

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – 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 October meeting (page 3)

7:10 PM -- Calendar review

- Board of Ed meetings: November 21, December 12 and 19
<https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2977>
- VAPA DAC meetings: 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 – 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. Review/revise draft 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

Samohi Fall Play Brings Male, Female Led Ensembles to the Stage

11/5/24 – Santa Monica Daily Press

<https://smdp.com/2024/11/05/samohi-fall-play-brings-male-female-led-ensembles-to-the-stage/>

Samohi Successes, Future Broached by School Board

11/4/24 – Santa Monica Daily Press

<https://smdp.com/2024/11/04/samohi-successes-future-broached-by-school-board/>

“Santa Monica High School Principal Marae Cruce was on hand to deliver a school report for her campus, speaking on achievements as well as continued work at Samohi...The school's vast music program was also on the school board's slate, as the board heard performances from the Samohi Mariachi

Ensemble. Now in its third year at Samohi, the mariachi program performed two pieces as part of Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month...”

5. Calendar of upcoming performances and arts exhibits

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 January 22 meeting**

8:55 PM – **Announcements**

9:00 – Adjournment
