

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – 7 PM – via Zoom

Zoom link for all VAPA DAC meetings this year:

<https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/86357364196>

AGENDA

DAC roster for 2022-23:

- Janis Gabbert – term expires June 2023
- Deborah Berek – June 2023
- Domenic Piturro – 2023
- Lydia Muraro – June 2024
- Zina Josephs – June 2024
- Annie Azzariti – June 2025
- Aimee Koeplin – June 2025
- Elizabeth Manco – June 2025

DAC application form:

https://ca50000164.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/304/DAC_appEngSP.pdf

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 the9 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 January 2023 meeting (on page __)

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

- DAC meetings -- April 26, May 10
- Board of Ed meetings – March 2, March 15, March 29, April 20
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>
- VAPA Calendar -- <https://smmarts.net>

REPORTS

7:20 PM -- **P.S. ARTS**

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 2022-23** – Approved by the Board of Ed on 9/14/22

- *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. **DAC Mid-Year Report to the Board of Education** – Submitted to Sarah Wahrenbrock on 2/2/23 for the 2/16/23 Board meeting agenda. It does not appear to have been included in the Information Items. <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>

2. **Prop 28: “Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee Accountability Act” and the 6-Year Strategic Arts Education Plan (2023-2029)** -- update

3. **SMC concurrent enrollment classes update** – Domi Piturro

4. **VAPA DAC vacancies** – Flyer for VAPA teachers to share with parents – Update DAC Board Policy and Administrative Regulations:
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/118>
 DAC application form:
<https://ca50000164.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/Domain/304/DACappEngSP.pdf>

5. **Spring semester performances and art exhibits:**
 January 13 – Samohi Winter Band Concert
 January 20-22 – Lincoln Middle School Musical “Peter Pan”
 January 29 – Samohi Jazz Bands at the JAMS Performing Arts Center
 February 3-4 – Café Samo
 February 7 – Samohi Bands at The Broad
 February 9-12 – Malibu Middle School Musical
 February 10 – Samohi Orchestras “Spaghetti & Strings”
 February 16-19 – All State Honor Ensembles at CASMEC
 February 24-26, March 3-6 -- Samohi Theatre presents “The Drowsy Chaperone: A Musical within a Comedy” -- <https://www.samohitheatre.org>
 March 10 – Samohi Orchestra Concert
 March 18 – Annual “Stairway of the Stars” district-wide band, orchestra, and choir concert in the Samohi Greek Theater
 March 28 – Samohi Band Concert
 April 3-10 – Samohi Wind Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra tour Ireland
 April 13-16 – Samohi Choral Pacific Northwest Concert Tour
 April 20 – LMS Orchestra Concert
 April 28 – Samohi Orchestra Concert
 April 28-30 – Malibu High “SpongeBob the Musical”
 May 2 – District-wide Art Show at the new Roberts Art Gallery at Samohi
 May 16 – Malibu High Band Concert
 May 18 – LMS Choir Concert
 May 18 – Malibu High Choir Concert

May 19 – Samohi Spring Choir Concert
May 20 – Samohi Sr. Gala (all seniors, Philharmonic & Symphony)
May 21 – Samohi Jazz Bands Spring Concert
May 23 – JAMS0 Middle School Orchestra Concert
May 23 – Samohi Bands Pops Concert
May 24 – JAMS Band Concert
May 25 – LMS Band Concert
May 31 – JAMS Choir Concert
June 1 – Malibu High Orchestra Concert

6. Media coverage:

a. “SMMUSD Music Students Named to All-State Honor Choir, Orchestra, and Band”

2/15/23 – SMMUSD press release

<https://www.smmusd.org/cms/lib/CA50000164/Centricity/domain/2939/2022-23/PR-AllStateHonor021523.pdf>

“The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) would like to congratulate the 41 Santa Monica students who were named to the All State and Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) Honor Choir, Orchestra, Band, and to the 2023 California All State Music Education Conference (CASMEC).

SMMUSD consistently sends among the highest number of participants of any school district to CASMEC and is very proud of its outstanding music program, educators and students. Additionally, McKeown received the 2023 SCSBOA outstanding veteran teacher award, Angela Woo, Director of Instrumental Music and Chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at JAMS, was this year’s guest conductor of the High School Orchestra, and John Beasley, Samohi ‘77, was the guest conductor of the SCSBOA High School Jazz Band....

For a full list of the SMMUSD All-State and Honor Choir, Orchestra and Band, visit: <https://bit.ly/AllStateHonorsList2023>

b. “Comedy Legend Is a Laughing Matter for Samohi Theater Program”

2/3/23 – *Santa Monica Daily Press*

<https://smdp.com/2023/02/03/comedy/>

“SNL alumni and comedian Dr. Tim Meadows has spent the past several months helping Samohi Theater students develop their acting skills,

culminating in a comedy skit show last week. Meadows was asked to participate by Theater Director Kate Barraza, who knew of his work with students around the country....”

c. “Student Absenteeism Still on the Rise in Post-Remote Learning Era”

1/25/23 – *Santa Monica Daily Press*

<https://smdp.com/2023/01/25/student-absenteeism-still-on-the-rise-in-post-remote-learning-era/>

“Since the start of the 2022-2023 school year in August, 2,742 students have already missed at least 10% of days of class in Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) schools. According to a report presented to the Board of Education last week, high absenteeism rates continue to be an issue of concern for the District following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and an extended period of remote learning.

A previous report showed that the number of chronically absent students – those who miss 10% of school days or more – just about doubled from 10.3% in the pre-pandemic 2018-2019 year to 20.4% in 2021-2022. That number continues to climb. So far this school year, 31% of the district’s nearly 9,000 students have been classified as chronically absent. Of these students, 7% have missed 20% of days or more. An additional 27% have missed between 5-10%.

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Jacqueline Mora said the trend is not unique to SMMUSD and is being seen around the country and throughout California....In SMMUSD, the issue is most prevalent among historically marginalized groups, including students with disabilities, Latinx, Native American, and Black students, socio-economically disadvantaged students and English learners. “They’re all ranging between 30-38% which is a high population of our students that are missing school in these subgroups,” Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation Stacy Williamson said. Mora said the district is working to combat the rise by identifying the reasons students are not showing up and providing targeted services to work with families to address them....”

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

8:45 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.

8:50 PM – **Agenda planning for April 26, 2023**

8:55 PM -- **Announcements**

9:00 PM – **Adjournment**
