

Student Voice in Action Committee Meeting Minutes

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
October 24, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.
Canton High School

Committee Attendees: Juhi Pawar, Nylah Brown, Zach Farnsworth, Josh Patterson, Haidy Zhang, Jacob Jackson, Zack Patterson, Shravya Ghantasala, Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu, President Shawn Wilson, Trustee Lauren Christenson, Dr. Monica Merritt, Jennifer Vos

1. Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm by Pres. Wilson.
2. The meeting notes from September 26, 2022 were reviewed. Moved by Zach Farnsworth. Seconded by Josh Patterson. The September 26, 2022 minutes were approved.
3. No public comments.
4. Member Sidhu talked about the treats she brought for everyone. Today is Diwali Indian Festival of Lights. Celebrate good over evil. Spread hope over joy.
5. Debrief the application process.
 - a. Hard to judge a 6th grader vs. a 12th grader. Students coming fresh from Elementary. Tough to judge this.
 - b. Let's see what it would look like to accept all the yes and maybes and see the numbers.
 - c. Should this be lenient or competitive?
 - d. Some applications are very polished. Some are not as polished.
 - i. Looking at perspectives
 - ii. Lots of power in what was said, even with grammatical errors
 - e. Will applicants that are very committed to lots of activities be committed to SVA as much as we want them to be?
 - f. Tracking what we want to change for next year.
 - i. Have some older students mentor younger students.
 - ii. Being intentional about what we are asking
 - iii. How do you show passion?
 - iv. Look at different perspectives
 - v. Does the rubric need to be changed?
 - vi. Should we have certain slots for middle schoolers and certain numbers for high schoolers?
 - g. If we are going to let some know that they are not accepted, we need to build them up. Commending them for taking the time. Optionally, give them a title as "Alternate."

6. Discussion on how many applications will be accepted
 - a. 44 yes, 11 Maybe, 13 no
 - b. Accept 55? Make 13 be alternates?
 - i. Is there a stigma behind being an alternate? Don't want anyone to feel like they're not good enough.
 - ii. If we are accepting all, then why do we have an application process?
 - c. 55 voting members, 13 non-voting members.
 - d. Is our goal to get as many students engaged as possible?
 - e. Is our goal to be processed based?
 - i. Which goal is best for the student?
 - ii. Want to do no harm to any student.
 - iii. Could tell students what they need to do better if they are "no."

7. Voting on two philosophies
 - a. Two greens they are in, otherwise they are no
 - i. 35 would be in
 - ii. The rest are no
 - b. All students in
 - i. Can create layers to the acceptances
 - ii. This can be done in the future
 - c. Black and White: Only double greens would be accepted :0 votes
 - d. Gray: Open to figuring out what we accept more :11 votes

8. Getting groups together to discuss how to move forward.
 - a. Meeting at advisory on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:11 will not work
 - b. Pair up to work on the yes and no

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

