

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – 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

As per BP 1313 (adopted 11/18/21), the Board of Education and SMMUSD shall place this information at the top of their meeting agendas.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Treat everyone with respect and courtesy.	Keep an open mind and, if merited, allow yourself to be persuaded to change your opinion.
Listen to others respectfully.	Acknowledge dissension as a civic right and as a tool to use to reach the best decisions.
Agree to disagree, and don't make it personal; discuss the issue, not the person.	Accept responsibility and maintain self-control.

NORMAS DE CONDUCTA QUE PROMUEVEN LA CIVILIDAD EN TODAS LAS REUNIONES PÚBLICAS:

Tratar a todas las personas con respeto y cortesía.	Mantener la mente abierta, y si la ocasión lo amerita, permitir ser persuadido a cambiar de opinión.
Escuchar a los demás de manera respetuosa.	Reconocer el disenso como un derecho cívico y como una herramienta para tomar las mejores decisiones.
Aceptar las diferencias y no tomarlas de forma personal; debatir el asunto, no la persona.	Aceptar la responsabilidad y mantener el autocontrol.

7:00 PM – **Call to order and welcome**

7:05 PM – **Approve minutes** from December 2021 meeting (on page 5 of the agenda)

7:15 PM -- **Calendar review**

- Board of Ed meetings – January 13 and 18 - <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4047>
- DAC meetings -- 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

7:35 PM – **Staff Liaison and VAPA Coordinator** -- Tom Whaley

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 2021-22**

- *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. Review and approve Mid-Year Report to the Board of Education

2. Impact on arts electives

- a. Master schedule update re 7-period day
- 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 (2019-2925) 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:**
 - January 11 – Samohi Winter Band Concert
 - January 30 -- Samohi Jazz Band Concert
 - February 4-5 – “Café Samo” -- Samohi choirs
 - February 10-13 – Malibu Middle School Musical
 - February 11 – Samohi Orchestras “Spaghetti & Strings”
 - February 17-21 – CASMEC in Fresno
 - February 25-27 – LMS Musical “Disney’s Aladdin Jr.” – (new dates)
 - February 25-27 – Samohi Spring Musical
 - March 11 – Samohi Spring Orchestra Concert

March 19 – “Stairway of the Stars” Concert -- Samohi Greek Theater
March 19-21 – MHS Orchestra in San Francisco
March 29 -- Samohi Spring Band Concert
April 22 – Samohi Choir Masterworks Concert
April 29-May – JAMS/SMASH Musical “Annie”
April 29-May 1 – MHS Musical
May 5 – LMS Choir Concert
May 17 – JAMS Orchestra Concert
May 18 – JAMS Band Concert
May 25 – JAMS Choir Concert
May 26 – LMS “Pops” Concert

g. Media coverage:

Video for Chandra Narain:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5ueFyUvIvg&t=29s>

“Mapping the musical mind: Interesting patterns of brain activity emerge during musical analysis exercises”

12/23/21 – *Science Daily*

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/12/211223101414.htm>

“Researchers used magnetic resonance imaging to study the brains of secondary school students during a task focused on musical observation. They found that students trained to play music from a young age exhibited certain kinds of brain activity more strongly than other students. The researchers also observed a specific link between musical processing and areas of the brain associated with language processing....”

“Santa Monica High School Gets a New Mural” (4th Street retaining wall)

11/30/21 – *Santa Monica Mirror*

<https://smmirror.com/2021/11/beautify-your-neighborhood/>

“A new mural has come to Santa Monica High School thanks to Beautify Earth, an organization that connects local artists to local walls to create a more beautiful city through community involvement and art.”

Proposed ballot initiative – “The Arts and Music in Schools – Funding Guarantee Accountability Act” -- <https://caforartseducation.org/>

--Dedicates new funding to arts and music education in public schools without raising taxes.

- Increases arts and music education in every PreK-12 public school in California.
- Improves equity with additional funding for schools that serve low-income Black and Latino families.
- Has strong accountability and transparency measures, including requiring schools and school districts to submit annual, public reports to verify the funds are spent as intended.

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 February 23 meeting**

9:00 PM – **Adjournment**