

# Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 7 PM – **in-person**

The **SMMUSD District Office** has moved to **1717 - 4th Street**, Santa Monica 90401.

**Parking Instructions:** Park in the multi-level parking structure located at 333 Civic Center Dr. This is across from the new district office.

From 4<sup>th</sup> Street, turn west on Civic Center Drive (between Pico Blvd. and the freeway), then turn right again. The entrance to the parking structure is close to Olympic Drive.

*(If you park underground at 1717 - 4<sup>th</sup> St., you will be responsible for paying the Hilton Hotel parking fee.)*

If anyone doesn't want to attend the DAC meetings at the district office, they can agree to list their address on the top of the agenda and attend via Zoom, and then Tom will need to make sure we have a spider phone system, so everyone can be heard, and we can view those joining via Zoom on a white screen in the conference room.

## **AGENDA**

### **DAC roster for 2022-23:**

Janis Gabbert – term expires June 2023  
Deborah Berek – June 2023  
Domenic Piturro – 2023  
Lydia Muraro – June 2024  
Zina Josephs – June 2024  
Annie Azzariti – June 2025  
Aimee Koeplin – June 2025  
Elizabeth Manco – June 2025

### **DAC application form:**

<https://ca50000164.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/304/DACappEngSP.pdf>

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.
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Listen to others respectfully.	Acknowledge dissension as a civic right and as a tool to use to reach the9 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 February 2023 meeting (on page 6)

7:15 PM -- **Calendar review**

- **DAC meeting -- May 24 (change of date)**
- Bd of Ed meetings – May 4, May 17 (Wed), June 1, June 22 (special meeting), June 29
- 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 to the Board of Education** – Due date
- 2. Prop 28: “Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee Accountability Act” and the 6-Year Strategic Arts Education Plan (2023-2029)** -- update
- 3. SMC concurrent enrollment classes update** – Domi Piturro
- 4. VAPA DAC vacancies** – Flyer for VAPA teachers to share with parents – Update DAC Board Policy and Administrative Regulations:  
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/118>  
 DAC application form:  
<https://ca50000164.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/304/DACappEngSP.pdf>
- 5. Upcoming performances and art exhibits:**
  - April 28 – Samohi Orchestra Concert
  - April 28-30 – JAMS/SMASH musical “Grease”
  - April 28-30 – Malibu High “SpongeBob the Musical”
  - May 2 – District-wide Art Show at the new Roberts Art Gallery at Samohi
  - May 16 – Malibu High Band Concert
  - May 18 – LMS Choir Concert
  - May 18 – Malibu High Choir Concert
  - May 19 – Samohi Spring Choir Concert
  - May 20 – Samohi Sr. Gala (all seniors, Philharmonic & Symphony)
  - May 21 – Samohi Jazz Bands Spring Concert
  - May 23 – JAMS Orchestra Concert
  - May 23 – Samohi Bands Pops Concert
  - May 24 – JAMS Band Concert
  - May 25 – LMS Band Concert
  - May 31 – JAMS Choir Concert

June 1 – Malibu High Orchestra Concert

Over spring break, Samohi choirs toured in the Pacific Northwest and participated in a choral festival in Seattle, and the Samohi Wind Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra toured in Ireland.

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**6. Media coverage:**

- a. **“SMMUSD Students and Music Teacher Perform at the Hollywood Bowl”**

<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/domain/2939/2022-23/PR-SMMUSDatHollywoodBowl031023.pdf>

- b. **“Samohi Theatre’s ‘The Drowsy Chaperone’ Takes the Stage in Santa Monica” (photo)**

3/1/23 – *Santa Monica Mirror*

<https://smmirror.com/2023/03/samohi-theatres-the-drowsy-chaperone-takes-the-stage-in-santa-monica/>

“Tickets are now available for Samohi Theatre’s production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*, a romantic tale set in the roaring 20s with a cast of zany characters that includes dancing gangsters, huge musical numbers, mistaken identity, and vaudeville-style gags. Shows will take place at Barnum Hall on March 3 and 4 at 7 PM and March 5 at 3 PM, following three successful shows last week. *The Drowsy Chaperone* has been hailed as “the Perfect Broadway Musical” by *New York Magazine* and won 5 Tony Awards and 7 Drama Desk Awards when it first played on Broadway in 2006....”

- c. **“41 Santa Monica Students Named to California All State and Honor Choir, Orchestra, and Band”**

2/22/23 – *Santa Monica Mirror*

<https://smmirror.com/2023/02/41-santa-monica-students-named-to-california-all-state-and-honor-choir-orchestra-and-band/>

- d. **“Malibu High Freshman Stars in Musical in Santa Monica”**

2/17/23 – *Malibu Times*

<https://malibutimes.com/malibu-high-school-freshman-stars-in-musical-in-santa-monica>

“There’s a charming musical playing at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre in Santa Monica. One of its stars is Malibu’s own Joaquin Hosfeld. The 15-year-old earned one of the leads in the show based on Academy Award-winning actress Julianne Moore’s best-selling children’s book series

“Freckleface Strawberry.” The musical is for all ages, with a theme of inclusivity....”

- e. **“Hot Off the Press: Malibu Middle School’s Spring Musical ‘Disney’s Newsies Jr.’”**

2/16/23 – *Malibu Times*

<https://malibutimes.com/hot-off-the-press-malibu-middle-schools-spring-musical-disneys-newsies-jr>

“Based on Disney’s musical film and the real-life newsboy strike of the 1890s in New York, “Disney’s Newsies Jr.” is a version of the Broadway musical that was brought to life by students in Malibu Middle School. In the musical, and in history, when powerful newspaper publishers like Joseph Pulitzer...raise paper prices at the newsboys’ expense, their charismatic leader... rallied other newsies to strike against the unfair conditions....27 Malibu students come together to sing, dance, jump, flip, and cartwheel on stage as they create a movement to fight for what’s right....*Newsies Jr.* was directed by Dr. Krysta Sorensen, Brigette Leonard, and Amanda Kofsky....”

- f. **“Malibu High School Student Receives Prestigious Award for Writing and Digital Art”**

2/16/23 – *Malibu Times*

<https://malibutimes.com/malibu-high-school-student-receives-prestigious-awards-for-writing-and-digital-art>

“The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the nation’s longest-running and most prestigious program for creative teens, dating back to 2023. The contest is judged based on the program’s core values: Originality, skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Malibu High junior Thomas Drummond received 5 awards this year....He earned his awards as a student of Carla Bowman-Smith, a photography and digital design teacher with Malibu High’s visual and performing arts program....’She got me where I am today, definitely,’ he said.”

- g. **Malibu High** – Carla Bowman-Smith’s advanced students’ images were included in the Malibu City Recreation Guides for both Winter and Spring this year.

<https://malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/30857/2023-Winter-Rec-Guide?bidId=>

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## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

8:45 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.

8:50 PM – **Agenda planning for May 24, 2023**

8:55 PM -- **Announcements**

9:00 PM – **Adjournment**