



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

## 12/8/20 PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lori Steger, Veena Sajjan, Valerie Daniel, Saige Burns, Jen Underwood, Jeanne Murck-Meyer, Gini Howard, Jennifer Jackson, Tim Flynn, Jeannete Fehr, Liz Hafer, Mary Ridolfi, Kelly Garrity, Mary Reilly, Calvin Adams, Sue Fuller, Christine Dewitt,

President's welcome and events/updates: Lori Steger

- Meeting agenda: PTSO business meeting, parent liaison Jennifer Jackson, then Tim Flynn to take the last 30 minutes for updates and questions
- We partnered with 2 DECA students (Allie Howard and Elizabeth Cohen) and their Battle of the Bulldogs(BOTB) made \$2634 for the Fire Department!
- Stone Bridge SCA is sponsoring a holiday lights parade on Friday Dec. 18, from 6-8pm, the deadline to submit your address to be part of the parade route is Dec. 15. Families are encouraged to incorporate something Stone Bridge affiliated (a bulldog or school colors) into their regular winter lights displays at their home. Each family that wishes to enter the contest should complete this [Google Form](#) to add their house to the parade route. You will be given a number and parade participants will vote on their favorite. A prize will be provided to the winner.
- Designated Dad Driving School - \$30/per registration donation to PTSO: <https://designateddad.com/>
- Belmont Chase Chipotle Spirit Night - we made \$150!
- Huntington - practice test in Jan, date to be confirmed - \$25 registration fee will go to our PTSO, also, Huntington Learning Center will donate 10% of any proceeds for any SBHS student who signs up for one-on-one Exam Prep or Subject Tutoring Sessions this month:[https://huntingtonhelps.com/center/ashburn?gclid=CjwKCAiAq8f-BRBtEiwAGr3DgTtx\\_SijalG2wESNAK8FY4frSHb80g5xyFhRS6T4W9lZnH9ADUHjHhoChLoQAvD\\_BwE&gclid=aw.ds](https://huntingtonhelps.com/center/ashburn?gclid=CjwKCAiAq8f-BRBtEiwAGr3DgTtx_SijalG2wESNAK8FY4frSHb80g5xyFhRS6T4W9lZnH9ADUHjHhoChLoQAvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds)
- Turbo - spring class beginning at the end of Feb, 12 hours total (6, 2 hour sessions), our PTSO receives a donation for each student that registers: <https://turbo-tutoring.com/>

Secretary updates: Jeanne Murck-Meyer

- Written and video minutes for November have been uploaded to our existing PTSO website here: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/34114>

Membership: Jen Underwood

- Prizes - sent the prizes to the winners!
- Aligning with Boosters on shared membership counts for final reconciliation of first semester
- Planning on one more push for membership after holidays/in January as hybrid students head back into building- we have one more set of "bulldog bucks" for SB booster store

- Welcome Back Bulldogs Sign being investigated - would like to get one for Stone Bridge hybrid students

Vice President/Hospitality: Saige Burns

- Cute turkey tag “We’re extra thankful for you!” Delivered to staff mail boxes before Thanksgiving- Thank you to our volunteers who helped with this project - Cindy Wright, Heidi Rizley, Amanda Cleavinger, Susan Mezzullo, Jen Underwood, and Laura Peterson
- December: For teachers and staff - \$5 gift cards being collected until Thursday, will be delivered on 12/14 here is the link to sign up:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849abaa2fa0ff2-holiday2>
- Thank you so much everyone - SB has the best families!

Treasurer: Gini -4 mins

- Fundraising is down due to low membership numbers
- We have raised \$9,131.20 as of 12/8/2020
- Budget for fundraising: \$12,500 we are currently short **\$3,368.80** But we are on target for budget
- Memberships are short by **\$2,347.19** - please join the PTSO  
Expenses as of 12/8/2020 \$4,136.98 - currently on track with budget

SEAC info/updates: Veena

- SEAC Meeting December 2nd, 2020 - Transition Services for Developing Workplace and Independent Living Skills  
Livestream Recording: <https://vimeo.com/486435290> (Presentation and SEAC Business Meeting)  
Materials Link: [https://loudounseac.miraheze.org/wiki/December\\_2,\\_2020](https://loudounseac.miraheze.org/wiki/December_2,_2020)  
Presentation: Transition Services for Developing Workplace and Independent Living Skills Presenter: Marianne Moore, VDOE Partnered with DBVI and DARS
- **Next SEAC Meeting January 6, 2021** Presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. **School Anxiety**  
Presented By: Dr. Jonathan Dalton, Founder and Director, Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Change
- The results of the SEAC survey for 2019-2020 will be communicated to the school board on December 15. Preliminary analysis indicates SEAC Survey areas of concern are: equity, transparency, transition, accessibility to instructional materials, inclusive practices, and communication. Positive Outcomes: Secondary level schools are fully staffed with a Unified Mental Health team. The elementary schools have a shared Mental Health team.
- Virginia IEP Informational Webinar, 12/10 at 6 p.m. You can register for this event using the following link:  
<https://pcgus.webex.com/pcgus/onstage/g.php?MTID=e975e52107c99ff0a1076a1a08983de85>
- SEAC survey: Families who have more than one child receiving special education services are requested to complete a survey for each of their children. It is important

