

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 – 7 PM – in-person

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

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AGENDA

VAPA DAC roster for 2023-24 and when the 3-year terms expire:

Zina Josephs – June 2024

Lydia Muraro – June 2024

Annie Azzariti – June 2025

Aimee Koeplin – June 2025

Elizabeth Manco – June 2025

Deborah Berek – June 2026

Janis Gabbert – June 2026

Domenic Piturro – June 2026

7:00 PM – Call to order and welcome

7:05 -- Approve minutes from the January 2024 meeting. (on page __)

7:10 PM -- Calendar review

- Board of Ed meetings: February 26, March 7,13, and 20
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>
- VAPA DAC meetings:
April 24, 2024
May 22, 2024

7:15 PM -- GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Devon Smith will discuss how the existing VAPA programs will be integrated into the Academies and the CTE pathways involving Arts, Media, & Entertainment.

REPORTS

8:00 PM -- Staff Liaison and VAPA Coordinator -- Tom Whaley

8:15 PM -- **Board of Education Liaisons** – Maria Leon-Vazquez and
Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (per the DAC Charge)

8:30 PM – **VAPA DAC draft charge for 2023-24:**

- *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. **DAC Mid-Year Report** – Included in the 2/15/24 BOE agenda as an Information Item.
2. **Prop 28: “Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee Accountability Act” and the 6-Year Strategic Arts Education Plan (2023-2029)** - update
3. **VAPA DAC vacancies**
 - a. **DAC application form:**
<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/304/DACappEngSP.pdf>
 - b. Board Policy re DACs: <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/118>
*"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."*

<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/domain/2939/2023-24/PR-FDAC.SeekingApplicants.pdf>

4. Upcoming performances and art exhibits:

February 23-25, March 1-3 – Samohi Theatre presents “Phantom of the Opera”
February 29-March 2 – Malibu High “Masque”
March 10 – 2024 Student Art Exhibit opening at Malibu City Hall
March 16 – “Stairway of the Stars” Concert – 4 PM
March 19 – Samohi Band Concert
April 11 – Lincoln Orchestra Concert
April 18 – Lincoln Band Concert
April 19 – Samohi Choral Masterworks with Orchestra
April 23 -- District-wide Art Show
April 24 – JAMS Arts Show -- Performance Studio – 5 PM
April 25 – Lincoln Choir Concert
April 26-28 – JAMS musical “Mean Girls”
April 26-28 – Malibu High musical “Mean Girls”
May 9 – Samohi Senior Art Show

5. Media coverage:

Opinion: “The Musical Gift L.A. Offers Public School Kids” – Kris Bowers

1/12/24 – *Los Angeles Times*

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2024-01-12/music-education-los-angeles-school-district-instruments-schools>

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 the April 24 meeting**

8:55 PM -- **Announcements**