

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – 7 PM – via Zoom

VAPA DAC Meetings

Wednesdays, 7-9 pm

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AGENDA

DAC roster for 2021-22: Annie Azzariti, Deborah Berek, Scott Ferguson, Janis Gabbert, Zina Josephs, Elizabeth Manco, Lydia Murraro, Dominic Piturro, John Redfield

7:00 PM – Call to order and welcome

7:05 PM – Election of officers: Co-Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

7:10 PM – Approve minutes from October 2021 meeting

7:15 PM -- Calendar review

- Board of Ed meetings -- December 9 and 16 - <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4047>
- DAC meetings -- January 19, February 23, April 27, May 11
- VAPA Calendar -- <https://smmarts.net/>

REPORTS

7:20 PM -- P.S. ARTS – Rebecca Cardenas

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

7:30 PM – Staff Liaison and VAPA Coordinator -- Tom Whaley

7:50 PM -- Board of Education Liaisons –

Dr. Maria Leon-Vazquez and Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (per the DAC Charge)

8:00 PM – VAPA DAC charge for 2021-22

- *Support a comprehensive preK-12 arts education program as an integral part of the core curriculum offered tot 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. Non-district funding of VAPA instruction, per Richard TJ’s request

2. Fall 2021 VAPA classes and enrollment

3. Impact on arts electives

- a. Master schedule update
- b. Counselors have been informing 10th graders that they can’t take U.S. history at SMC this summer because only Samohi’s U.S. history class will fulfill the new ACES graduation requirements. This policy impacts not only VAPA students’ schedules, but all students’ abilities to take UC-approved classes that are transferable to many colleges where AP classes may not be. Why is SMMUSD imposing this requirement now when the state law, AB-331, doesn’t take effect until 2025?

*Section I (G) (i) Commencing with pupils graduating in the **2029–30 school year**, including for pupils enrolled in a charter school, a one-semester course in ethnic studies. A local educational agency, including a charter school, may require a full-year course in ethnic studies at its discretion. Commencing with the **2025–26 school year**, a local educational agency, including a charter school, with pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, shall offer at least a one-semester course in ethnic studies.*

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB331&showamends=false)

c. Budget update/timeline for 2022-23 school year

d. 6-Year Arts Education Strategic Plan update

e. 6 VAPA DAC vacancies -- DAC Board Policy and Administrative Regulations <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/118> -- According to Board Policy 1220, “Membership recruitment will be ongoing throughout the year. Minimally, information about the District Advisory Committees will be shared with the public in **August, November, and January**. Applications for appointment to advisory committees may be submitted at any time during the year. **Once per quarter, an item shall be placed on the Board of Education agenda listing committee vacancies.**” -- Only one VAPA DAC member has been appointed since 2017. When and how has information about the DACs been shared with the public and the Board of Education since 2017?

f. Upcoming performances:

December 2 – LMS Choir Concert

December 2 – Malibu HS & MS Orchestra Concert

December 8 – Malibu HS & MS Band Concert

December 9 -- JAMS Choir Concert

December 9 – LMS Band Concert

December 14 – Malibu HS & MS Choir Concert

January 30, 2022 – Samohi Jazz Concert -- Location TBD

g. Media coverage:

“Malibu High School to Produce ‘Eurydice’ ”

11/12/21 – *Malibu Times*

https://www.malibutimes.com/news/article_f8b3744c-4276-11ec-93eb-736cb05193fc.html

“Samo High Theater – ‘Clue On Stage!’ ”

11/11/21 – *ABC News*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDia6g6_S04

“Santa Monica High School Marching Band Places First in Recent Competition”

11/8/21 – *Santa Monica Daily Press*
<https://www.smdp.com/santa-monica-high-school-marching-band-place-first-in-recent-competition/210238>

“Live Theater at Samohi”

11/4/21 – *Santa Monica Daily Press*
<https://www.smdp.com/live-theater-at-samohi/210143>

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 January 19 meeting**

9:00 PM – **Adjournment**