidance about this will be communicated to parents shortly on this issue.
- Every head custodian in the district was at SBHS on 3/10 to refresh their training on the cleaning procedures for each school regarding the chemicals and procedures.
- These cleaning products and procedures aren't new - they happen every day here at SB. Two areas have special cleaning protocols: the weight room, the wrestling room (staph infection, MRSA, and ringworm risks).
- Effective tomorrow, there will be separate entrances into the nurses office for sick and not-sick students.
- Question to Kevin Lewis (head of LCPS custodial services who also was in attendance) - there is a contingency plan for deep cleaning - COVID virus is one of the easiest to kill;

If 30% of the school were to become ill, the biohazard risk certified cleaning technician would lead the team to deep clean - all done in house, Loudoun has a plan and they have the equipment.

Secretary Report: Jeanne Murck-Meyer

- February minutes posted and are approved unless changes are needed

Hospitality/Fundraising Report: Saige Burns

- **Spring Expo** is 4/25/20 - 73 vendors signed up, hoping for 100 vendors total (25 have not yet paid) - 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. Food trucks have been added!
- **Service hours opportunity:** We need help at the Expo with set-up, inviting DECA, Crew, Drama, Model UN, Chinese club, CyberPatriot, NHS and any other groups that are interested in receiving volunteer hours.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Battle of the Books on 4/1/20 (SBHS is hosting multiple schools) and the Teacher Appreciation luncheon on 5/5/20 (more info to come).

VP Programs Report: Lori Steger

- **Ethics Day** is 3/19/2020 - Please sign up to help with this event: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849ABAA2FA0FF2-ethics2> Ethics day is held off-site for seniors. They are presented with situations they may encounter in the near future, allowing for thoughtful discussion with peers (led by a table facilitator). If interested in volunteering as a table facilitator, contact Heather Jolly at heather.jolly@lcps.org. Please see the on-line donation portal: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/170268>
- **Turbo Tutoring** will be offering a class at SBHS on Wednesday, March 11 from 6:30-9:15. More information and registration: <https://turbo-tutoring.com/act-sat-class-registration/>
- **Designated Dad Behind the Wheel** has been added as a partner! Behind the Wheel classes are \$295 for SBHS students and \$30 will be donated to our PTSO. Go to <https://designateddad.com/> for more information.
- **Loudoun Test Prep** has been added as a partner! A new class begins on April 11 (for the June 6 SAT). Our PTSO will receive \$100 for each Stone Bridge student who registers! <https://loudountestprep.com/sat-and-act-prep/>
- **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.

Treasurer Report: Gini Howard

- \$792 for the Huntington Learning Center SAT practice test
- \$2000 so far from the Expo registrations
- \$4818 for parking spot painting
- Amazon Smile

VP Membership/Webmaster Report: Emily/Dan Rittenhouse

- Current membership: 230 family members and 67 staff members
- Our goal every year= 250 families, 100 staff

Scholarship Report: Jeanne Murck-Meyer

- 8 Volunteers Signed up - Thank you!
- Scholarship application is now open and will close April 30, 2020. For more details see: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/214497>

SEAC Report: Veena Sajjan

- Calling for nominations for the 2020 Excellence in Supporting SPED Awards. Deadline for online nominations is Friday, 03/20/2020. To nominate, please visit <https://www.lcps.org/2020SEAC Awards>
- Summer Activities Resource Fair for families of students with disabilities on Saturday, 03/14/2020, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the LCPS Administrative Building
- Upstanders Film Screening & Panel Discussion for Parents and Teens on Thursday, 03/19/2020, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at the LCPS Administrative Building
- A Will is Not Enough - Legal Planning for your Child's Future, Attorney Kelly Thompson, on Thursday, 03/26/2020, at the LCPS Administrative Building
- Last SEAC Meeting was on 03/04/2020 about PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) Recording of past SEAC meetings can be accessed at <https://www.lcps.org/Page/226167>

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

- Last meeting was February 19, 2020
- All MSAAC meetings are recorded and the last one can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/392622716>
- MSAAC is now accepting nominations for their annual MSAAC Awards. Awards are for those who have enhanced the MSAAC mission of celebrating diversity and advancing equity in LCPS. There are award categories for: Admin/teacher/support staff, students, and MSAAC delegates. Deadline for nominations is March 20th See: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/227228>

ANGP Report: Jen/Mike Marden

- Ticket sales are way down! Please sign up your seniors, it is the best event of the year! Please join our meeting for more details on how you can volunteer. We need you!

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PTSO Membership - <https://www.lcps.org/domain/4657>

**PTSO Meetings - every 1st Tuesday of the Month (or 2nd due to LCPS student holiday)
in the Library @ 6:30!**