Student Voice in Action Committee Meeting Minutes

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
December, 2022
Canton High School

Committee Attendees: Zafina Abdul- Ruaf, Sara Alassi, Meher Bhuiyan, Nylah Brown, Jaya Choudhary, Shravya Ghantasala, Daman Gill, Lili Harezi, Isha Harish, Alex Hawkins, Aaliya Hussain, Jacob Jackson, Juliet Jakubik, Sudeeksha Jois, Yash Kalani, Max Krinke, Emily Lin, Hudson Lloyd, Rohit Mahesh, Julia Myers, Katie Nault, Sarah Nelson, Carsyn Orr, Josh Patterson, Zack Patterson, Juhi Pawar, Saee Pawar, Emily Postler, David Reeves, Adiran Roychoudhury, Alishab Sandhu, Kiaan Sheta, Shreya Shetty, Jushen Sidhu, AJax Simon, Mahika Srivastava, Nandini Vakde, Victoria Wallace, Holland Wilson, Rileys Zajas, Haidy Zhang, Evan Zhen President Shawn Wilson, Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu, Trustee Lauren Christenson, Dr. Monica Merritt, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, and McKenna Pierce

- Meeting called to order at 6:17 p.m. by President Shawn Wilson. The students of the committee made their introductions and went around in a circle and introduced first names and school. Board Members introduced themselves as well.
- 2. The meeting notes from November 14, 2022 were reviewed. Moved by Trustee Lauren Christenson. Seconded by Nylah Brown. The November 14, 2022 minutes were approved by everyone in attendance.
- 3. Public comments: Public comments were explained to the new committee members. No public comments were made.
- 4. The focus and work of SVA President Wilson
 - a. President Wilson presented a PowerPoint presentation on Student Voice in Action and the Board of Education Role/Functions. He talked about how the board does their work, strategic themes and results, types of student voice, and initial scope of work.
 - b. Josh Patterson read the charge, responsibilities, membership, governance, term, meetings, and staff for the Student Voice in Action Committee to the committee. Josh Patterson asked if anyone had any questions. No one had any questions.
- 5. Team Building Activities and Brainstorming Ideas for our Work
 - a. Students were encouraged to write down what they hoped to get out of the Student Voice in Action Committee. While the students brainstormed, the Board and Dr. Monica Merritt's team told the committee what they hoped to accomplish with SVA. Students wrote ideas on sticky notes and stuck them to the whiteboard.
 - b. President Wilson asked board members to pick 2-3 sticky note ideas to read aloud to the committee. Trustee Lauren Christenson read students' sticky notes

about impacting the district and wanting to have fun while helping. Dr. Monica Merritt read students' sticky notes about how they are excited to have a student-led group for the board to hear the various problems to make changes. Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu read students' sticky notes about wanting to make a positive change in their community. Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs read students' sticky notes about wanting to make new friends and be involved in the community. Students went around and made comments about the sticky note ideas that were read aloud.

- c. President Wilson told a story about Youth of the Year and the impact youth can have on the community, especially with the support of adults with a voice.
- d. The Board and Dr. Monica Merritt's team closed by each saying what they are most looking forward to seeing with this Student Voice in Action Committee.
- 6. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. by President Wilson. Followed by a group photo.