



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

11/17/20 PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lori Steger, Veena Sajjan, Amber Talbert, Valerie Daniel, Saige Burns, Jen Underwood, Jeanne Murck-Meyer, Gini Howard, Sue Fuller, Lisa McGrail, Elizabeth Cohen, Tim Flynn, Heidi Hayes, Amy Noble, Calvin Adams, Dana Stalcup, Dave Korte, Erin Leary, Fernando Montanez, Gwen Meehan, Gita Urban-Mathieux, Jennifer Herring, Jennifer Kraft, Jennifer Sluss, Joanne Aceto, Joe Bushman, Josefina Augusto, Juliet DeHaven, Kalliopi Angelidaki, Kathleen Lockett, Kelly Garrity, Maryam Khavari, Kim Shumway, Kuheli Deb, Laura Berry, Linda Seidel, Liza Artzi, Marjorie Lee, Mary Ridolfi, Rebecca Welt, Rich Mills, Rob Lesan, Sandra Sokol, Shakira O'Neil, Shannon Goldstein, Therese Liebermann, Trent Phillips, Valerie Daniel, Wendy Ragoonath, Wendy Whiteside Bagnar, Greg Cross

President's welcome: Lori Steger

- Tonight's meeting: 2 student groups, PTSO board and committee updates, then Mr. Flynn will give shortened Town Hall and answer questions
- Proud of our team that has worked so hard these past few months. We have given almost \$4000 back to the school in the last 3 months and we are so glad we can support the staff and students in this way! Thank you to all our members for helping to make this possible
- We need more members - staff, parents, please join us! \$10 for staff and \$25 for families. (Drawing in December for bulldog bucks)

Elizabeth Cohen shared about BOTB plans for the week, DECA project, raising money for the Ashburn Fire Department

SCA co-presidents shared about "winter lights" community event that is being planned, hoping to involve a light show and a parade for families
They thanked the PTSO for sponsoring the outdoor movie night.

Secretary updates: Jeanne Murck Meyer

- Written and video minutes provided in October are on the PTSO website for review and are approved unless there is any discussion
- We've added meeting controls functions in Zoom to prevent what happened last time.

MSAAC info/updates: Amber Talbert

MSAAC meeting date : October 21, 2020 7:00-9:00pm

1. VCU Understanding Racism Dr, Cassandra Barksdale Stanley, EdD
2. Voices of the Community
3. Antiracism Town Hall.
 - Panelist Dr. Eric Williams, EdD, LCPS Superintendent
 - Dr Charles Barret, PhD, LCPS Lead school Psychologist
 - Valmarie Turner, deputy Cty Admin / Racial Ethnic Disparity (RED)

- Pastor Michelle Thomas, Loudoun NAACP
- Keaira Jennings, MHA, MSAAC Chair
- Alina Hasan, Freedom Student Representative

1. VCU Dr. Barksdale

Racism - is often shaped by overt extreme expressions of bigotry, oppression that perpetuates inequalities (individual, system, subculture, institutional)

By doing Nothing, you uphold a system of oppression. Dr Barksdale went into further detail about types - Racist - non racist etc.

2. Voices of the community

- Questions to students, teachers, parents, community members
- How often do you think about YOUR racial or ethnic identity? People of color notice this more often
- What aspects of racial or ethnic identity make you proudest. (culture, strength, perseverance)
- How does being non white impact your personal and professional life, being treated differently.
- Have you even felt “different” because of your race, does your identity enter in your process of making decisions.

3. Numerous questions were asked of the panelists. Some examples are:-

- To what extent do improvements to LCPS education system depend on us achieving educational equity?
- How to overcome stereotypes without diverse representation.
- Would counseling/mediation approach like that taken with bullying approach help?

Membership updates: Jen Underwood

- Families and Staff, please join us! Go to <https://www.lcps.org/Page/191441>
- One more drawing for bulldog bucks will be held in December

Vice-President, hospitality updates: Saige Burns

- Turkey thanksgiving treat, thankful theme, “we’re extra thankful for you.” Thanks to the hospitality team. As soon as we have finished with the month’s event we will start working on the December event.

Treasurer updates: Gini Howard

- No updates

Fundraising: Valerie Daniels

- Movie night was a success! We had over 100 students, plus some family members and staff attend this event over the two nights. We would like to send a gigantic thank you to Mr. Montanez, Mrs. Ridolfi, and Mr. Dzurilla who went above and beyond to make this night great. Thanks to everyone that donated! Movie Night raised \$350 in donations for SBHS Bridge Builders

SEAC info/updates: Veena

- Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month
- November 11, 2020 Meeting Topic was Trauma and COVID-19
- Results of the SEAC survey were discussed. Transition continues to be an area of concern.
- Link for the Nov 11th recorded meeting:
<https://vimeo.com/478051112>
Also, you can find information on past meetings at
https://loudounseac.miraheze.org/wiki/Main_Page
- On December 1st seniors at AET and AOS who selected hybrid in July will return to in person learning.
- Next meeting, Dec 2: Transition services for developing workplace and independent living skills

Project Grad updates: Lisa McGrail and Carolyn Brooks, Co-chairs

- Used to be called ANGP - we don't know what form the celebration will be so we've gone back to the original name, Project Graduation.
- Next meeting is December 1st - need volunteers! Let us know if you want to participate. Looking forward to making a celebration happen somehow!

Jennifer Jackson, parent liaison:

- Join Bridge Builders OR request assistance. Go to this link for more information:
<https://www.lcps.org/Page/234642>

Tim Flynn/Heidi Hayes

Thank you parents for the support!

Teachers value the amazing things you do for the teachers at Stone Bridge

Tonight - Flynn will provide a summary presentation of last night and also answer additional questions they received after the presentation in the slides link below.

Return to School 2020 slides were presented, see:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-6wtLcxeSD2rVx87tIRr1-TPgU4Q9uoe/view?usp=sharing>

Keep in mind: Hybrid will only take place if it is safe to do so.

Questions after the presentation:

Q: Do you know what % of people have chosen hybrid (H) vs on-line (DL) of the 40% completed so far?

A: 1st semester 60% of families selected H, 40% DL. Early data now for the 2nd semester, of the 40% of the 1800 students that have responded as of 5 pm today 11/17 at 5p, 42-45% have selected H - BUT this is only 40% of the student population.

Q: For students taking arts/tech ed...will they do hands on learning? I heard no so that it's equitable for kids who are doing DL.

A: They will do hands on learning when it can be safely incorporated following the Covid protocols.

Q: Will teachers be given an additional device to be able to teach AND interact with kids at home? Pilot feedback I saw online said that the teachers need another screen to manage it.

A: Some teachers at home are already using multiple screens. Primary additional equipment coming is a microphone into the center of the classroom. There is a high quality large screen already in all the classrooms and that will be able to plug into the laptop. There is concern with additional equipment beyond that because the laptop performance slows. When we bring the teachers back in, we will practice, and do simulations and pilots in the building WHEN all the filtration etc is set up, and then we will pull in all the teachers and stream everything at the same time and then we will know that this is working adequately. This is Mr Flynn's goal, to see it IN THE BUILDING.

Q: What's with the teepee behind you Mr. Flynn?

A: That is the reading teepee where he reads to his young daughters. That is where all the reading takes place. And he fits in that teepee!

Thank you all for all your support. Mr. Flynn is happy to see the seniors have painted the rock. Also, the tiles for the class of 2020 look great; they are mounted in the cafeteria. If you are in the building, check them out!