



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

## 2/16/21 PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lori Steger, Jen Underwood, Gini Howard, Sue Fuller, Catherine Thomas, Hailey Boyd, Dana Stalcup, Wendy Ragoon, Becca Welt, Mary Ridolfi, Liza Artzi, Andy Rizley, Aaron Hall, Jonette Cahoo, Gita Urban, Tim Flynn, Saige Burns, Jeanette Fehr, Bill Wilkin, Mary Reilly, Josh Freeman, Jennifer Kraft, Lisa Bateman, Jeanne Murck Meyer, Dr. David Goodfriend

President: Lori Steger - general info

- Meeting guests Dr. Goodfriend LCHD & Principal Tim Flynn
- “Welcome Back Bulldogs” sign for the corner of Hay and Claiborne, March 3-4. Thank you Jen Underwood for organizing this for us!
- Dr. David Goodfriend is a 1991 graduate from the University of Maryland medical school and has been the director of the Loudoun County Health Department since 2001. He also has his Masters in Public Health and has been leading the COVID vaccination efforts throughout the county. Welcome Dr. Goodfriend!
  - It’s great being here as a Stone Bridge parent
  - We’ve been dealing with coronavirus for about a year
  - We’re still seeing a good number of cases -but a lot less than after the holidays
  - Vaccination is moving forward - 5,000 doses received per week
  - 65 & older, 16-64 with pre-existing conditions, teachers, are the current groups being vaccinated
  - There is a separate vaccination site set up for LCPS - all teachers have been given first dose of vaccine if they wanted it, 2nd cycle is now in place
  - As schools open up - schools that follow mitigation strategies have done well - mask use, 6’ distancing, etc. Sports are more of a challenge than education components in schools
  - If students have isolated for 10 days and are not feeling ill, they are fine and they can return to school (no testing recommended per CDC)
  - Critical for everyone, wear their mask and keep their distance - even teachers who are vaccinated can transmit the virus to others
- Principal Tim Flynn Updates:
  - Thank you Dr. Goodfriend
  - Mr. Flynn wants to compliment the teachers and families in succeeding through the first semester in this learning environment
  - Even though we have gotten better, 5-6% of Stone Bridge students are unsuccessful in this environment (90-95 kids struggling)
  - For the 2nd semester, SB has put into place different academic interventions to help students
  - We’ve had students in the building for a long period of time due to academic challenges and more returned today 2/16 - multiple students brought in for credit recovery & academic remediation - to head off problems before failures occur

- Approx 25 students have had their schedule changed to allow for ontime graduation
- Teachers return 2/23 - all of them - except for those that will need to teach online due to health issues
- ASL will be 100% online due to teacher sharing with other schools
- Chemistry teacher issue due to unavailable teacher
- March 3rd students will return -30% /70% will continue online
- Instructional model will be new and different yet again
- Health and safety: mitigation strategies are in place and have been for a very long time; SB takes these measures very seriously, procedures are followed carefully
- Within the building, very tight. One issue in beginning that has been corrected
- E-Hall pass will assist with the monitoring of students when they return to the building
- SB School Nurse has been involved in the vaccination process for the schools - excellent school nurse
- Mr. Lucas and the entire counseling staff have started the course selection process much earlier due to the additional time required for virtual meetings
- Tremendous amount classes/course selection at SB including African American History - HS's may combine sections to keep the language and class selection available
- Virtual instruction will allow LCPS to meet the needs of students by having multiple sections combined with other HS
- The new kiss & ride / drop off locations have been phased in to allow the drop offs to be easier (only 10 buses) - all single lane kiss & go (2 off of Claiborne rd - back of school is new goes directly into cafeteria; and single file in front of school to loop through and exit Claiborne Rd. Hay Rd. will be single file in and then back out to Hay Rd. All new paw prints and safety barriers and cones every place to route traffic). There will be a 4th lane for buses so that they can immediately head to the left to get to the bus parking lot. They will exit in their own lane onto Hay Rd. Morning drop off is between 9-11 minutes - come earlier for drop off or later for pick up to avoid longer wait.
- Unified Mental Health Team - have been helping students with higher levels of anxiety who have not been as successful virtually and who are anxious about returning to school in a covid environment.
- Our faculty has really embraced the need to give additional chances - we have to save teenagers from themselves & that is our role - Mr. Flynn has been impressed with teachers who have taken on this role
- 2nd shot starts this week for staff & scheduling has gone well - LCPS Pod is incredibly efficient and very well run
- Sports teams have done so well - boys basketball won the regional title - head to state semi-finals tomorrow
- Mr. Flynn is looking forward to having kids back in the building
- Parents will be notified if student will be the only one in an in-person class
- 100 classes may have only one student in them