to note that your responses are recorded anonymously and cannot be personally linked to your child. The survey concludes January 31, 2021.

English Version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vdoeenglish>

Spanish Version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vdoeespanol>

Mr. Calvin Adams: For Inclusive schools week, Stone Bridge will be presenting slides each day in advisory.

MSAAC info/updates: Amber Talbert (Did not attend)

- November 18, 2020 Meeting Topic/Summary: “Connected Community Advocacy: Mental Health”

Project Grad: Lisa McGrail/Carolyn Brooks (Did not attend)

- Trying to recruit chairperson shadows. Event type still TBA as dependent on restrictions. WH Assoc ornament sale is complete (sold 300). Focusing on assessing the status of decor items in the shed and inside school. Voted to honor decision made by committee at end of last school year to donate \$250 to SBHS pantry at our December meeting. Will meet again 1/27/21.

Parent Liaison: Jennifer Jackson

- **GET ASSISTANCE:** Please click on the link to view the list of needs. Fill out the form if you have needs, and Mrs. Jackson will contact you: <https://forms.gle/P6A36JKpYgd4B4nH8>
- **GIVE ASSISTANCE:** Volunteers are appreciated for our new Bridge Builders network! If you have the means to give, please fill out the short form below to be added to the list. Periodically, Mrs. Jackson will send out a list of needs via Sign Up Genius (i.e. winter coats) and if you are able to donate, you can sign up. Thank you!  
<https://forms.gle/5L9WhYxiUA3xrhwdA>
- She has been on the job for 2.5 months
- Background: There is a parent liaison at each school and the liaison connects parents who have needs and their school. Any need - such as How to use Parentvue? Where to get food/clothing?
- For Thanksgiving, she worked with the MACE foundation, who distributed 100+ Thanksgiving meals within an hour; others in the SB family helped so that by the next day, they had more meals for the rest of the SB community that was in need
- The PTSO raised \$350 for the pantry with the movie nights
- Pantry has been restocked at the school -it is used for the SB families in need - She delivers food to some families who are unable to travel
- Goals: to reach more families that may need assistance; would also like to see families more involved in their children’s school altogether;
- This community has been very responsive and helpful. We have 30 families in the Bridge Builders group that donate when there are needs.
- Virtual Giving Tree Sign up -wish list for some of the students:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094DACA2CA5F85-virtual>

- Winter Coat/Hoodie Drive Sign Up -large box in front office for this as well <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094DACAA2CA5F85-winter>
- She is very confident that the goals for these fundraisers will be met - Project Graduation will be donating \$250 toward the winter clothing drive.

School Principal: Tim Flynn

- Thanks go out to the faculty - they are working hard - this is a very different instructional model!
- For the most part, our students are doing very well. There is a 2% increase in students who are struggling (2% of 1800, that's a lot of kids).
- Tiered interventions are being used to help students who are have difficulty
- DE/AP Support center has been started to provide support for individuals that are taking dual enrollment or AP class or struggling in these classes - individual tutoring is being given by some of the top teachers
- Some new teachers have been added this year and they are providing a lot of positive energy!
- RETURN TO SCHOOL: Approximately 31% of students have chosen to return to school for concurrent/hybrid instruction - teachers will be teaching in both environments - the students in front of them (in person) and the students online
- The faculty once again will adapt their skills to teach in this new environment. SB Admin is providing professional development training - short amounts of training each week to prepare for the transition
- 21st of January - will be the first day for in person schooling (hybrid/concurrent) at SB
- The metrics as to when we will be in school has been confusing and there have been a lot of questions - He will send out a connect-ed email soon on this topic
  - 2 main metrics the LCPS has to meet; the metrics have to be met for 5 school days in a row to stop in person learning and then when we return, the metrics are reversed but have to be maintained for 5 day prior
- Protocols and environments have been developed at the school - spaces have been delineated; floors are marked with arrows and circles as to where you should be; roundabout/rotaries have been developed - hallways will be 2 way, but some areas will be rotaries;
- All students will be wearing masks when they return to school; What to do if a student will not wear a mask? Mr. Flynn says Stone Bridge students follow the rules - some kids need additional guidance, but this is a very strong school division - however if there is a student that cannot comply with the mask rule, they will be moved to distance learning.
- The admin team is very strong and supportive and knows that when they work with families, they need to make connections and be honest. The admin team gives the direct answers. Families at SB will get the truth, research-based, and straight info from the admin team.
- SEAC Rep Veena Sajjan has asked some questions:
  - PPE for teachers within specialized programs: We have had some students back in the building for a while now - ELL and special education - those teachers

