Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Student Voice in Action Committee Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2025 @ Pioneer Middle School

Committee Attendees: Aleeza Mallick, Arjun Swaminathan, Claire Bao, Ethan Miller, Hadi El-Sheikh, Hayla Mohssen, Iniya Mudaliyar, Josh Patterson, Krushna Modi, Mahika Srivastava, Neha Aekka, Olivia Mattson, Riley Tulgetski, Sara Alassi, Tarek Tarmoon, Zachary Patterson, Jessica Lombardi, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Superintendent, Dr. Monica Merritt, Board of Education President, Lauren Christenson, Board of Education Vice President, Anupam Chugh Sidhu, and Board of Education Trustee, Jennifer Vos

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.

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

Review Minutes from May 19, 2025
Josh Patterson asked the SVA committee to review the minutes. The minutes from May 19, 2025, were reviewed and approved. ***I, Krushna Modi, approve the minutes as amended. I, Riley Tulgetske, second. Motion carries to approve the minutes.***

Citizens Comments
There were no citizens comments.

Ice Breaker
Josh and Arjun did a this or that style ice breaker with the group. Students had an opportunity to speak about why they prefer one over the other.

Updates: Josh shared the new member process and asked if everyone can identify friends to invite to join SVA. Arjun asked for SVA members to also identify a staff member at their building to help promote SVA. Dr. Liz added that it should be a staff member that you and/or all students connect well with. It could be a Counselor, Teacher, or staff member that is well connected with students in their building. Dr. Liz asked for SVA members to share their thoughts with her after the meeting regarding staff member ideas.

- New Member Process
- Application Open 9/22-10/3
- SVA Contact at each school to help with promotion
- 1st meeting 10/20/25

Planning Initiatives for the 25/26 School Year
Josh and Arjun shared the following ideas that they came up with:

- Substance Abuse Awareness
- Stress and Anxiety Tool Kit
- Q&A with Administration
- School Spirit
- Event or Fundraiser for Bullying Prevention Month

SVA members were asked to put down thoughts individually and in small groups to identify additional ideas. Josh went table by table to ask students to share their ideas.

- Emotional Abuse
- Suicide Prevention
- Cafeteria Food and Choices
- Break Room (Zen Room at the Counseling Center)
- Increase awareness of the Zen Room
- Other Vegetarian options not just cheese pizza
- Additional options for lunch
- ADHD Awareness
- Map of Bus Loop
- Map of Schools
- Increase passing time at MS level
- Tool Kit to help studying
- Office hours for help from Teachers
- Bathroom locks on Plymouth HS A-Pod Girls, East Girls, Canton Girls

Update from SVA members who attend subcommittee meetings.

- **Policy:** Looking for 2 SVA Members
- **Finance and Operations:** Looking for 2 SVA Members
- **Student Performance and Achievement:** Looking for 2 SVA Members

Board Member Sidhu shared a brief overview of the Policy subcommittee. Board Member Christensen shared a brief overview on Finance and Operations. Board Member Siddhu shared a brief overview of the Student Performance and Achievement subcommittee. Questions from SVA members were shared and answered.

Dr. Vartanian-Gibbs shared an opportunity to attend a documentary on suicide prevention. This is open to Community members, Guardians, Parents and High School level students with parental approval.

Josh Patterson adjourned the meeting at 5:16 pm.