

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – 7 PM – in-person

Board Room, SMMUSD District Office, 1717 - 4th Street, Santa Monica 90401

AGENDA

VAPA DAC roster for 2024-25 and when terms expire:

Annie Azzariti – June 2025
Aimee Koeplin – June 2025
Deborah Berek – June 2026
Janis Gabbert – June 2026
Domenic Piturro – June 2026
Zina Josephs – June 2027
Rebecca Terlizzi – June 2027
Michael Mollo – June 2027

7:00 PM -- Call to order and welcome

7:05 PM -- Approve minutes from February meeting

7:10 PM -- Calendar review

- Board of Ed meetings: May 1 (Malibu) and May 15
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>
- VAPA DAC meeting: May 21
<https://www.smmusd.org/Page/3815>

REPORTS

7:15 PM -- Staff Liaison and VAPA Coordinator -- Tom Whaley

7:40 PM – Introduction of the new VAPA Coordinator for 2025-26 – Dr. Jim Wang

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 2024-25:

- *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. Prop 28 update

2. DAC End-of-Year Report – due date?

3. VAPA DAC vacancies

- a. **Discuss strategies for recruiting new members**
- b. **Discuss strategies for getting DAC applications processed**
- c. **DAC application form:**

<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/304/DACappEngSP.pdf>

4. Media coverage

Senator Ben Allen to Be Honored at “Stairway of the Stars” Concert

3/13/25 – *Santa Monica Mirror*

Santa Monica High School to State “Chicago” Musical

2/27/25 – *Santa Monica Mirror*

SMMUSD to Celebrate Black History Month with JAZZ REACH’s “Stolen Moments

2/18/25 – *Santa Monica Daily Press*

5. Calendar of upcoming performances and arts exhibits

May 1-4 – MHS musical
May 2 – Samohi Orchestra “Pops” concert
May 2-4 – JAMS/SMASH after school musical “Wizard of Oz”
May 8 – Samohi Senior Art Show
May 15 – MMS and MHS Band Concert
May 20 – Samohi Bands “Pops” Concert & Senior Recognition
May 20 – JAMS Orchestra Concert
May 21 – JAMS Band Concert
May 22 – LMS Choir Concert
May 29 – JAMS Choir Concert
May 29, 30, 31 – Samohi Theater “Public Domain”
May 29 – LMS Band Concert
May 29 – MMS and MHS Orchestra Concert
May 31 – Samohi Orchestra Senior Gala
June 3 – Samohi Choral Concert
June 4 – MMS and MHS Choir Concert
June 5 – LMS “Pops” Concert
June 5 – Samohi Jazz Bands concert

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

8:45 PM – **Public comments regarding items not on the agenda --** 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 21 meeting**

8:55 PM – **Announcements and adjournment**