Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Student Voice in Action Committee Minutes
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ Pioneer Middle School

Committee Attendees: Aliana Lara-Valerio, Anna Carlesco, Arjun Swaminathan, Eden Wilkerson, Ethan Fong, Ethan Miller, Jafer Arshad, Josh Patterson, Krushna Modi, Mahika Srivastava, Neha Aekka, Olivia Mattson, Paige Zirk, Riley Tulgetske, Rohan Gurung, Ruvanya Karthickkumar, Shriya Nagireddy, Sudeeksha Jois, Sylvia Daunoravicius, Tarek Tarmoom, Tejas Kalani, Jessica Lombardi, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, 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 Arjun Swaminathan, Arjun welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review Minutes from November 17, 2025
Arjun Swaminathan asked the SVA committee to review the minutes. The minutes from November 17, 2025, were reviewed and approved. ***I, Ruvanya Karthickkumar, approve the minutes as amended. I, Krushna Modi, second. Motion carries to approve the minutes.***

Citizens Comments
There were no citizens comments.

SVA Initiative Substance Abuse Awareness
Overall Goal:

- Long term intervention
- Avoiding fear-inducing tactics
- Target education on risk and protective factors
- Fix myths
- Social resistance skills to combat peer and media pressure

SVA Students split into groups to create announcements to speak about substance abuse in Middle and High School levels. The remaining SVA members split into a group to create substance abuse awareness posters to post in the buildings.

Food and Nutrition Services Q & A Follow-UP
Packets were passed out to the SVA members. These packets included answers to all the questions that were asked during the Food and Nutrition presentation at our last meeting. Josh shared some of the questions and answers aloud with the group. Kayla McDaniel shared in the packet that she would be following up on the suggestions offered by the SVA members. Questions and answers will be shared at the next meeting as well.

Update from SVA members who attend subcommittee meetings.

- **Policy:** Call with a law firm to discuss policy. Northville has switched to this company already. Miller-Johnson was there in person to discuss their proposal. Waiver was discussed regarding starting school before Labor Day.
- **Finance and Operations:** No SVA member was in attendance. Board of Education President, Lauren Christenson shared information about the IT bond upgrades that were discussed at the meeting. They also discussed a fiber maintenance service contract and the purchase of laptops for staff. 25/26 mid year budget amendments were also discussed.
- **Student Performance and Achievement:** No member was in attendance to discuss this meeting.
- **NSBA Conference Update:** Board of Education Vice President, Sidhu shared NSBMA with the group and encouraged members to look at the website to see if we could formally partner with this group. We have done great work and would like to take our work to the national level.

Josh Patterson adjourned the meeting at 5:29 pm.