

# Student Voice in Action Committee Meeting Minutes

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

September 18, 2023

Canton High School

**Committee Attendees:** Zachary Farnsworth, Max Krinke, Josh Patterson, Zack Patterson, Sae Pawar, President Shawn Wilson, Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu, Dr. Monica Merritt, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Vice President Lauren Christenson, Jushen Sidhu, Adiran Roychodhury, Evan Zhen, Sudeeksha Jois, Holland Wilson, Josh Patterson, Riley Zajas, Juliet Jakubik, Alishab Sandhu, Sara Alassi, Mahika Srivastana, Hudson Lloyd, Mark Salzer, and Yash Kalani

## I. Call to Order and Introduction:

Meeting called to order at 6:11 p.m. by President Shawn Wilson

## II. Review minutes from June 5, 2023 Meeting:

The SVA members reviewed the Minutes from June 5, 2023. The meeting notes from June 5, 2023 were reviewed. Josh Patterson noticed that there were two commas after his name. The meeting notes from June 5 were moved by Sae Pawar and seconded by Veda Keshavamurthy. The June 5, 2023 meeting minutes were approved by everyone in attendance

## III. Welcome from Co-Chairs and Public comments:

Sae and Josh welcomed everyone and had members share some things good about the summer. No public comments were made.

## IV. Remind Update (Technology Department):

Mark Salzer shared the following information. 350 Teachers use Remind as a form of communication. Last month, Remind contacted Mark Salzer to let him know that our district is using Remind more than expected. If P-CCS wants to continue using Remind, P-CCS needs to pay \$58,000 per year.

Our district is capped at 15,000 group messages per week. It resets each week. The technology department is looking for different options for text messages. Remind is compliant with COPA. We track everyone's COPA agreement in MiStar. Slack isn't available for our group.

### **Your Voice Matters (Report from Josh Patterson)**

There were four responses regarding advisory. There was an additional response to shorten the school day. We should try to advertise the form again. It was suggested to bring posters to the next SVA meeting for students in post at the schools. Riley Zajas suggested we could create more posters and create a video to share your voice matters.

### **Date Change - Discussion led by Josh Patterson.**

Josh discussed the change of the SVA meeting to the 3rd Monday of the month, which would allow more time to be prepared for the board meeting.

Josh will create a Google Form to find out which date is best for the group.

### **Jamboard Activity:**

Saeer Pawar helped the group create a Jamboard. The purpose of the Jamboard is to get more thoughts on the school environment and how we can advocate for change. SVA members can share a question, comment, or concern.

Saeer read all of the information on the Jamboard. We will email Jamboard out to the SVA members to get additional ideas. We will review this information with the planning team. We will have an electronic version of the Jamboard activity.

### **Sub Committee Meetings: Policy, Student Performance and Achievement, Finance:**

Secretary Anupahm Sidhu and Saeer Pawar shared the role of a liaison for each of the Board of Education committees. A liaison would share feedback from SVA at the sub committee meetings.

Student Performance and Achievement (SPA) meets the first Wednesday of each month. Policy meets once a month. Finance meets twice a month on Thursdays (1st and 3rd of the month). Each committee meets about 1.5 hours. The description and calendar for the meetings is on the Google Form. The goal is to have the majority of the meetings covered by students from SVA. A review of the minutes will help SVA members decide if they are interested in the work of the subcommittees.

### **V. New Member Process (Vice President Lauren Christenson).**

Vice President Lauren Christenson shared the new member process. Along with the application process, we had a rubric and a roll-out plan. We had a soft launch. We engaged with the P-CEP clubs and activities. We shared information in the middle school and high school newsletters. We shared on 88.1 The Park, and had a media blitz. Riley Zajas thought we should have a meeting where other students outside of Student Voice in Action can attend to learn more about the subcommittee. President Shawn Wilson shared the main goal of SVA is to build community among students.

President Shawn Wilson challenged the SVA to have the committees student-centered. Josh Patterson will send out an email regarding the 3rd Monday of the month discussion. Proposed plan regarding emails will be used.

The two co-chairs and five other members will meet to discuss having a SVA open house. This will be a working group on how to secure new membership. Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Riley Zajas, Sae Pawar, Josh Patterson, Yash Kalani, Hudson Lloyd, Sudeeksha Jois, Jushen Sidhu will meet at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

#### **VI. Announcements:**

RFP Process: Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs shared that four people applied to be the SVA consultant. The deadline for applying is September 30, 2023.

Fall Into Fitness: Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs invited all SVA members to attend this event.

Advisory Period Update: Superintendent Monica Merritt.

We started with student advisory twice a week. During the 23/24 school year, it is once a week on Wednesday for a 60-minute block. We will go to the table and negotiate the model advisory/homeroom. Some students shared they have a different advisory teacher this school year. Yash Kalani shared that the homework time is very good. Since you get to stay with the same teacher from the students' 3rd hour, you don't lose as much time. Josh Patterson shared homeroom is more structured and streamlined. Being attached to the 3rd hour provides more time.

#### **VII. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. by Josh Patterson.