- Question What strategies are in place for students with higher anxiety related to COVID spread? For example, if a student has questions about something as simple as somebody coughed near them...will they get COVID, etc.? Will a student know who they should ask or consult at school if they have any questions related to use of school facilities? They may not be comfortable asking these questions in the classroom.
  - Unified Mental Health Team will help assist when student has questions - the student should consult with their counselor or admin assigned to them
  - There are mitigation specialists in the building and extra desks that perform checks for COVID.
  - Teachers will have information on mitigation strategies
  - Additional health care rooms in addition to the nurses office have been set up for COVID mitigation
- There is an additional Freshman orientation Monday, February 22nd 9:15-11:30 am
- Where will the students be eating lunch? Students will be eating in the cafeteria which includes 8' social distancing / 80 students in the cafeteria is the capacity with this distance - and all 4 lunches will fall within this criteria- desks are on top of black tiles which are coincidentally spaced every 8 feet
- Ms Fehr input: there are tri-fold sneeze guards in the classroom on the desks and desks are 8' apart with alternating time for use (white desks block 1, blue desks block 2, etc) Teacher desk is 8' away from the rest of the desks
- Custodial team has mitigating strategies including door knobs cleaned every 2 days with the approved cleaning products Virex 256 #2 is used at the school
- If a student is considered a close contact and required to quarantine but is not old enough to be vaccinated, can the child resume classes virtually for the quarantine period? This assumes a child is attending hybrid - Mr. Flynn's answer - yes, they can log in and go to class.
- Parent comment: thank you for allowing the students to participate in sports! It meant a lot for them to participate. Cheerleaders had a victory the other day in that cheerleading is a sport and not allowing them to participate was a Title IX violation (Joanie Windows is also an attorney - Kudos!).

#### Hospitality: Saige Burns - Vice President

- Donuts and Coffee were delivered from the PTSO this morning
- Next Tuesday we will be providing a bag breakfast for all staff
- Signs for teacher/staff yards (first thing in March) - asking parents to sponsor a sign for \$10, and write a short note of encouragement or thank you for them (PTSO to purchase signs for those not "sponsored" by a parent), google form to come

#### Fundraising: Saige/Valerie

- Parking fees have been waived for the school year but we are still offering our parking fundraiser (\$40) for anyone who doesn't want to miss out. If a sophomore or junior paints a spot this spring, they can keep the same spot next school year

Secretary updates: Jeanne Murck-Meyer

- Written and video minutes provided in January are on the PTSO website
- Located here; <https://www.lcps.org/Page/34114>

Scholarship updates: Jeanne Meyer

- We will begin accepting scholarship applications on March 15, 2021 and will end approximately April 30th.
- Call for committee members please email [stonebridgeptso.sec@gmail.com](mailto:stonebridgeptso.sec@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with the Scholarship committee
- Membership requirement - for a student to be eligible for the PTSO Scholarship, parents must be a member of the PTSO. Please join!

Membership: Jen

- Reminder to Senior parents - membership required for the scholarship application
- Membership link  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2d1RKWpB4i2fyqnZ\\_hpR9OQgnRruvlcqe\\_UFJpnzVWv8cXVg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2d1RKWpB4i2fyqnZ_hpR9OQgnRruvlcqe_UFJpnzVWv8cXVg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628)

Treasurer: Gini

- Income as of 2/1/2021 9,690.58
- Expenses as of 2/1/2021 \$4,3367.20

Project Grad: Sue Fuller spoke for Lisa McGrail/Carolyn Brooks

- The committee met the week of 1/25 to discuss idea of day of graduation outdoor event in case the all night party is not feasible, event will be a standard price (no escalation for later sales, etc).
- Emailed Mrs Tartaglia/Mrs Williams re: Friday June 11th in stadium during day before graduation; Saturday 6/12 would interfere with lacrosse & beach week plans
- Senior yard signs are on sale for 5 weeks. Signs will be posted in yards in 20147 area only, the 2nd week in April. All others will need to be picked up. To order go to <https://sbangp.ecwid.com/>
- Will send out info with tentative plans, info on signs and baby photo contest soon.

SEAC info/updates: Veena Sajjan

- SEAC meetings, first Wednesday of each month
- Parent Resource Services offers several online workshops. For more information, please visit <https://www.lcps.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=179754>
- February meeting topic was Hidden Disabilities and Executive Functioning - Mindwell Psych
- March meeting is on March 3, 2021: Presentation - Transition Planning for College Bound Students, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Presenter: Hannah Serota, CEO, M.Ed., CEP, Creative College Connection

- Our special education representative had a preliminary meeting with the Special Education team at SBHS (Mr. Adams and Mrs. Nielsen). We are hoping to gather questions and concerns from the Special Education community for a PTSO meeting with an intent to provide an opportunity to get questions answered. More details to follow, hopefully this will be an emphasis during our March meeting.

MSAAC info/updates: Amber Talbert

- Meetings are held from 7-9 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. All meetings are being conducted virtually right now, with links being shared prior to each meeting.
- Next meeting 2/17 - topic is Diversity and meeting will be virtual.