



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

4/20/2021 PTSO Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Lori Steger, Veena Sajjan, Saige Burns, Jeanne Murck-Meyer, Lisa McGrail, Michelle Jones, Tim Lucas, Tim Flynn, Kim Ogorek, John Robbins, Brandy Stone, Trish O'Day, Jennifer Gordon, Kelly Garrity, Carrie Jackman, Roe Sommer, Koren Henderson, Lisa Hughes, Carolyn Brooks, Laurie Williams, Bill Wilkin

General Info: Lori

- **Board and committee members needed for next year:** Fundraising, Hospitality, Project Grad, and more - please email stonebridgeptso.pres@gmail.com or go to our website for contact information if interested, <https://www.lcps.org/domain/4657>. Many hands make light work - we'd love to have your help!
- We are excited about the Utility Vehicle we have purchased for the school to use, specifically for security needs, and it is being delivered this week. We are still in the process of securing sponsor money to cover part of the cost.

Secretary updates: Jeanne

- Written and video minutes provided in March are on the PTSO website for review and board approval <https://www.lcps.org/Page/34114>

Scholarship updates: Jeanne

- On-line application has been open since March 15, 2021; Applications Due 4/30/2020 (we may extend)
- YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT PTSO MEMBERSHIP
- PTSO Scholarship Page Has Been Updated: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/34109>
- Link to Application Form
 - [2021 Stone Bridge PTSO Senior Scholarship Application](#)

Hospitality: Saige

- Teacher appreciation lunch on Friday, May 14th - box lunches from Potbelly sandwich shop (budget for lunch \$2000, \$7-8 per person usually), choices for staff sent in a google form. Donations for chips & drinks will be needed. A Signup genius link will be sent out closer to the event date.
- Kenny Templeton, owner of Broadlands Robeks, is going to provide smoothies for our staff one day after school - we are still firming up the details.

Membership: Jen

[SBHS PTSO Membership Form](#)

Treasurer: Gini (not able to join us)

- Income as of 4/8/2021 \$9,966.72
- Expenses as of 4/8/2021 \$5,030.23

SEAC Special Education Advisory Committee info/updates: Veena

- SEAC meetings, first Wednesday of each month
- April 7th meeting: - Instructional Practices: Science of Reading and Equity 6:00 to 7:10 p.m.
- Presenter: Dr. Emily Solari
- Live Stream: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/140009>
- Parent Resource Services offers several online workshops. For more information, please visit <https://www.lcps.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=179754>

MSAAC Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee info/updates: Jeanne

- 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.
- March Meeting Topic Was: Inclusion in Education
 - Video Link: <https://vimeo.com/524901337>
- April Meeting Topic (meeting tomorrow 4/21): Belonging with guest Dr. Shaun Woodyly, from the TEACH, HUSTLE, INSPIRE movement on how teachers and administrators can ensure that students feel as if they belong while they are in the classroom and school.

Project Grad: Lisa McGrail and Carolyn Brooks

- Project Grad will now be the senior picnic on 6/10 - still in discussions as to particulars. Will not be inside. Need to adapt all activities (games, food, prizes). Small entry fee (est \$10) vs. \$75 usual fee for ANGP but fundraising through signs and ornaments allows us to go forward with plans.
- Recruit Underclass Parents - importance of chairs/committee members not being senior parents. Project Grad has been around for many years - way of keeping students safe on grad night. Would like to see it continue!
- Will supply breakfast on morning of cap/gown and yearbook distribution, Monday June 7th

Mr. Flynn: Overview of Stone Bridge :

Course selection with guidance counselors is happening now; interesting new offerings are available; a couple of programs and classes that instead of “cutting” them due to low enrollment, we are able to offer via virtual learning and will include other high schools (e.g. Mandarin); staff/teacher vacancies have been filled and are part of a new academic excellence/high quality teaching of SB. ASL continues to be a challenge due to lack of a teacher, trying to avoid that but as of today, it is not looking positive for the school division (interpreters make more than teachers). District level solution is being investigated (teacher may be at another school).

Today (4/20) began the 4-day return of students who selected in-person learning; went well with the current modified covid protocol; students in the building were brilliant. Cafeteria seating is not assigned here at SB (other HS do have assigned). Codes scanned to identify where they are at lunch (kids did great at this).

Graduation Update: Changes!

4 main activities:

Senior Awards - week of graduation

Senior Pick-up & Breakfast - 9am to 1pm - Seniors will pick up senior cords & caps & gowns in a drive through format and they will receive physical tickets to allow people into the gate (electronic method could be problematic); teachers will also turn in their textbooks & laptops

Project Graduation team will host a breakfast that day

6/10 from 9 am to 3 pm there will be a graduation practice and picnic. Graduating from the stadium will be all new. Following is the picnic hosted by Project Graduation.

