



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

## 5/5/20 PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mary Reilly, Jen Marden, Saige Burns, Jeanne Murck, Lori Steger, Gini Howard, Jen Underwood, W.O. Hagood, Lori Peters, Sue Fuller, Kelly Garrity, Bhuvana, Theresa Prebish, Amelia, Carolyn, Robin, Michelle Detweiler, George Birsic, Robin Devenish, Tim Flynn, Steve Bills

**Secretary Report:** March minutes were posted and approved, April meeting was canceled

**President Report:** Jen Marden

- Officers for next year -Call for other candidates.
  - MSAAC Representative -
  - SEAC Representative - Veena Saijan
  - Fundraising Chair - Erica Orbach
  - Scholarship Chair -
  - Webmaster - Sue Fuller
  - ANGP Chair -
  - Hospitality Chair -
  - Membership Chair - Jen Underwood
  - Vice President - Saige Burns
  - Treasurer - Gini Howard
  - Secretary - Jeanne Murck
  - President - Lori Steger
  
- Teacher Appreciation Idea - survey for students to complete <https://forms.gle/izoi7Z1JaCcDeeoX6> -discussion of form to obtain data from students on staff members to particularly honor for the Teacher Appreciation Week
  - need approval from Admin and ask for Mr. Lucas to send out. (Mr. Flynn would like to see some edits to this form before PTSO sends it; also, we need to provide some way to recognize special education teachers whose students may not be able to participate)

Saige: We were planning on having Mexican food this year; Restaurant will give us same deal next year.
  
- English Department Covid-19 essay contest - **judges needed** - please contact Mr. Bills [steven.bills@lcps.org](mailto:steven.bills@lcps.org) or Mrs. Thompson [kathleen.thompson@lcps.org](mailto:kathleen.thompson@lcps.org) for more information.

Mr. Bills: English department is having a Coronavirus essay contest for the entire school - was announced 4/25 - all students will submit their entries to their individual English teachers. They are due 15 May and are submitted anonymously to keep names out of entry and essay; Judges will be distinguished alumni from the past 3-4 years. Alumni will choose top 15 from

each class first; we will also have top 15 for Spanish category (phase 1 judging over). Phase 2 will be outsiders (ex faculty, or people with stake in school from the past) to help judge during phase 2. Names will be protected. Top 3 will be selected from those 15 in each category. Essay is an important way to categorize or provide a history as to this time; it will also be therapeutic for our students. Hopefully, some will be published. Volunteer judges needed for phase 2 (not judging your kids grade, 2-3 needed -Kelly Garrity & Sue Fuller volunteered). Mr. Bill email address is : [steven.bills@lcps.org](mailto:steven.bills@lcps.org)  
15 winners; funds will be issued from PTSO due to the school's funds being frozen

### **Hospitality/Fundraising Report: Saige Burns**

- New Expo Date and Time - 9/26/2020 10 am - 4 pm - Confirmed as long as school is open
- Painted Parking Fundraiser - Mrs. Garrity in the office has offered to help
  - Who Will Be Returning/Reusing Their Spot Next Year?
  - Sales will begin in June through the beginning of August
  - We need a committee to help with this (Mary Reilly volunteered to help)
- Student Orientation - Virtual? Last year, PTSO provided popsicles and water bottles. Waiting to find out what happens this year.
- Teacher Breakfast - beginning of school year - we would be happy to do a breakfast or other event for school kick-off

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

- All of our partners are currently offering online tutoring and classes
- <https://turbo-tutoring.com/distance-learning/>
- <https://huntingtonhelps.com/>
- <https://loudountestprep.com/>

