

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

November 13, 2019 – 7 PM

Board Room, SMMUSD District Office, 1651 16th St., Santa Monica

AGENDA

7:00 PM – **Call to order and welcome** -- Co-Chairperson Janis Gabbert

7:05 PM – **Approve minutes** from October meeting

7:10 PM -- **P.S. ARTS** – Rebecca Cardenas

7:20 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

8:00 PM – **VAPA DAC Charge for 2019-20** (approved by the BOE on 9/5/19)

Visual and Performing Arts DAC

■ Support a comprehensive preK-12 arts education program as an integral part of the core curriculum offered at 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.

Discussion/action items (per the DAC charge)

1. **Review and advise regarding the Draft 6-Year Arts Education Strategic Plan** to align with and promote the Excellence through Equity Plan.
2. Serve as a conduit for parents, teachers, students, and community members – **Review the draft DAC MidYear Report.**
3. Serve as a conduit for parents, teachers, students, and community members; Inform and make recommendations to the BOE on matters related to equitable access and successful participate: **6th grade VAPA elective choices**
4. Serve as a conduit for parents, teachers, students, and community members: **Outreach to parents** – Ad hoc committee update – Lana, Lydia, Ann
5. Comparing the district’s facilities with National and state standards and frameworks: **JAMS and LMS facilities master plans** – Steve Massetti plans to bring both designers to a VAPA DAC meeting after the first of the year to get direct input specifically related to VAPA issues at the two campuses. DAC members will also have the opportunity to participate in the larger input meetings.
6. **Media coverage**
 - a. SMMUSD News Releases: <http://www.smmusd.org/news/index.html>
 - b. **“Samohi Looks to Secure Spot in Field Championships”**
10/30/19 – *Santa Monica Daily Press* -- <https://tinyurl.com/y5qs2g35>
“By the end of the first full week in November, the team will have competed against more than a thousand performers from various Southern California high schools, but McKeown said if his team has done well up to that point, the group can secure one of the 12 available spots at the SCSBOA Field Show Championships in Downey on Saturday, Nov. 16.”

8:45 PM – **Public comments regarding items not on the agenda** -- Public Comments is the time when members of the audience may address the District Advisory Committee on items not scheduled on the meeting’s agenda. The Brown Act states that Committee members may not engage in discussion of issues raised during Public Comments, except to ask clarifying questions, make a brief announcement, make a brief report on his or her own activities, or to refer the matter to staff.

8:50 PM -- **Calendar review**

1. **DAC meetings – Jan 15, Feb 19, April 22, May 13**
2. **Upcoming Bd of Ed meetings** – Nov 19 (SPSAs), Nov 21, Dec 12
Agendas: <http://www.smmusd.org/board/meetings.html> Board
Notes: <http://www.smmusd.org/BoardNotes.pdf>

3. **VAPA calendar** -- <https://smmarts.net/> or

<http://www.smmusd.org/vapa/calendar.html>

November 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 – Samohi Theatre: “You Can’t Take It with You”

<http://www.samohitheatre.org/>

November 14 – JAMS Orchestra Concert

November 15 – JAMS Band Concert

November 16 – SCSBOA Field Show Championships -- Downey

November 21 – Lincoln MS Orchestra Concert

December 5 – Lincoln MS Choir Concert

December 5 – Malibu High Band Concert

December 9 – Samohi Orchestras Winter Concert

December 12 – Lincoln MS Band Concert

December 12 – Malibu High Choir Concert

December 13 – Samohi Choirs: “Motus Perpetuus”

December 19 – JAMS Choir Concert at Samohi

January 16 to 18 – Malibu High Musical – “Chicago”

January 24 to 26 -- Lincoln MS after-school musical

January 24 – Samohi Theatre: Murder Mystery

February 9 – Samohi Jazz Bands -- Morgan-Wixson

February 27-29 & March 1 – Malibu Middle School musical

March 16 – Stairway Choir Concert

March 20 – Stairway Orchestra Concert

March 26 – Stairway Band Concert

April 30 – Districtwide Art Show

May 10 – Samohi Jazz Bands -- Catalina Jazz Club

8:55 PM – **Agenda planning for January meeting**

9:00 PM – Adjournment

Resources:

National Core Arts Standards – Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts

<http://www.NationalArtsStandards.org/>

California Arts Standards for Public Schools, Prekindergarten through Grade Twelve

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/vapacontentstds.asp>

VAPA DAC email -- vapadac@gmail.com

VAPA DAC web page -- <http://www.smmusd.org/vapa/vapaDAC.html>

VAPA Calendar -- <https://smmarts.net/> or <http://www.smmusd.org/vapa/calendar.html>

VAPA Facebook page -- “Santa Monica-Malibu USD Visual & Performing Arts” --
<https://www.facebook.com/Santa-Monica-Malibu-USD-Visual-Performing-Arts-499014126917622/> OR <https://tinyurl.com/y9m7hr8d>

VAPA on Instagram -- <https://www.instagram.com/smmusd.vapa/>

VAPA on Twitter -- @vapa_smmusd aka VAPA SMMUSD

VAPA Department web site -- <http://www.smmusd.org/vapa/>

VAPA Faculty -- <http://www.smmusd.org/vapa/faculty.html>

VAPA Glossary – http://www.smmusd.org/vapa/pdf/DAC_VAPAGlossary.pdf

National Core Arts Standards -- <http://www.NationalArtsStandards.org/>

DAC Application Forms -- <http://www.smmusd.org/DAC/pdf/DACappEngSP.pdf>

“A Three-Pronged Approach to Excellence through Equity” – 8/25/17

<http://www.smmusd.org/lcff/pdf/Three-ProngedApproachEthruE.pdf>

- 1) Create a Culture of Shared Accountability through a Systems Approach
- 2) Teach Cross-cultural and Socio-emotional Skills – *“The ways in which students learn and think are deeply influenced by their cultural identity and heritage, and that to teach a diverse student population effectively requires educational approaches that value and recognize their cultural backgrounds.”*
- 3) Engage in Constant Self-reflection around Issues of Equity