

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Student Voice in Action Committee
Monday, May 20, 2024 @ Canton High School Media Center

Agenda

Committee Attendees: Alice Pressler, E'Leena Bullock, Emma Krupa, Evayla Georgieva, Hudson Lloyd, Iniya Mudaliyar, John Sadowski, Joshua Patterson, Lina Mohammad. Mahika Srivastava, Max Krinke, Riley Tulgetske, Sadie Anthony, Sudeeksha Jois, Sylvia Black, Zachary Patterson, Superintendent Monica Merritt, Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu, Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, and McKenna Pierce

Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Secretary Anupam Chugh Sidhu. The subcommittee went around and introduced themselves.

Welcome from Co-Chair Josh Patterson and Review SVA Norms

The SVA committee reviewed the printed posters containing the committee's 2023-2024 norms.

Review Minutes from March 18, 2024

Sae Pawar asked the SVA committee to review the minutes. The minutes from March 18, 2024, were reviewed. An amendment was suggested to add the flavor of Waffle Snaps to Maple Waffle Snaps. The meeting notes from March 18, 2024, were motioned to move as amended by Riley Tulgetske and seconded by Hudson Lloyd. Everyone in attendance approved the March 18, 2024 meeting minutes. The meeting on April 15, 2024, was a planning meeting, so no approval of minutes is necessary.

Citizens Comments

John Johnston wanted to congratulate the students in the SVA committee for their commitment to the committee and gave a special shout-out to Hudson Lloyd for attending many of the subcommittee board meetings.

Dress Code in the Student Handbook

Students in the SVA committee were asked to review the memo drafted from the student dress code survey results and SVA committee discussions over the last few meetings. The memo will be sent to Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. Some suggestions were made, including condensing similar ideas across bullet points, using more inclusive language, and being more specific when it comes to the length of clothing, etc.

Planning Initiatives for the 24/25 School Year

Committee members were asked to brainstorm three initiatives individually to focus on for the 2024-2025 school year. Once the committee members each had three ideas, they discussed in

table groups to find similarities in the initiatives they would like to see at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. More money should be allocated for 6th-grade sports, swimming should be added for 6th-graders. Middle schools have limited sports options and students would like to see more sports like soccer, baseball, and badminton. Amenities should be equal across all schools, specifically the middle schools. Some schools have a track, while others do not. Better field trips throughout the year. Better choices in the vending machine. Middle School students only get approximately ten minutes to each lunch due to the long waits in the lines. Creating an easier way to suggest improvements across each school, like a Google Form. More in-school services to help students get diagnosed with various learning, mental, and behavioral disabilities. Sidewalks, specifically at P-CEP should have a better severe-weather plan. Each high school should have a different yearbook, instead of a P-CEP-wide one. More annual after-school programs and activities like pep rallies, dances, etc... A Student Voice in Action Committee Newsletter should be created and sent out to students. More regulation on student behaviors on buses. More academic leaves for religious holidays. This year the PSAT was on Eid and many students had to make it up or miss it altogether. Adding hooks to the restrooms so students can hang up their backpacks instead of setting them on the bathroom floors. Teachers should not be allowed to limit the number of hall passes/bathroom passes per semester or year since every student has a different walking schedule. Medication rules and regulations should be reviewed. Over-the-counter products like ibuprofen or allergy medicine should become more accessible to students. More restrictions should be in place for vaping. Educational opportunities might be a good investment for students to learn about the side effects of vaping. At the Mental Health and Wellness Fair, drug usage and side effects of smoking and vaping should be included.

Update on Board of Education Meeting and Subcommittee Meetings

Students provided updates from each of the other subcommittee meetings.

[Finance & Operations Committee Minutes](#)

Policy Advisory Committee Minutes

[Student Performance and Achievement \(SPA\) Committee Minutes](#)

Update from Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs

Dr. Vartanian-Gibbs explained the next steps to the committee members. Over the summer new board members will be assigned to the subcommittees. Decisions such as meeting times and application processes will be discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. by Josh Patterson.