

Student Voice in Action Committee Meeting Minutes

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

January 9, 2023

Canton High School

Committee Attendees: Sara Alassi, Nylah Brown, Jaya Choudhary, Zachary Farnsworth, Daman Gill, Lili Harezi, Isha Harish, Alex Hawkins, Sudeeksha Jois, Yash Kalani, Veda Keshavamurthy, Emily Lin, Hudson Lloyd, Rohit Mahesh, Lauryn Mathis-Bracy Julia Myers, Katie Nault, Sarah Nelson, Josh Patterson, Zack Patterson, Saeer Pawar, David Reeves, Adiran Roychoudhury, Alishab Sandhu, Shreya Shetty, Jushen Sidhu, AJax Simon, Gwen Smith, Mahika Srivastava, Nandini Vakde, Victoria Wallace, Holland Wilson, Rileys Zajas, Haidy Zhang, Evan Zhen, President Shawn Wilson, Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu, Member Lauren Christenson, Dr. Monica Merritt, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, and McKenna Pierce

1. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Shawn Wilson.
2. The meeting notes from December 12, 2022 were reviewed. Moved by Alexander Hawkins. Seconded by Zachary Farnsworth. The December 12, 2022 minutes were approved by everyone in attendance.
3. Public comments. There were no public comments.
4. Next, the committee went around and said what they enjoyed most about the winter break.
5. Dynamic Plan Activity:
 - a. Students took turns discussing what they believed a dynamic plan is and how dynamic plans can help move a district forward. President Wilson presented slides covering the strategic themes and goals of the P-CCS Dynamic Plan 2021-27. The committee team went around and read both the strategic themes and strategic goals out loud.
6. Break into Sub Groups:

- a. Students are broken into four groups led by various board members and Dr. Merritt's team to establish meeting norms (Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu), create student agenda outline (Member Lauren Christenson), establish RFP process/timeline (Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs and Dr. Monica Merritt), and establish co-chair process/timeline (President Shawn Wilson).
- b. Each sub group committee was explained by the board. Students were then encouraged to choose which sub group they wanted to be in for this meeting. While in the sub groups, ideas for the year were written on large sheets of paper to present to the entire Student Voice in Action committee.
- c. Students were given 30 minutes within their sub group to brainstorm. One person within the group will present to the SVA committee.

7. Sub Committee Report Out

- a. Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu's Group - Establish meeting norms: Judgment free zones, assume the best intentions, raise hand to speak and don't talk over people, look at ideas from a different perspective, everyone participates, be open to suggestions.
 - i. Suggestions to add were: prioritize attendance/ make attendance mandatory, create a group communication method, like Slack, to all stay on track. Be present. Respect is the number one priority for a group like this: unconditional respect. Accept others. Respectfully disagree.
- b. Member Lauren Christenson's group- Create student agenda outline: Alex Hawkins presented for the group. Application review, doing surveys aimed at students to write about what change they want made. Art competition on various mediums for student's to use their voice. The group thought to use Jam Board or Padlet to share ideas. Down-to-Earth marketing and use all of the tools as the committee's disposal.
 - i. Suggested to add were: spread your word through other club meetings with similar interests. Use the main contact to engage. Reach out to teachers directly from across the district. Keeping suggestions open from all students and a way for P-CCS students to contact the SVA members directly.
- c. Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs and Dr. Monica Merritt's group- Establish RFP process/timeline: have a professional come in every other meeting or every

meeting to bring outside knowledge that the student's don't yet have. This person would help meet the goals faster. They want the professional to work on social media/ PR, someone who can budget and understands the legal aspect of our goals. This professional needs to know that this is a student-focused group working with respect and toward change. Integrated between multiple schools, races, religions and identities. Looking for a mentor to help deliver change.

- i. Suggestions to add were: Need someone who can institutionalize and train aspects of a board meeting, how we conduct business, create a way for it to be run the same way year after year. Providing leadership opportunities for students. Gaining skills to be more prepared for your future.
 - d. President Shawn Wilson's group - Establish Co-chair process/timeline: Be open-minded, good listener, unbiased, intelligent, able to attend most, if not all, board meetings, good speaker, able to apply the dynamic plan. SVA members can become a Co-Chair by being graded from a rubric. If a committee member is interested in being a Co-Chair, you may nominate yourself and will do a 2-3 minute presentation on why they will make a good Co-Chair. Voting for the Co-Chairs will take place over email. Voting would be via rankings instead of flat-out voting for someone.
 - i. Suggestions to add were: You can nominate other people, if someone was nominated and chooses to decline, they can. It is important to have it known that you should be looked at as an important voice. Co-Chairs should be easily accessible to all students. Further criteria will be provided as a guideline for the SVA Co-Chair presentations.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. by President Wilson.