

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – 7 PM – in-person

Board Room, SMMUSD District Office, 1717 - 4th Street, Santa Monica 90401

AGENDA

VAPA DAC roster for 2024-25 and when terms expire:

Annie Azzariti – June 2025
Aimee Koeplin – June 2025
Elizabeth Manco – June 2025
Deborah Berek – June 2026
Janis Gabbert – June 2026
Domenic Piturro – June 2026
Zina Josephs – June 2027
Rebecca Terlizzi – June 2027

7:00 PM -- Call to order and welcome

7:05 PM -- Approve minutes from November meeting

7:10 PM -- Calendar review

- Board of Ed meetings: January 23 and February 6
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>
- VAPA DAC meetings: February 19, April 23, and May 21
<https://www.smmusd.org/Page/3815>

REPORTS

7:15 PM -- Staff Liaison and VAPA Coordinator -- Tom Whaley

7:30 PM -- Board of Education Liaisons – Maria Leon-Vazquez and
Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (per the DAC Charge)

7:45 PM – VAPA DAC charge for 2024-25:

- *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. Prop 28 update

2. Revise and approve Mid-Year Report

3. VAPA DAC vacancies

- a. **Discuss strategies for recruiting new members**
- b. **DAC application form:**

<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/304/DACappEngSP.pdf>

4. Media coverage

SMMUSD Presents Holiday Visual and Performing Arts Events 2024

12/3/24 – SMMUSD news release

<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/domain/2939/2024-25/PR-VAPAWinterEvents2024.pdf>

Holidays Kicked Off in Style with Festive Promenade Affair (photos)

11/26/24 – Santa Monica Daily Press

<https://smdp.com/2024/11/26/holidays-kicked-off-in-style-with-festive-promenade-affair/>

“While locals are making their Thanksgiving plans this week, the city is also looking forward to the holiday season, kicking off the countdown November 21 with the official City of Santa Monica tree lighting ceremony. Held on the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade where the 32-foot pseudo spruce tree

resides, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. brought the public out to light up the nearly 3,000 individual decorations. Santa Claus himself traveled from the North Pole to illuminate the Promenade, preceded by performances from the Westside Ballet, **Lincoln Middle School's Madrigals** and the **Samohi Choir...."**

5. Calendar of upcoming performances and arts exhibits

January 23 – Samohi Jazz Band Concert

January 24-26 – LMS after school musical "Beauty and the Beast"

January 25 – Samohi Orchestra "Spaghetti and Strings" gala concert/fundraiser

January 31 and February 1 – Samohi Choir "Café Samo"

February 5 – Samohi "Bands on the Road"

February 6-9 – MMS musical "Beauty and the Beast"

February 28 to March 2 – Samohi musical "Chicago"

March 6-8 – MMS and MHS "Masque"

March 15 – "Stairway of the Stars" Concert

March 18 – Samohi Orchestras Spring Concert

March 25 – Samohi Bands Spring Concert

May 1-4 – MHS musical

May 2-4 – JAMS/SMASH after school musical "Wizard of Oz"

May 15 – MMS and MHS Band Concert

May 20 – JAMS Orchestra Concert

May 21 – JAMS Band Concert

May 22 – LMS Choir Concert

May 29 – JAMS Choir Concert

May 29 – LMS Band Concert

May 29 – MMS and MHS Orchestra Concert

June 4 – MMS and MHS Choir Concert

June 5 – LMS "Pops" Concert

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

8:45 PM – **Public comments regarding items not on the agenda --** 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.

8:50 PM – **Agenda planning for February 19 meeting**

8:55 PM – **Announcements and adjournment**