

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, June 12, 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 May 2024 meeting. (page 4)

7:10 PM -- Calendar review

- Board of Ed meetings: 20 & 27
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>
- VAPA DAC meetings:

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 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 End-of-Year Report** – review, revise, and approve

2. **VAPA DAC draft charge for 2024-25**

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

4. **SMC’s Broad Stage and SMMUSD** – Aimee Koeplin

5. **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>

c. 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>

6. Media coverage:

Samohi Bands Send Off Seniors with “Pops” Performance (photos)

5/30/24 – *Santa Monica Daily Press*

<https://smdp.com/2024/05/30/band-sends-off-seniors-with-pops-performance/>

New Heroes, “Mean Girls” Make May Locals’ Night a Special Affair

(JAMS/SMASH)

5/20/24 – *Santa Monica Daily Press*

<https://smdp.com/2024/05/20/new-heroes-mean-girls-make-may-locals-night-a-special-affair/>

Critics say Prop. 28 arts funding is being misspent

5/16/24 – *Los Angeles Times*

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2024-05-16/la-proposition-28-school-arts-music-funding>

Malibu High students perform “Mean Girls”

5/2/24 – *Malibu Times*

Malibu Middle and High School’s Art Show highlights students’ enormous talents

5/2/24 – *Malibu Times*

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 Fall 2024**

8:55 PM – **Announcements**