Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Student Voice in Action Committee Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2025 @ Pioneer Middle School

Committee Attendees: Aleeza Mallick, Arjun Swaminathan, Ethan Fong, Ethan Miller, Hayla Mohssen, Iniya Mudaliyar, Josh Patterson, Krushna Modi, Lena Mohammed, Mahika Srivastava, Neha Aekka, Olivia Mattson, Saee Pawar, Simran Singh, Sudeeksha Jois, Tarek Tarmoon, Zachary Patterson, Jessica Lombardi, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Board of Education President, Lauren Christenson, Board of Education Trustee, Jennifer Vos, and Superintendent Dr. Monica Merritt.

Call to Order, Introductions and Attendance
The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Arjun Swaminathan. Arjun welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review SVA Norms
Arjun Swaminathan asked all attendees to review the SVA norms.

Review Minutes from March 17, 2025
Josh Patterson asked the SVA committee to review the minutes. The minutes from March 17, 2025, were reviewed and approved. ***I, Tejas Kalani, approve the minutes as amended. I, Krusha Modi, second. Motion carries to approve the minutes.***

Citizens Comments
There were no citizens comments.

Nutrition Services
Josh introduced Anne Whetstone from Nutrition Services. She provided food samples of spicy and plain boneless wings. SVA members tried the boneless wings. Everyone was asked to fill out a survey form on how they liked the products.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month
- Overview: Josh discussed the Mental Health Awareness Month event that SVA Members did in their schools.
- SVA Members shared feedback on how it went when passing out stickers at their schools.
- Going forward we could offer flyers regarding Ulliance and different resources to place at the tables to get more attention from students.

Hate and Bias Form Discussion
Arjun presented the Hate and Bias form and asked if SVA members know what the form is and what it would be used for. Arjun went through the questions on the form and asked members to select one question to review on a lined piece of paper. Member Vos shared that students have expressed concerns that their Hate and Bias forms have not been addressed. Arjun invited SVA Members to come up and speak on what their group discussed.

Dr. Merritt educated SVA Members on where the idea of this form came from. This form does not take the place of reporting a complaint. The form would indicate to the Principles that the initial complaint was not followed up on. Dr. Merritt explained FERPA and why they are not allowed to tell victims what the punishment is, but that the issue was addressed and resolved.

SVA Student suggested a follow up form after so many days to make sure issues are addressed.

SVA Student asked if there is a way for parents to find out if an issue or concern is addressed. Dr. Merritt said that there may be a gap. There should be a follow up note at the end of the form. Maybe add an automatic message that the form was received.
SVA Student shared that she was called down to the Security office regarding an issue. She asked who should follow up. Should it be the student or the administrator? Dr. Merritt suggested that students go ahead and also report the incident with their AP.

Josh shared that there is confusion regarding what form to fill out. Okay to Say or the Hate and Bias form. Dr. Merritt shared that Okay to Say is reported to the Michigan State Police.

Arjun shared that some people may not need a response or a follow and to maybe include a question asking that specifically. Josh suggested that Google Forms would be a good form to use.

Update from SVA members who attend subcommittee meetings.

- **Policy:** No update was provided.
- **Finance and Operations:** No update was provided. Dr. Merritt offered some thoughts about the security cameras that were discussed, Chiller at Field Elementary and a new playground at Dodson and Isbister. Also reviewed financial statements from the previous month. Innovation Hub was discussed.
- **Student Performance and Achievement:** Dr. Merritt shared that SPA viewed the presentation regarding the Highlights. Out of country field trips. Discussion regarding cell phones.

Dr. Vartanian-Gibbs presented the seniors with a certificate for being a member of the SVA. Certificates will be provided to the other seniors who are absent.

Josh Patterson adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.