

Visual & Performing Arts District Advisory Committee (VAPA DAC)

<https://www.smmusd.org/community/district-advisory-committees-dac/visual-performing-arts>

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 – 7 PM – in-person

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

AGENDA

VAPA DAC roster for 2025-26 and when terms expire:

<https://www.smmusd.org/community/district-advisory-committees-dac/visual-performing-arts/vapa-members>

Annie Azzariti – June 2025 (**re-applied 10/17/25**)

Aimee Koeplin – June 2025 (re-applied but didn't hear back)

Deborah Berek – June 2026

Janis Gabbert – June 2026

Domenic Piturro – June 2026

Zina Josephs – June 2027

Michael Mollo – June 2027

Rebecca Terlizzi – June 2027

Applicants who never heard back:

Lauren Applebaum (February 2025)

Kim Crawford (Spring 2025)

Jenna Guggenheim (August 2025)

Emily Senchuk (May 2025)

Sarah Jane Barney (July 2025)

7:00 PM -- **Call to order and welcome**

7:05 PM -- **Approve minutes** from September meeting

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

- Board of Ed meetings: October 23, November 6 and 20, December 11 and 18

<https://www.smmusd.org/board-of-education/board-meetings>

- VAPA DAC meetings: November 19, January 21, February 18, April 29, May 20

<https://www.smmusd.org/community/district-advisory-committees-dac/visual-performing-arts/vapa-meetings>

REPORTS

7:15 PM -- **Staff Liaison and VAPA Coordinator** -- Dr. Jim Wang

7:45 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 2025-26:**

- *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 MidYear Report -- Review list of VAPA classes offered at the middle and high schools in Fall 2025-26

2. VAPA DAC vacancies -- Discuss strategies for getting DAC applications processed. DAC application form:

<https://www.smmusd.org/community/district-advisory-committees-dac/dac-application>

3. Visual & Performing Arts Department -- <https://www.smmusd.org/departments/visual-performing-arts/home>

4. Media coverage

Once Upon a Time: A Magical Evening of Music and Film with the Santa Monica High School Orchestras on Oct. 4

9/18/25 -- SMMUSD New Release

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1758316976/smmusdorg/zxzo30cknffowlu4gnzb/PR-SamohiOrchestras100425.pdf>

Santa Monica High School Orchestras Present Fall Benefit Concert Oct. 4

10/3/25 -- *Santa Monica Daily Press*

<https://smdp.com/lifestyle/entertainment/santa-monica-high-school-orchestras-present-fall-benefit-concert-oct-4/>

5. Calendar of performances and arts exhibits

October 4 – Samohi Orchestras Fall Concert

October 10 – Malibu High Choir Cabaret

October 18 – Samohi Choir Sweet Serenade – JAMS

October 24 – Samohi Viking Marching Band 8th Grade Night – Samohi

October 25 – Samohi Marching Band – Pierce College

October 28 – Samohi Band Fall Concert – JAMS

November 1 – Samohi Marching Band – College of the Canyons

November 8 – Samohi Marching Band – Los Altos HS

November 12 – Samohi Marching Band – Camarillo HS

November 14, 15, 16 – Malibu Theatre Fall Play

November 14, 15, 6, 21, 22, 23 – Samohi Theatre Fall play – Humanities Center

November 20 – JAMS Band Fall Concert

LMS Orchestra Winter Concert

Malibu MS/HS Orchestra Winter Concert

November 22 – Samohi Marching Band Championships -- Riverside

December 4 – JAMS Choir Winter Concert

LMS Orchestra Winter Concert

Malibu MS/HS Orchestra Winter Concert

March 14 -- Stairway of the Stars Concerts -- Barnum Hall

March 26 -- Santa Monica Art Show -- Roberts Gallery at Samohi

April 23 -- Malibu Art Show -- Malibu HS

May 16 -- Magico Mexico -- Samohi

June 3 -- Kiwanis performances -- JAMS

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 November meeting**

8:55 PM – **Announcements and adjournment**