

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 – 7:00 PM – via Zoom

VAPA DAC Meetings

Wednesdays, 7-9 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Dates: September 29, October 27, December 1, January 19, February 23, April 27, May 11

AGENDA

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

7:00 PM – Call to order and welcome

7:05 PM – Approve minutes from May 2021 meeting

7:10 PM -- Calendar review

- DAC meetings -- October 27, December 1, January 19, February 23, April 27, May 11
- Board of Ed meetings -- <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5456>

REPORTS

7:15 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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (per the DAC Charge)

8:00 PM –

1. Revise and approve VAPA DAC charge for 2021-22

- VAPA DAC Charge for 2019-20 (approved by the BOE on 9/5/19)

- *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.*

2. Resolution re Zoom meetings -- In order for a committee to be able to continue to hold virtual meetings under a new state law starting October 1, the committee must adopt a resolution indicating the need to do so every 30 days. Since we don't have a regular meeting scheduled in November, our committee will need to adopt a resolution in October to hold a virtual "special" meeting in November, in order to adopt the resolution for December. Likewise, February for March. Sarah Wahrenbrock is drafting resolution language for the Board and the DACs to adopt.

3. DAC Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, Application form

<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/118>

4. DAC vacancies – The VAPA DAC has had only one new member appointed since 2017, i.e., Annie Azzariti in 2019. 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.”

When and how has information about the DACs been shared with the public since 2017?

5. **Brown Act Training** – September 14 presentation for DACs by Matt Vance of Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP
6. Update on the **Draft 6-Year Arts Education Strategic Plan** to align with and promote the Excellence through Equity Plan.
7. **Performances since the May 2021 DAC meeting**

May 14 at 7 PM, May 15 at 2 PM -- **Malibu High School Theatre Department** presented “*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*” as a live stream performance.

<https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/2061416/schools/58471>

May 14 and 15 at 7:45pm -- **Santa Monica High School Theatre Department** – “*She Kills Monsters Virtual Realms*” – Samohi’s Greek Theatre

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

Dungeons Commercial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tG8XqXT-3Jk>

Dragons Commercial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFTEjJoSjvA>

May 23, 2021 – **Samohi Jazz Bands 1 & 2** – Spring 2021 Concert – “Live from Home” -- Broadcast on our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgUFdR_qzgBARpsBoCqCUYA

May 27, 2021 – **John Adams Middle School Virtual Spring Concert** featured all 3 concert bands and 3 string orchestras, with 300 student musicians.

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

May 28 – **Lincoln Middle School** – Spring Concert 2021

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/santa-monica-arts-parents-association/lincoln-music-spring-concert>

June 5, 2021 -- **Samohi Theatre Department** presented “*Les Public Miserables*” in lieu of Public Domain. This production was filmed as a music video and includes three musical theatre numbers from “*Les Miserables*.” The Samohi Theatre

Department, with the pit orchestra under the direction of Terry Sakow -- a great job by Theatre instructor Kate Barraza, Samohi theatre students, and all the volunteers. <https://vimeo.com/showcase/publicdomain?fbclid=IwAR2uMTp-SLvnowpm0VHBwNI0YaWuviDflaU1EL8t1FvZNsQ6TZQ3mxdJyeY>

June 11, 2021 -- The **JAMS Jazz Band** was the featured instrumental music performance (live) at the 2021 JAMS Promotion Ceremonies.

Elementary Music -- June 2021 -- A 9-minute video was edited by elementary music teacher Lindsay Okumura, with submissions from all the elementary music teachers. It is a product of the hard work and dedication of the elementary music teachers during 2020-21 to ensure that elementary students kept playing and singing. All students in grades 3, 4 and 5 and SMASH Middle School music students demonstrated perseverance and grit this past year. Thanks to Lana Negrete at Santa Monica Music Center, the Santa Monica Education Foundation, and all the others who helped. <https://youtu.be/kIrh4r9UKY>

Samohi Professional Dance/Choreography Program
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nP3rW1CYhwE>

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 October meeting**

9:00 PM – **Adjournment**

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