

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 – 7 PM – via Zoom

Here is the zoom link for all VAPA DAC meetings this year:

<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/86357364196>

AGENDA

DAC roster for 2022-23:

Janis Gabbert – expires June 2023

Deborah Berek – expires June 2023

Domenic Piturro – expires June 2023

Lydia Muraro – expires June 2024

Zina Josephs – expires June 2024

Annie Azzariti – expires June 2025

Aimee Koeplin – expires June 2025 – appointed on 9/14/22

As per BP 1313 (adopted 11/18/21), the Board of Education and SMMUSD shall place this information at the top of their meeting agendas.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Treat everyone with respect and courtesy.	Keep an open mind and, if merited, allow yourself to be persuaded to change your opinion.
Listen to others respectfully.	Acknowledge dissension as a civic right and as a tool to use to reach the best decisions.
Agree to disagree, and don't make it personal; discuss the issue, not the person.	Accept responsibility and maintain self-control.

NORMAS DE CONDUCTA QUE PROMUEVEN LA CIVILIDAD EN TODAS LAS REUNIONES PÚBLICAS:

Tratar a todas las personas con respeto y cortesía.	Mantener la mente abierta, y si la ocasión lo amerita, permitir ser persuadido a cambiar de opinión.
Escuchar a los demás de manera respetuosa.	Reconocer el disenso como un derecho cívico y como una herramienta para tomar las mejores decisiones.
Aceptar las diferencias y no tomarlas de forma personal; debatir el asunto, no la persona.	Aceptar la responsabilidad y mantener el autocontrol.

7:00 PM – **Call to order and welcome**

7:05 PM – **Approve minutes** from May 2022 meeting (on page 4)

7:15 PM -- Calendar review

- DAC meetings -- Oct 26, Nov 30, Jan 25, Feb 22, April 26, May 10
- Board of Ed meetings – October 6 and 20 at 5:30 PM --
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>
- VAPA Calendar -- <https://smmarts.net>

REPORTS

7:20 PM -- P.S. ARTS

7:25 PM -- Administrator Co-Chairperson -- Dr. Jacqueline Mora

7:35 PM – Staff Liaison and VAPA Coordinator -- Tom Whaley

7:50 PM -- Board of Education Liaisons – Maria Leon-Vazquez and
Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (per the DAC Charge)

8:00 PM – VAPA DAC charge for 2022-23 – Approved by the Board of Ed on 9/14/22

- *Support a comprehensive preK-12 arts education program as an integral part of the core curriculum offered to all SMMUSD students, with dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts taught as discrete disciplines and integrated into other subject areas; as we align with and promote the Excellence through Equity Plan, which includes teaching cross-cultural and socio-emotional skills.*
- *Serve as a conduit for parents, teachers, students and community members to inform and make recommendations to the Board of Education on matters related to equitable access and successful participation in comprehensive, sequential, standards-based preK-12 arts education, while comparing the district’s curriculum, scheduling, staffing, instructional materials, equipment, and facilities with National and State standards and frameworks; as we align with and promote the Excellence through Equity Plan.*
- *Maintain the Board and District commitment to the adoption of a new 6-year SMMUSD Arts Education Strategic Plan. Review and advise this Plan to align with and promote the Excellence through Equity Plan.*

1. **Year-End Report** – Board of Education response

2. **Prop 28: “Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee Accountability Act”**
Website: <https://caforartseducation.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/yeson28>

Ballotpedia:

[https://ballotpedia.org/California Proposition 28, Art and Music K-12 Education Funding Initiative \(2022\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_28,_Art_and_Music_K-12_Education_Funding_Initiative_(2022))

