

**Plymouth-Canton Community Schools**  
**Student Voice in Action Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, September 16, 2024 @ Canton High School Room 201**

**Committee Attendees:** Addison Newhouse, Evayla Georgieva, Hudson Lloyd, Iniya Mudaliyar, John Sadowski, Josh Patterson, Lina Mohammad, Mahika Srivastava, Marianna Vespa, Jo Fessler, Max Krinke, Riley Tulgetske, Riley Zajas, Sadie Anthony, Sae Pawar, Sara Alassi, Simran Singh, Sudeeksha Jois, Sylvia Black, Zachary Patterson, Superintendent Dr. Monica Merritt, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, and Board President Mrs. Lauren Christenson

**Call to Order, Introductions and Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by Josh Patterson.

Josh welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sae Pawar and Josh Patterson introduced themselves. All attendees introduced themselves.

**Review SVA Norms**

Josh Patterson asked all attendees to review the SVA norms.

**Review Minutes from May 20, 2024**

Sae Pawar asked the SVA committee to review the minutes. Mahika shared that her last name was spelled incorrectly. In the area under planning initiatives there were some spacing issues that needed to be fixed. In the area under update from..., the O in over doesn't need to be capitalized and there was some punctuation that needed to be fixed.

The minutes from May 20, 2024, were reviewed. *I, Lina Mohammad, move to approve the minutes as amended. I, Zack Patterson, second. Motion carries to approve the minutes.*

**Citizens Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**Updates**

Josh Patterson shared the new member process. Students in 6th - 12th grade will receive an email sharing the process with them. Students can complete the application form from 9/23-10/6.

Current SVA members will place posters at their school to advertise the committee. The following students volunteered to put posters up at the school to announce how to apply to be in SVA.

**SVA Contact at each school to help with promotion.**

Discovery ( Riley Tulgetske)	East (Sudeeksha Jois)
Pioneer (Lina Mohammad)	Liberty (open)
West (John Sadowski)	Salem (Marianna Vespa and Sadie Anthony)
Canton (Simran Singh)	Plymouth (Jo Fessler)
Starkweather Academy (open)	

**Accomplishments**

Sae Pawar shared the accomplishments of SVA from the 23/24 school year. In Nutrition Services, we focused on the lunch menu being more inclusive. We also discuss some environmental stability improvements. We noticed some of the proposals have been adopted. Students shared that they noticed the following; pizza served on cardboard, more vegetarian and halal options. Halal options are readily available. The different snacks SVA sampled our being using during breakfast and lunch. There are additional lines and fresh fruit is available.

We also reviewed the student dress code and shared our feedback.

**Initiatives**

Josh Patterson reviewed the spreadsheet with the ideas from students to work on during the 24/25 school year. Josh asked feedback from SVA members on each topic. Students would like to review middle school athletics and how to secure mental health support. There was also discussion on the middle school grading system. Students decided to focus on one of the topics below.

- **Middle School Sports**
- **More Support with Mental Health**
- **Vaping Awareness**
- **Bathroom Safety**

Josh Patterson explained the committees of the Board of Education. Sae Pawar shared that you can be a liaison for one of the committees.

Josh Patterson adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.