Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Student Voice in Action Committee Minutes
Monday, September 28, 2026 @ Pioneer Middle School

Committee Attendees: Aanya Tera, Aaruz Yusuf, Aarti Pradhan, Adrita Athoshi, Alaina Lara-Valerio, Alesandra Yumul, Amrit Cheema, Anaya Indalkar, Anna Carlesco, Arjun Swaminathan, Ayden Mncwango, Brian Wilkerson, Carmen Mascaro, Chelsea Harris, Dhrumi Dave, Eden Wilkerson, Emmett Swisher, Ethan Fong, Etta Hughes, Grace Wolken, Iniya Mudaliyar, Jannat Abrahim, John Sadowski, Journie Hunter, Juliet Souidan, Khushi Khanagoudar, Krushna Modi, Leann Badran, Lela Stojanovic, Livi Wilkerson, Madilyn Colasanti, Maira Shah, Maleah Beck, Mariah James, Mariam Aleena, Meher Basu, Miryam Al Jabur, Nakshatra Ethiraju, Nanditha Chowdary Raminan, Natalie Quay, Neha Aekka, Prathika Ram Prakash, Sahib Maan, Samanvi Chada, Sara Alassi, Simone Jackson, Sirena Hoo, Sofia Reece, Sree Ananya Jonnadula, Sudeeksha Jois, Tarek Tarmoom, Temperance Rayton, Treya Lenz, Jessica Lombardi, Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Board of Education President, Anupam Chugh Sidhu, and Board of Education Vice President, Jennifer Vos

Other Attendees: Joe Tollefson, Craig Olzak

Call to Order and Welcome
The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm by Arjun Swaminathan. Arjun welcomed everyone to the meeting. Co-chairs and Board Members introduced themselves to the group.

Review Minutes from May 18, 2026
Arjun Swaminathan asked the SVA committee to review the minutes. The minutes from May 18, 2026 were reviewed and approved. ***I, Tarek Tarmoom, approve the minutes as amended. I, Mariam Aleena, second. Motion carries to approve the minutes.***

Citizens Comments
There were no citizens comments.

Review SVA Norms
Krushna Modi asked the group to review our SVA Norms. Krushna asked if the group had any suggestions or questions regarding the current norms. The group took time to discuss. Students shared their thoughts on our current norms encouraging everyone to not be judgemental, attend meetings regularly, and share ideas openly with the group.

Attendance Expectations
Arjun shared the attendance expectations.

- Attendance is key to being successful in SVA
- We understand that this is a group of students, and many other commitments are made
- If you have to miss a meeting, please try to communicate this with Dr. Liz or one of the co-chairs ahead of time
- Missing 3 or more meetings would severely impact your ability to contribute to student leadership in the district
- If you miss a significant number of meetings, the co-chairs or Dr. Liz would like to discuss next steps with you
- There are extenuating circumstances to all of this, which can be discussed with Dr. Liz or the co-chairs privately
- For subcommittee meetings, please inform Dr. Liz or a co-chair as early as possible if you are unable to attend the meeting

Review of last school year

Arjun shared the SVA initiative from the 2025/2026 school year. Arjun told the group that they will be sending out a form to decide what the initiative will be for the 2026/2027 school year. Krushna reviewed the form with all SVA members. Time was given to SVA members to complete the Google Form. SVA members were encouraged to talk to the people around them to discuss ideas. Arjun gave the group time to share.

SVA Initiative Ideas

Some ideas included:

- Advanced Classes and awareness of what is available to them
- Vaping
- The schools are lacking representation from the LGBTQ community
- We need to address literacy
- Lockers should be used to discourage people from smoking
- Cultural barrier. It's hard to learn about each other. Incorporate more cultural activities
- More vegetarian and halal options at lunch
- It is important to focus on inclusion of students, specifically disabled students
- School should focus on the fact that some students come from abusive homes
- Suicide awareness
- P-CEP IB program needs adjustment
- More snow days are needed especially at P-CEP

Student Chairs for Subcommittees

Arjun shared about the subcommittees that are available for SVA members to participate in. Board of Education President Sidhu gave an overview of each subcommittee for the SVA members. A form will be sent to each member to sign up if interested in attending a subcommittee meeting. All meeting dates can be found on the district website under the Board of Education tab. Students were given time to ask questions. Arjun shared that we are also looking for public relations committee members.

Arjun Swaminathan adjourned the meeting at 5:22 pm.