

ARVIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)
MINUTES

February 9, 2022

- Call to Order Rocio Castro, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- Elected Members Present Rocio Castro, President; Patricia Pantoja, Vice President; Susanna Reyes, District Advisory Council Secretary; Emma Pereida-Martinez, Administrative Representative; Rosa Calderon, Sierra Vista Representatives; Valeria Navarro Bear Mountain Representatives; Patricia Pantoja, Haven Drive Representative; Felicitas Ramirez, El Camino Real Representative; Evelin Torres, El Camino Real Representative; Angie Alshaif, Haven Drive Representative
- General Members Virtually Toni Pichardo, Miryam Ramirez, Juana Montoya, Maria Preciado, Blanca Luna, Yesenia Chavez
- Staff Present Virtually Lupe Calderon, El Camino Real Principal; Magdalena Hernandez, Bear Mountain Principal; Calletano Gutierrez, Haven Drive Principal; Thomas York, Sierra Vista Vice Principal; Misty Benavides, Afterschool Resource Teacher; Jennifer Johnson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Angelica Salinas, Supervisor II of School Instruction; Mario Venegas, Director of Support Services; Elida Salazar, Migrant Clerk
- Minutes Evelin Torres made a motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2022, as read. Rocio Castro seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously. There was no additional discussion nor were there further recommended changes or additions. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Comment The floor was opened for public comment on items on the agenda. Emma Pereida-Martinez announced that there were no public comments.
- Old Business In January's DAC meeting there were no recommendations for the 2022-2023 Uniform Guidelines. Therefore, Mrs. Pereida-Martinez wanted to give everyone another opportunity for any suggestions. There were no recommendations.
- Uniform Recommendations
- Stop Signs With last year's LCAP funding the district approved flashing crossing guard stop signs only at major intersections. However, to effectively meet the safety needs of students, the district will be providing all crossing guard intersections with handheld flashing LED stop signs. The district ordered a total of 15 flashing LED signs for all crossing guards to use on foggy days and on the mornings that is still dark out.
- New Business Jennifer Johnson gave a brief PowerPoint on the R30 Report that provides information regarding services provided by each school site to English Learners in the district. She also shared the Academic Growth and Reclassification of English Learners as well as the objectives for programs and services. Mrs. Johnson asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.
- English Language Development R-30 Report
- Update State Testing Emma Pereida-Martinez shared the timeline for CAASPP, and Physical Fitness Test.

Parent Website Information

CAASPP ELA/Math – Grades 3 rd – 8 th	Physical Fitness Test – Grades 5 th & 7 th
April 19 – May 20	March 21 – March 31

She also shared the parent website information for Parents/Guardians. ca.startingsmarter.org Parents can visit the website to access resources to support their child's learning and sample practice tests. She encouraged parents to log in with their students and take the practice test to see the different types of questions. She shared testing dates and let participants know that testing date reminders will be shared on Parent Square.

Q. Can the district increase the internet capacity?

A. Yes, the district has strengthened the internet capacity throughout all schools with additional towers and access points. Mr. Salinas interjected to state that they were working on BME this same day to increase internet capacity.

Q. Is there a limitation on how many times a student can take a test on the practice web site?

A. There is no limit on how many times a student can take a test on starting smarter. Mr. Salinas added students could also practice the ELPAC test.

School Accountability Report Card

Mrs. Pereida-Martinez shared where to locate the School Accountability Report Cards on the district website. She also explained in detail each component the SARC contains:

- Demographic data
- School safety and climate for learning information
- Academic data
- School completion rates
- Class sizes
- Teacher and staff information
- Curriculum and instruction descriptions
- Postsecondary preparation information
- Fiscal and expenditure data

The new SARC reports for 2021 were board approved on January 18, 2022 and will be posted on the district website. A hardcopy is also available at the school site.

Updates on Upcoming Opportunities for AUSD Parents and Community

Francisco Gonzalez, AUSD Parent Ambassador shared the district is currently offering the following classes:

- Conversation in English
 - Free 4-week course
 - February: 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24
 - March: 1, 3
 - 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Digital Literacy 2
 - Free 4- week course
 - March: 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30
 - 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Computer Classes 2
 - Free 4-week course
 - March: 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30
 - 6:00pm – 8:00pm

All courses will be conducted via Zoom and links will be posted on Parent Square.

Q. Will the course cover how to navigate Zoom?

A. Classes were offered in the beginning of the school year. If a parent needs any assistance with technology, they could contact the Family Resource Center.

Q. Are the courses only offered to parents that have student enrolled at the district?

A. No. the classes are offered to your extended family members as well.

School Safety Plans

Mrs. Calderon, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Salinas and Mr. York provided an overview of the School Site Safety Plan.

1. Reviewed the process used to update the School Safety Plan annually.
2. Explained how it provides guidance and directions for school staff to address safety needs, and emergency plans.
3. Explained how it uses measurable goals to improve student engagement, safety and learning environment.
4. Safety Plan to Return to School and Covid protocols
 - Quarantine
 - Social Distancing
 - Contact Tracing
5. Response protocols
 - Fire drills – monthly
 - Earthquake drills – once a trimester
 - Lock Down drills – every third trimester
6. Safety Teams
 - Monthly staff meetings
 - Safe School Ambassadors
7. Discipline
 - PBIS Framework
8. Mr. York reminded Sierra Vista parents to follow all safety measures during road construction.

LCAP

Mrs. Pereida-Martinez shared that in addition to the LCAP we are building multiple plans with all of the new funding so input will be for all “District Strategic Plans.” The Districts Strategic Plans Development timeline was shared, and participants were encouraged to participate when time came for input. It is that time of year to enlist input from the committee on ideas, thoughts, and needs to continue to be successful! Mrs. Pereida-Martinez reminded participants that the AUSD Strategic Plans Timeline was sent out via Parent Square and was available on the district website.

Adjournment

Mrs. Pereida-Martinez thanked everyone for attending the DAC meeting and sharing their ideas. She also announced the next Board Meeting will be February 15th at 6:00pm and next DAC would be March 16th at 9:00am. Patricia Pantoja made a motion to adjourn meeting and Angie Alsharif seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:09am by Rocio Castro.