ACT/SAT dates are not yet confirmed for 2020-21 school year due to covid-19

### **Treasurer Report: Gini Howard**

- Due to canceling the April Expo fundraising was decreased by approximately \$4000.00. Planning to reschedule the Expo in the fall depending on the school schedule.
- Total Income as of 4/27/2020 is \$14,359.78 Total Expenses \$2,659.95; Carryover Balance
- Upcoming expenses: \$4,000 scholarships; \$1600 sponsorship of English department essay contests; ANGP (senior) Contribution; Senior Class Project Contribution
- Interior Courtyard Beautification Project Expense? Benches
- Change of Banks: We will look into changing banks in the fall for the 2020-2021 school year. (Apple Federal Credit Union?)
- Turbo Tutoring \$675 this year; Huntington Test Prep - \$1370 this year

### **VP Membership/Webmaster Report: Dan/Emily Rittenhouse**

- 229 family members
- 67 staff members

### **Scholarship Report: Jeanne Murck- Meyer**

- Applications closed 4/30/2020
- Judging being conducted 18 applicants;
- The Senior awards ceremony will be conducted within a virtual graduation celebration program purchased by the school system (the slide for the particular student would include any awards they received) (around June 9-10); physical awards / certificates will be mailed (or picked up) at school. Senior chromebook situation is being discussed. If not within the celebration program, a separate ceremony may be happening within the program. Maximum is 60 minutes for the program.

### **SEAC Report: Veena Saijan**

- LCPS is supposed to offer temporary distance learning plans to support students with disabilities during the school closure. Inconsistency has been reported to SEAC.
- While parents appreciate the efforts put in by teachers to create digital content, some SBHS parents have reported not receiving a TDLP, or not receiving adequate support from teachers to encourage Sped students to participate.
- Communication to students suggesting that participating in synchronous learning is optional can be misleading for SPED students.
- Some other schools have provided support by having designated staff check in with students who are not turning in assignments, and offer help in Executive Functioning skills.
- At the seminar last week, one of the high schools has designated some staff members as a team for supporting students who have trouble with executive functioning. Is it possible a follow-up? Ask Ms. Nielsen; this is done on a case by case - a staff member is assigned to assist with executive functioning.
- Students have reported that new tools such as Edmentum and many emails from teachers, plus the hyperdocs feel overwhelming and confusing sometimes.

Mr Flynn: There are over 200 TDLPs that have been developed; many of the meetings have been with Mom's/Dad's/kids who are overwhelmed in the online asynchronous environment. Many graduate students are not able to handle online learning. We have students with individual goals that cannot be duplicated online. Teachers are trying their best to accommodate these students remotely; however, this is all new to the teachers also. Email is not always a successful platform for these conversations; live talking / virtual meetings have restrictions due to security which makes it challenging; no 1:1 meetings are allowed, another adult or student has to be there (no 1:1 classes are available either). Starting Monday, all special ed teaching assistants can be helping virtually (22 additional individuals that can be helping) ; Mr. Flynn does see this getting a little better, however this instructional delivery model can't meet all our special education students at this time. Moving forward, they will be putting in place additional supports to assist students in mastering the standards that are required for success within the verified credit world. He appreciates the feedback and understands the frustration. These temporary plans are complete within the school; please reach out to Kacy Nielsen, Caroline Cresson or the AP Calvin Adams or Mr. Flynn for support within any issues (take it up a level if urgent).

**MSAAC Report:** Aundrea Foster (Jeanne Murck, Alternate)

- MSAAC Hosted a Facebook Live Meeting on 4/29/2020 (last meeting)  
Guest speaker was: Leah Dozier Walker, of the VA Dept. of Education, Office of Equity and Community Engagement.  
Topic: Advancing Equity During VA School Closures  
Highlights from Speaker:  
VA Dept of Education Working to Address More Significant Decline in Learning that will disproportionately affect marginalized populations.  
Achieving equality in distance learning is more than just providing *equal access* (which LCPS has tried to achieve by providing chrome books & hotspots);  
Additional supports are needed to help prevent the widening of the learning gaps. VA Dept. of Ed working on tools for school districts to help.