Graduation ceremony will be Friday 6/11 at 7pm at SB Football stadium (rain or shine!) committed for a lot of reasons for that specific day due to travel the next day, etc. In case of severe weather, it would be earlier in the day for example before storms might hit. Each graduate will receive 5 tickets and live viewing remotely; families will be 10 feet apart per "family circle". 3000 chairs will be available! Chairs will be set up on the turf - chairs that are being rented will be OK for turf and on track for both sides in groups of 5, 10 feet apart; and in bleachers it will be groups of 5, 10 feet apart as well (that holds 800 people) So the entire bleachers/turf/track will be needed for all.

Photos will be able to be taken around the campus (outside; Other days will be scheduled for photo opportunities / scheduling a time differently when there will be less people around if needed. (6/7-6/8)

Parking could be tight for graduation - Trailside has been reserved for parking plus a shuttle bus will assist (cleaned between each run); walkers encouraged also.

Key thing for SB graduation that night: we will be very flexible to make it successful. If there is a situation that we can adapt or overcome, gator's available to get grandparents for example to their seat; there will be a medical tent with water; Beautiful night under the stars planned!! Graduation ceremony will be about 80 minutes.

It was exciting today to see the school LOUD! Very positive things have happened academically; National Merit Scholars. Many students have won scholarships. Athletic teams have done great! Very excited to talk about this year's class at the graduation.

Questions:

Will the graduation event be live-streamed? Yes, professionally live-streamed and there will be a professional sound system and links will be provided. 2 cameras will be used (1 on stage and 1 behind the stage to capture whole stage)

Will seniors vote on a graduation speaker? Yes, and typically it is a member of the faculty; Mrs. Williams: Senior schoology page has the vote information

Will seniors walk across the stage ? Yes. Only one ramp so it will be a little different (right to left/one way).

Can people stand outside the fence? Yes, he has no problem with that.

Can families turn in tickets to the office if they don't need all 5 and the office can give out tickets to families who need more? Yes.

Are the seating pods on a first come first served basis? Yes, there will a time when folks can enter the stadium and chairs will be set up in groups of 5; it will be a giant horse shoe around the stage - groups of 5 chairs 10 feet apart on 10 meters on each side and then the bleachers It is a stadium and will be able to see as best they can. Ticket process will be very easy - show ticket and walk in; graduates will come in the gate by snack bar to proceed to seats in front and family will be in the main gate.

Does a graduate need a ticket? No...the ticket is for the family. If there is a family member in the band or choir, they don't need one of the tickets because they are part of the event.
Band or choir - doesn't count as a spectator.

Do advanced diplomas get a different color cap & gown? No.

Are they allowed to decorate their caps? Yes! Height limited though...because the person sitting behind them has to see;

Mrs. Williams - flat decoration is required on the cap...and has to be "appropriate".

Will special needs graduate students have support during the ceremony? Yes, always.

Mr. Lucas (Director of Counseling) and Mrs. Jones (College & Career Specialist)

Information for seniors: Awards slide-show / decision day survey information will be included and updated to celebrate these seniors! Please send in the information.

Mrs. Jones

May 1 is national decision day; SB will celebrate starting Friday April 30th; Please encourage students to scan the QR code for templates.

Senior survey - every student, please complete this on Naviance complete instructions with graphics is included by scanning the additional QR code (by May 8th, please - BullDog Tribune will feature this information).

Scholarships, Awards, and Recognition slide show.

Please use REMIND for important notifications 703.722.8068 @sbhs2021 @sbhs2022 @sbhs2023 @sbhs2024

Your school email; bulk messages are sent via naviance look for SBHS in subject line;

Mrs. Williams sends out a Friday Newsletter which includes scholarship information by due date; also available in Naviance.

Naviance - if you don't have a parent account yet, please email Mrs. Jones and she can give you a sign up code; Naviance has a messages area for all important messages from the guidance department.

Slides are being constantly updated to include student decisions and scholarships. Please send as soon as possible.

Veena question: What is the best way for parents to start receiving the newsletter from you?

Any parents that are registered in naviance/ contact info in Parentvue should be receiving this newsletter.

Mrs. Hughes

Planning the "Prom experience" to be held in the SB courtyard/outdoor area; DC events coordinator is helping and there will be a DJ. Starry Night is the theme. The prom experience will be May 15th. Contact free photo opportunities will be available; various photo op places; Junior Class officers are happy to help plan this for the seniors; Courtyard outside the school already has tables and they have asked the boosters to borrow cocktail tables, white table covers; Student drop off will be back of school with lights coming up to back of courtyard; some premade decorations will be used along with the Starry Night themes; Pre-packaged snacks and water donations are being requested; Up to 90 students outside will be allowed (first come, first served basis); (Indoors it would only be 45)

Cell tower question: Mr. Flynn will provide more details later; this has been done at other schools; He will write up the complete details and send it out in the next few days; (He

doesn't necessarily see a problem; a lot of studies have been done - installation will need to be worked around).