

**Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Student Voice in Action Committee  
Monday, October 16, 2023 @ Canton High School Media Center  
Agenda**

**Committee Attendees:** Max Krinke, Josh Patterson, Zack Patterson, Sae Pawar, Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Jushen Sidhu, Evan Zhen, Sudeeksha Jois, Sara Alassi, Mahika Srivastana, Hudson Lloyd, Yash Kalani, Evan Zhen, Hudson Lloyd, Victoria Wallace.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs.

**Review Minutes from September 18, 2023**

Josh Patterson asked the students to review the minutes. The minutes from September 18, 2023, were reviewed. A student at the meeting suggested removing the period after 18 on the 3rd line. The meeting notes from September 18, 2023, were moved by Paige Prydie and seconded by Addison Newhouse. The September 18, 2023 meeting minutes were approved by everyone in attendance.

**Welcome from Co-Chairs and Public Comments**

Sae Pawar and Josh Patterson welcomed everyone. No public comments were made.

**Overview of SVA for our Guests**

Josh Patterson and Sae Pawar presented information about the Student Voice in Action Committee.

**Update from the Board Meetings (Josh Patterson)**

Josh Patterson explained this part of the agenda to the attendees.

**Think. Pair. Share. Activity (Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs)**

Students worked together on the Think. Pair. Share. Activity. Students shared the following information:

- We should discuss more from the SVA meetings with the middle school student councils.
- We should also think about fundraisers for SVA.
- We need to discuss the norms we set from last year.
- We established leadership for this year.
- This year we can create ideas and do things we are passionate about.
- We like that we had forms posted in our schools to seek suggestions.
- We want to solve some problems. Solve problems involving our community.
- I have heard of other districts having monthly mental health days. It would be great if we could do the same even once every quarter.
- We need better advertising for anything we do.
- We need a better grading system in our school district.
- We would like more middle school activities after school.
- We like that everyone who applied was accepted.
- All students were given opportunities to speak out during the meeting

**JamBoard Activity (Sae Pawar)**

What should we do as a group? What action can we take?

Sae shared that at a prior meeting, we completed a Jamboard activity. Below are the ideas from the activity:

- How can we include all students in SVA?
- Are we going to ask for new applicants to apply this year?

- Try to see if homeroom at P-CEP can occur more than once a week.
- How is the student voice going to be shown in Virtual Academy?
- Many people don't know about the Google Form for SVA.
- More rules for walking between classes and leaving class.
- I would like to see more rules in relation to walking in the hallways and leaving class in response to a chaotic situation in middle school hallways and students leaving at coordinated times to meet with friends instead of at recess or class.
- Can we get more communication from teachers regarding the mental health of students?
- Can we work to help students with their workload?
- Can non-members improve SVA? If not, could we also encourage non-members to come to the meetings?
- More Action! We want more action and more change!
- Why can't the students pick their high school?
- Can we do college visits in high school?

Students at the meeting had an opportunity to share additional ideas they would like to address. Below is the list:

- Can we get more college counseling before senior year?
- How can we include all students in SVA and include all voices?
- Many people don't know about the Google Form created to get recommendations for change. How can we market the survey and get more responses?
- How can we get the voice of elementary students in SVA and act on it?
- How can non-members improve SVA?
- Can we help limit the workloads of students?
- I would like more rules for walking between classes.
- Can we get more communication with teachers about the mental health of students?
- Can we reach out to clubs and partner with them?
- Can we ask 5th-grade students their opinions?
- Can we provide more resources to support queer youth?
- Some of the school lunches available don't support dietary restrictions.
- Can the Media Centers @ P-CEP stay open until 6pm?
- Can more support be provided for students who have some challenges?
- A separate area should be provided in all schools for students who celebrate Ramadan. Separate area. Fair and equal space for students
- Can all teachers at P-CEP play the announcements?
- Social/emotional learning at the middle schools

### **Subcommittee Meetings**

Sae Pawar shared that the students listed below will represent the Student Voice in Action on the board subcommittees.

Policy: Rohit Mahesh, Kaylin Dunham

Finance and Operations: Nandini Vakde, Emily Lin

SPA: Hudson Lloyd, Yash Kalani

### **New Member Process**

Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu shared the SVA application from last year. Students reviewed the application.

Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu asked students if they had any recommendations for changes. What timeline would you like for this year? All of the student suggestions are listed below:

- Reorder grades 6 through 12 on the Google Form
- Question: Do you feel like your voice is being heard?
- Ask on the Google Form where the students heard about SVA?

- Why do we ask about race/ethnicity groups?
- Add more questions about the SVA group and know more about what is going on in high school and middle school.
- Move the question about the student's email after the student's name.
- Add middle school, high school, and Virtual Academy to the list
- Ask for the preferred name on the Google Form
- Who are you representing when you are joining the group?
- Question 6: Capitalize Student Voice in Action
- Keep Concise.
- Eliminate some questions
- Please allocate 10-15 minutes to complete the Google Form.M
- Question 10. Double Space
- Email address. Just put a short answer
- Fewer questions.

### **Timeline Suggestion**

- Positive Experiences and Challenges (some examples)
- Students should write complete sentences
- In the email of the application, put the dates we are meeting. Add the dates to the email.
- Click here to learn more
- Date 22/23
- Date Range (2 weeks). The committee reviewed the form.
- 2-year commitment for SVA.
- Question: Are we going to accept all applicants like we did last year?
- Can the form be saved as you are completing it.
- Attendance: Should this be on the form?
- Do we need in-depth questions/answers if everyone can attend?
  - 3 to 4 students from every grade level.
- Think about a flexible rubric (MS/HS)

### **Dress Code/Student Handbook (Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs)**

Assistant Superintendent, Kurt Tyszkiewicz, will be attending the SVA meeting on 11/20 to begin the process of seeking input from students regarding the dress code.

### **Review of Dates for Upcoming Meetings**

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. by Josh Patterson.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

Monday, November 20, 2023

Monday, December 18, 2023

Monday, January 29, 2024

Monday, February 26, 2024

Monday, March 18, 2024

Monday, April 15, 2024

Monday, May 20, 2024