

## Student Voice and Action Committee Meeting Minutes

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

July 18, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

E.J. McClendon Educational Center

Committee Attendees: Alexander Hawkins, Emma Jordan, Nylah Brown, Juhi Pawar, Sara D'Urso, Montana Guy, Jacob Jackson, Shravya Ghantasala, Ken Pamplona, Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu, President Shawn Wilson, Dr. Monica Merritt, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Jennifer Vos

1. Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm by Dr. Vartanian-Gibbs. Attendees introduced.
2. The Meeting notes from June 20, 2022 were reviewed. Moved by Alex Hawkins. Seconded by Emma Jordan. The June 20, 2022 minutes were approved.
3. No public comments.
4. Committee Description
  - a. Clarified the differences between "Goals" and "Responsibilities"
  - b. Should "Creation of Budget" stay in Responsibilities?
  - c. Make sure everyone understands what Overseeing Student Environmental Data means.
    - i. Committee would look at data to give student perspective.
    - ii. Disparities to look into by students.
  - d. Came to consensus on having two equal co-chair positions.
  - e. Student would be "Honorary" member of School Board
    - i. Honorary member (which would be one of the co-chairs) would be required to attend each board meeting.
      1. Anyone on the Student Voice and Action Committee can attend the board meetings.
    - ii. They would be responsible for listening and offering input.
    - iii. They would make recommendations to the board.
    - iv. Legally, students cannot vote in school board votes.
    - v. Need to decide if students would give subcommittee report outs, if students would be at some parts of meetings or at whole meetings.
    - vi. Great opportunity for the student committee to add student voice to all aspects of board meetings.
  - f. Motion to have two equal co-chair positions.
    - i. The first year of the Committee would have two elected. One would be elected to serve a one year term; one would be elected to serve a two year term.

- ii. After that, both terms will be two years. Elections will be staggered every other year.
  - iii. Subcommittee chairs will be elected from the subcommittees.
    - 1. Alex Hawkins motioned
    - 2. Nylah Brown seconded the motion.
    - 3. Motion passed.
    - 4. Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu explained the Roberts Rules for meetings.
  - g. What will happen at SVA Meetings?
    - i. How often is it held?
    - ii. How many meetings can be missed?
    - iii. What would be expected at meetings?
    - iv. How much would be full committee vs. subcommittee meetings?
    - v. It was decided that this will be an agenda topic for the next meeting.
  - h. Discussion as to what the election process for co-chairs looks like
    - i. Option for school board review applicants and then choose a pool to be voted from.
    - ii. Option for students to have the choice, and the School Board bring up possible red flags they see with the choice.
    - iii. Option for a list of experience in leadership the candidates have had. Not just school-based.
    - iv. Option for a minimum requirement of how many meetings the candidate had attended in the past. Strive for 80% attendance.
  - i. Student Voice and Action Committee would kick off in September; elections will be held in November.
  - j. Subcommittee discussion.
    - i. Option for subcommittee chair elections would happen after the co-chair elections.
    - ii. Option for all SVA members to have a vote, and the subcommittee membership would have two votes.
    - iii. Option to have two set subcommittees; rest would be rotated based on need. Subcommittees should align with the District Dynamic Plan.
  - k. Document created where all ideas and notes will stay. Called "SVA Parking Lot."
5. Application Update and Review
- a. Discussion of word limit for the questions.
  - b. School email will be required.
  - c. Volunteers will work on the rubric
    - i. Juhi Pawar, Shravya Ghantasala, Alex Hawkins and Jacob Jackson.
    - ii. Will work with Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu
  - d. Add an optional "What else do you want us to know about you?"
    - i. Want to have quality candidates.
    - ii. Don't want to limit candidates with no experience. Want to hear all the perspectives, especially the disengaged student.

- iii. Don't limit the possibilities of what students share in this section.
  - e. Discussion on asking candidates about positive and negative experiences at school.
- 6. President Shawn Wilson invited students to attend board meeting on July 19 and give a report.
  - a. Juhi Pawar, Shravya Ghantasala, Emma Jordan and Alex Hawkins will attend.
  - b. President Wilson will connect with the students on the phone to discuss board meeting attendance at 1pm, July 19, 2022.
- 7. Consultant Discussion
  - a. Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs showed the group the responses to the important characteristics of the consultant.
  - b. Divided into focus groups and discussed the document, and chose three characteristics that are most important. Groups reported this information.
    - i. Financial and budget knowledge.
    - ii. Understand what the committee charge is.
    - iii. Open minded and help committee stay on track with District Dynamic Plan
    - iv. Elevate student voices.
    - v. Leadership and advocacy experience.
    - vi. Experience with problem solving.
    - vii. Preferable for consultants to attend all meetings.
    - viii. Have connections with the community.
  - c. Dr. Vartanian-Gibbs will create an RFP based on the feedback from the small groups.
  - d. Legal team will review the document.
- 8. Next Steps
  - a. Another meeting before the school year starts.
  - b. Find out how to get an SVA committee participating in Club Fair and Link Crew.
  - c. Nick Brandon will be invited to the next meeting to discuss communications.
- 9. Future meeting date will be determined.
- 10. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.