

## **Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)**

**Wednesday, September 25, 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 2024-25 and when their 3-year 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 -- Approve minutes** from the June 2024 meeting.

**7:10 PM -- Calendar review**

- Board of Ed meetings: October 10 and 24  
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>
- VAPA DAC meetings: October 23, November 27, January 22, 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 – **Draft 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. **Approval of VAPA DAC charge for 2024-25** - 9/19/24 Board of Ed agenda
2. **Prop 28 update**
3. **SMC's Broad Stage and SMMUSD** – Aimee Koeplin
4. **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>
5. **Media coverage:**

**Samohi Alum Joins "Saturday Night Live" Cast**

9/17/24 – Santa Monica Daily Press

<https://smdp.com/2024/09/17/samohi-alum-joins-saturday-night-live-cast/>

"When *Saturday Night Live* begins Season 50 on Sept. 28, the blue and gold will be well-represented, as Samohi Class of 2017 graduate Jane Wickline has joined the cast as a featured player....Before she was a social sensation or small screen star, however, she was an active member of the Samohi community. Wickline performed at a high level in the band program, playing the rare combination of

jazz trumpet and piano, something SMMUSD Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Tom Whaley had never seen up to that point....Playing in the advanced Jazz Big Band and the advanced Jazz Combo...Wickline also showed her talents in the Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra...One of the highlights of Wickline’s Samohi career was a chance to play right next to Arturo Sandoval, one of the world’s great jazz trumpet experts....”

**“SNL Season 50 Cast”**

9/10/24 – *New York Times*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/09/10/arts/television/snl-season-50-cast.html>

“Wickline is probably most recognizable from TikTok, where she has nearly a million followers and contributes regularly to “Stapleview,” a live TikTok comedy show....”

**"School Board Runs into Confusion over Measure R Process, Elementary Music Teacher Numbers"**

7/9/24 – *Santa Monica Daily Press*

<https://smdp.com/2024/07/09/school-board-runs-into-confusion-in-measure-r-process-elementary-music-teacher-numbers/>

**Samohi Music Scene Continues Wave of National Recognition** (many photos online) -- 6/14/24 – *Santa Monica Daily Press*

<https://smdp.com/2024/06/14/samohi-music-scene-continues-wave-of-national-recognition/>

“Samohi students have played the right tune all year long, continuing to forge what has become a nationally recognized music program. For the 22nd consecutive year, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) has been honored with the “Best Communities for Music Education” designation from the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation, given for the district’s “outstanding commitment to music education....”

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**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 October 23rd meeting --** Election of Co-Chair,  
Vice Chair, and Secretary

8:55 PM – **Announcements**

**9:00 -- Adjournment**