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

- ANGP is canceled for the year
- All tickets have been reimbursed
- 200 Yard signs sold. Delivery will be within the next 2 weeks.
- Virtual Bingo set up for Seniors. Seniors can sign up through the Senior Google Classroom. We will have Bingo winners and raffle prizes for all who participate.
  - Notes: Kelly Garrity: virtual zoom bingo (zoom is OK if PTSO sponsored); She has worked with others to send this
  - Tuesday, May 26th at 7pm (after AP exams) - any senior class member has been a signup genius to sign up with a zoom meeting link (thanks Laurie Williams). (want all 416 seniors to sign up!, no cost). We've tried to reach out via all social media (twitter, senior google classroom, etc). Cash gift cards are being given; Only 3 games, not a lot of their time. Staff members have agreed to volunteer as guests on the zoom to give out raffle gifts, etc. Physical bingo cards are being mailed out with instructions. ANGP raised \$5000 for the class of 2020, they are hosting this event and are hoping to give a gift to the school with some of this money.
- Virtual graduation and live graduation plans have not been released at this time (see notes below from Mr. Flynn)

**Administrators Report:** Tim Flynn

- Faculty has been doing well during this time to meet the needs of our families & they have been hit hard by Elena Day (H) (Hochkeppel)'s passing. H's death has been felt throughout the faculty as many have worked with him up to 20 years. They are grieving.

- Mr. Flynn met with theater students on google meet yesterday and today to try and plan on what to do for the rest of the school year; celebration of life for H is being planned; faculty has responded and is helping with this challenge.
- LCPS administration has made it clear that there will be a graduation at a date to be determined. The celebration will include a commercial product (see scholarship notes above) that will include ways to honor each student; there will be speeches and musical events as part of the program
- Grades are mostly already determined based on Q1-Q3 except that there is a way to improve during Q4 depending on the formula that has been published by the school board. Q4 is pass/not pass, however in some ways, this is the best case scenario for improvement; the state has waived most standardized testing so verified credit will be available without testing depending on best grade calculation. If you have a student that is struggling, there are multiple ways to get through and pass a class no matter what happened earlier in the year. For students who may have been failing, credit recovery usually happens in the summer (online or summer school) - but the school has the ability to do the credit recovery right now and June 10th to get a majority of the standards complete so a pass can be provided to the student.
- Mr. Flynn really appreciates the rock being painted; he's seen kids out there in their caps & gowns (must've been borrowed). The campus is technically closed..but it was good to see people there. He has valued the displays of grief for H on campus even though security may need to advise that the campus is closed. This situation is very hard and he wants the displays of grief to be respected.
- Courtyard/Vegetable garden project still going forward (see Mr. Flynn video at <https://vimeo.com/401000794>); education sustainability project ; Meadows Farms is also putting in a brick patio that will allow wheelchair bound student access to the garden project; funding would be appreciated (from PTSO); Needs volunteers for the gardening projects Question: can people purchases dedicated bricks (memorial) for a fundraiser? Yes
- Theater arts classes will end as of this week due to H's passing. No academic component will continue; counseling will be available.
- Who to talk to with help for a special education student? See notes above - if urgent, contact AP Calvin Adams [calvin.adams@lcps.org](mailto:calvin.adams@lcps.org) or Mr. Flynn. Edmentum isn't a perfect program, but guarantees standards of learning are covered...anything viewed as an assessment (quizzes or electronic questions) if a student logs off onto any other website on their computer (even if they are just checking the weather), it locks them out automatically. It is a test security thing. The student has to stay in the window or they will be locked out
- Honor chords will be distributed with the caps/gowns/certificates/yearbooks, etc. Hoping for one mailing or pick-up scenario.
- Whose call is it for a physical graduation? the superintendent has said physical graduations will take place, however it seems like the division is open to

input/feedback. Who to communicate with? Email school board/superintendent/director of high school/principals with feedback/input.

- 1-2 Sheets of finished plywood - write names of the class and then mount it on the wall. (so it can be mounted and put back up after painting, etc).
- Vote on Class of 2020 School banner to mount on wall; Jen provided 3 options; voted for #2 15' banner could be put on hill, on lacrosse wall; in between the two pillars,

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