

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

May 12, 2021 – via Zoom

## MINUTES

Attendees: Deborah Berek, Scott Ferguson, Janis Gabbert, Zina Josephs, Elizabeth Manco, Lydia Muraro, Lana Negrete, Domi Piturro, John Redfield, Ann Thanawalla, Rebecca Cardenas, Maria Leon-Vazquez, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Tom Whaley

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Co-Chair Janis Gabbert.
2. Minutes from the April meeting were approved by unanimous consent. (Berek)
3. **P.S. ARTS** – Rebecca Cardenas reported that the program is wrapping up this month, but no news yet regarding grant funding for 2021-22.
4. **Administrator Co-Chairperson** -- Dr. Jacqueline Mora was unable to participate in the meeting.
5. **Staff Liaison and VAPA Coordinator** -- Tom Whaley reported that planning for 2021-22 includes a) culturally relevant Professional Development re the new state VAPA standards, and b) exploration of adapting VAPA curriculum to meet the new American Cultures & Ethnic Studies (ACES) graduation requirement.
6. **Board of Education Liaisons** – Dr. Maria Leon-Vazquez and Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein discussed the effect of local housing costs on district enrollment, music staff levels, availability of arts electives in the middle schools (including for ELL students), and alternative schedules.
7. **DAC End-of-Year Report to the Board of Education** – The draft report was approved by unanimous consent. (Berek)
8. **Public comment** -- None
9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.