3. **Samohi Master Schedule Committee and ACES curriculum update**
4. **6-Year Arts Education Strategic Plan (2019-2025) update**
5. **8 VAPA DAC vacancies** – Update on DAC Board Policy and Administrative Regulations -- <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/118>
6. **Upcoming performances:**
 - (July 4 – Samohi Marching Band -- Santa Monica 4th of July Parade)
 - October 21 – Samohi Marching Band “at home” football game – Senior Night/Exhibition/8th Grade Night
 - October 22 – Samohi Marching Band at Pierce College Field Tournament
 - October 29 – Samohi Marching Band -- Simi Valley Field Tournament
 - November 5 – Samohi Marching Band -- Bakersfield
 - November 12 – Samohi Marching Band -- Anaheim
 - November 19 – Samohi Marching Band -- SCSBOA Championships
7. **Media coverage:**
 - a. **“SMMUSD and DanzAlianza to Host First Folklorico Dance Festival”**
5/3/22 – SMMUSD press release
<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/domain/2939/2021-22/PR-FolkloricoFest042822.pdf>
 - b. **Endorsement: Yes on Proposition 28. All kids deserve quality arts and music education**
9/8/22 – *Los Angeles Times*
<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-09-08/endorsement-yes-on-proposition-28-all-kids-deserve-quality-arts-and-music-education>
 - c. **Prop 28 Arts Education** – *Cal Matters*
<https://calmatters.org/california-voter-guide-2022/propositions/prop-28-arts-education/>
 - d. **Prop 28 In a Minute:** Arts and Music Education (2022) | Ballot Brief | KCET video -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biP0AGsEEnk>

e. **California Prop 28: Arts Education Funding**, explained in 1 min (2022) – Cal Matters video -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcicsBMUHGE>

f. **“California Art and Music Education Ballot Initiative Campaign Submits a Million Signatures”**
4/26/22 -- *Variety*
<https://variety.com/2022/politics/news/arts-music-education-signatures-submitted-1235240640/>

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

8:50 PM – **Public comments regarding items not on the agenda** -- Public Comments is the time when **members of the audience** may address the DAC on items not on the meeting’s agenda. The Brown Act states that Committee members may not engage in discussion of issues raised except to ask clarifying questions or to refer the matter to staff.

8:55 PM – **Agenda planning for October 2022**

9:00 PM – **Adjournment**

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May 11, 2022 – via Zoom

MINUTES (draft only)

Attendees: Deborah Berek, Janis Gabbert, Zina Josephs, Lydia Murraro, Dominic Piturro, John Redfield, Rebecca Cardenas, Maria-Leon Vazquez, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, and Tom Whaley

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Co-chair Janis Gabbert.
2. Minutes from the April meeting were approved by unanimous consent. (Muraro)

3. **P.S. ARTS** – Rebecca Cardenas reported that they will wrap up programs by the first week of June. Two more Family Art Nights are scheduled.
4. **Administrator Co-Chairperson** -- Dr. Jacqueline Mora was unable to attend.
5. **Staff Liaison and VAPA Coordinator** -- Tom Whaley's report:
 - a. The Mexico Magico ballet folklorico event at Samohi was a great success.
 - b. The Mariachi group performed for Cinco de Mayo at Will Rogers. The groups will rehearse twice a week next year.
 - c. ACES discussions with music and theater teachers continue at Samohi.
 - d. An art show will open at the Roberts Gallery at Samohi on May 12.
 - e. New funding from Measure R for VAPA programs will be available in 2022-23, specifically for non-capital expenses such as instruments, choir risers, orchestra shells for the middle schools, etc.
 - f. If the statewide "Vote Arts and Music" initiative passes in November, the Art teachers would like instructional aides to help with special needs students.
 - g. The Kiwanis music scholarship winners' performances and reception will be on May 25.
 - h. The Samohi Master Schedule committee, led by Dr. Drati, met on May 10.
6. **Board of Education Liaisons** – Maria Leon-Vazquez reported that the 2022-23 budget is not yet complete. There seems to be an "aspirational agreement" with the Malibu City Council regarding unification (creating a Malibu Unified School District). Maria has been advocating for English Language Learners to be re-classified as soon as possible so they can take electives in high school. Richard TJ asked about the status of the Dance program at Samohi. Tom replied that he set up meetings with Samohi administration and SMC, and that there will be one dual-enrollment class in the Fall. Staffing and curriculum have not yet been finalized.
7. **Year-End Report** – The draft report was discussed, revised, and approved by unanimous consent. (Josephs)
8. **Public comments regarding items not on the agenda** – None
9. The rest of the agenda items were tabled.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.