Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Student Voice in Action Committee Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2025 @ Pioneer Middle School

Committee Attendees: Aditi More, Aleeza Mallick, Ali Qoran, Arjun Swaminathan, Aurin Rashid, Evayla Georgieva, Iniya Mudaliyar, Jasmine Huynh, Josh Patterson, Kierleinn Zanira PInkihan, Lina Mohammad, Megan Barbour, Neha Aekka, Saee Pawar, Sara Alassi, Sequoyah Nelms, Simran Singh, Tarek Tarmoom, Tejas Kalani, Zachary Patterson, Jessica Lombardi, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Board President Mrs. Lauren Christenson, and Superintendent Dr. Monica Merritt.

Call to Order, Introductions and Attendance
The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm by Josh Patterson. Josh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review SVA Norms
Josh Patterson asked all attendees to review the SVA norms.

Review Minutes from February 24, 2025
Josh Patterson asked the SVA committee to review the minutes. The minutes from February 24, 2025, were reviewed and approved. ***I, Arjun Swaminathan, approve the minutes as presented. I, Ali Qoran, second. Motion carries to approve the minutes.***

Citizens Comments
There were no citizens comments.

Presentation by Panorama
Roger Hedgis-Kligerman, Ellie Gray, David Kowalski and Johnathan Flukes presented on Panorama. Students met in small groups and then offered feedback and asked questions. Below shows what was discussed:

- Could create bite sized surveys.
- Students don't believe that the survey is anonymous. Would like to see more reminders about that.
- Targeted short answer questions at the end.
- For tricky words you could highlight them for definition.
- Explain at the top of the survey why the data is important and collected.
- Q: How do districts decide what surveys to take? A:Through the district's dynamic plan the surveys were developed.
- Q: How are specific questions selected and why are they repetitive? A: When a topic is built we are trying to measure a certain thing. To measure, we need to ask multiple questions in order to get an accurate answer. Those questions work as a unit. Responses are measured to get an understanding of different statistical approaches based on answers.
- Surveys need to be anonymous. Ex. If the question asks, do you have a parent at home to talk to? Students will say yes I do, even if they don't.
- Strongly agree to strongly disagree. Make it a slider instead of a scale.
- Students will click the Neutral option often because it is easier.
- Students rush through the questions to get it done quicker.
- It does not seem like it is anonymous when we have to use our student ID.
- Least likely to most likely is a very confusing question. Ruins credibility of the question.
- Peer pressure as a statistic. Effects performance and attendance rates.
- Ask the questions, How respected do you feel at school? You could evaluate on a 1-5 scale. Use optional free responses.

- Panorama isn't advertised to students well. We are instructed to do it without a good explanation.
- Students might say, "Why do you do the survey?" That is very cringe.
- Should be better advertised. Short paragraph to explain why we have the survey.
- Some students feel it is biased towards teachers, so I should say something good.
- Some teachers have favorites. Sometimes you don't want to connect with your teachers.

Co-Chair Finalists Speech and Elections

Finalists presented in random order for the open SVA Co-Chair positions. Saee Pawar shared blank ballots for SVA members to vote for their top 2 choices. Dr. Liz collected ballots. Results will be emailed to the SVA members.

Next steps to support Student Mental Health and Wellness

Update from Dr. Liz on Mental Health and Wellness ideas. Dr. Liz will send an email looking for additional ideas to support mental health month which is in May.

Update from SVA members who attend subcommittee meetings.

- Policy: Student updated on Student welfare and accidents. Additional information will be shared once it comes out. Drones were discussed and how they can be used and who can use them. More information will be shared. Criminal justice information and security and how the officers' role is structured at the schools. Access to information and which board members have access to the information. Information was discussed on how citizens' comments take place at the board meetings. Also talked about grant funds and projects.
- Finance and Operations: No update provided.
- Student Performance and Achievement: No update provided.

Saee Pawar adjourned the meeting at 5:49 pm.