- have everything that they need; they are not in a situation where they feel compromised or have to reuse equipment that is not suitable
- Our special education teachers have to wear PPE a little differently based on the types of students they work with -toileting, tube feeding, and other more challenging requirements - they wear many different types of masks/gowns/gloves/shields - N95 masks have an 8 hour life)- we have enough of those for a teacher in this program to use every day.
  - Challenge with substitutes - substitutes are being allocated a little differently this year - SB has been assigned full-time building level substitutes; they were supposed to be available for both in person and online instruction - however, some substitutes refused to do in-person instruction. HR has been notified and these substitutes have been replaced - so that they have some available in person for special ed right now; however when SB switches to in-person learning, the school will need more. It is a big challenge to find good substitutes.
  - Stone Bridge has 11 members of the faculty with pre-existing conditions that have been approved to teach online 100% of the time - some of the top teachers. (This number may go to 15)
  - Flynn would like to maintain the master schedule - however some instructors with top skills we will need to work with to allow them to continue to teach remotely - a proctor will be there in person (the adult in the room will not be a substitute) they will just provide classroom management. The teacher (with the pre-existing condition) will teach on-line to the in-person and online students.
- He has been working on the traffic issue since he arrived at Stone Bridge and developed a multi-phase process to include modifying the grounds of the school for traffic flow which included
    - Removing trees
    - Removing some islands
    - Adding cones
    - Adding signage / “paws”
  - When families returns on 1/21- the traffic flow for the morning and the afternoon will be changing - the buses will enter the bus parking lot directly (island was removed), bus loop is now separate
  - There are now 3 drop off lanes for parents that are available; 2 are on Claiborne and 1 is on Hay Road -
    - Parents stay to right on Hay Road entrance which will now be a one lay path (not 2 lanes as previous)
    - From Claiborne there are 2 options, 1) New entrance - in the teacher parking lot - there is a loop and students can enter the cafeteria immediately 2) The original Claiborne entrance now has a loop to allow the cars to easily exit back onto Claiborne.
  - Follow the dog paws - and cones will guide people along the way. Goal by January is to make sure there isn't any confusion about these paths.

- He is working so that families with children at Trailside and Stone Bridge are at school on the same 2 hybrid days.  
Questions from the zoom chat:
- There was a FB post by a board member that many HS hybrid classrooms have 1 student. Is that an issue at SBHS? YES, there are classes that will only have 1 in-person STUDENT in them. Can the 1 STUDENT in this class switch back to distance learning if this is the case? Mr. Flynn will allow that unique situations could occur that he would want to address.
- The data shows that there are some students not doing well in this environment (2-3%). Kids with executive functioning issues / attention issues that are missing lessons, turning cameras off, - this has been a consistent problem. Many students don't have the camera on - we need to control the icon on what will be shown for 60 minutes (user selected image) - this is a problem and he wants to address this.
- This is the strongest school division he has worked in -yes it is a struggle right now but he sees positives things happening moving forward; the superintendent search will take a while and he would like to see Stone Bridge families in those selection/focus groups!
- Lori Steger - additional announcement - way to go Running Dogs - Virtual Clue performance was a success. Our PTSO is proud of them for persevering in order to perform during the pandemic.

#### Q&A From Meeting Chat Addressed Separately via email by Mr. Flynn

- Is there any talk of allowing pass/fail grades again this year given all of the challenges you just referenced? (Sorry to put you on the spot!)  
Answer: No. The classes this year are moving forward as regular classes. Passing is a 60% and does factor into a students GPA. We are working to support students who are not doing well and helping to make them understand that this matters and it counts.
- I am concerned about the lost Junior year and college. Are there plans for mitigation to get back on track to be competitive in the application process?  
Answer: I am concerned also and we are working to support all juniors through this time. It is a nationwide problem and I do believe that we at SB are better than most schools across the nation, so our goal is to maintain SB as a highly competitive academic school. Our new support center is designed to assist students who need additional help. An appointment can be set up for any student who needs help.