ARVIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)
MINUTES

October 30, 2024

Call to Order	Patricia Pantoja, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
Elected Members Present	Susanna Reyes, District Advisory Council Secretary; Emma Pereida-Martinez, Administrative Representative; Ruby Carmona, Classified Representative; Sarah Cabral, Resource Teacher; Maria Garcia, Juana Garcia and Angelica Fonseca, Sierra Vista Representatives; Evelin Torres, Bear Mountain Representative; Evelin Torres & Irma Chanure, El Camino Real Representatives; Patricia Pantoja & Juana Garcia, Haven Drive Representatives
General Members	
Staff Present	Georgia Rhett; Superintendent; Ricardo Salinas, Bear Mountain Principal; Hilda Ocampo, El Camino Real Vice Principal; Lupe Calderon, El Camino Real Principal; Dr. Aldric Horton, Community Schools Program Coordinator; Misty Benavides, Afterschool TOSA
Minutes	Patricia Pantoja made a motion to approve the minutes from September 25, 2024, Evelyn Torres seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved. 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 not on the agenda. Mrs. Ramirez reported that her son has had several incidents while using the restroom's urinal. In order to maintain students' privacy, she would like to know if the district may install urinal dividers. Mrs. Pereida-Martinez will share the information with the site principal so that they can address the problem with the students about what is and is not appropriate in the restroom. LCAP input will be available for improvements of site facilities. Misty Benavides, Afterschool TOSA shared with attendees the district will be hosting Winter STEAM Camp at Sierra Vista Elementary School. Attendees received flyers with QR codes to register their students. ● TK - 8th ● December 16-20 ● 8am - 2pm or 8am -5pm ● Transportation provided (selected locations) For more information, please call Ana Martinez at 661-854-6500 ext. 72013.
Norms & Purpose of Committees	Mrs. Pereida-Martinez provided all representatives and guests with a copy of the committee norms. She elaborated on the rules, and why do they matter. To create valued outcomes, a commitment to participation, dialogue and pursue value in the form of input by all is necessary. In order to facilitate effective and engaged participation, efforts must be made to establish an atmosphere that is inclusive and equal. To do so, members of the council or committee will establish behavior norms for meetings and respect the roles of each member.
LCAP Updates	Mrs. Pereida-Martinez shared the district data reports for the California Assessment of Student Performance (CAASPP) and Progress and the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). It is worth noting that students in the district increased overall percentages in the school year 2023-24 compared to school year 2022-23 in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and English Language Proficiency.
Election of Officers	Evelyn Torres nominated Maria Garcia for Chairperson first motion made by Angelica Fonseca and seconded by Evelyn Torres and all were in favor, no one opposed, motion carried. Evelyn Torres nominated herself for Vice Chairperson first motion made by Maria Garcia and seconded by Juana Garcia, all were in favor, and no one opposed for 2024-2025 school year.
Election of Voting Members	Following nominations from School Site Council and a vote for DAC representatives, with a motion made by Patricia Pantoja and seconded by Evelyn Torres and all in favor no oppositions, the council welcomes Maria Garcia, Angelica Fonseca and Juana Garcia to represent Sierra Vista, Irma Chanure, Evelin Torres and Monica Perez for El Camino, Diana Garcia, Evelin Torres and Esmeralda Alvarez for Bear Mountain, Patricia Pantoja, Marisol Moya and Juana Garcia for Haven Drive for the 2023-2024 school year.
Special Report	Mrs. Pereida-Martinez provided an update and shared a map of the Transitional Kindergarten facility at Bear Mountain Elementary School Site. ● Restrooms will be inside the rooms and outside as well ● 8 Classrooms

Annual Review and Joint Development of Parent Participation Policy	Emma Pereida-Martinez reviewed and discussed the Parent Participation Policy. Members and guests were provided with a copy of the District Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Mrs. Pereida-Martinez explained that each Local Educational Agency (LEA) should develop, agree, and distribute a written parent involvement policy to parents. The policy outlines and describes how Arvin Union School District will provide opportunities to improve parent/family engagement to support student learning. Emma encouraged members to provide feedback and input to further develop the plan on other ways the district can improve parent/family engagement based on improving Academic Quality by identifying the following: ● Barriers to greater participation by parents. ● The needs of parents & families to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel & teachers. ● Strategies to support successful school & family interactions. Emma encouraged members to provide input. A parent mentioned that she urges all parents to become more active in their children's schooling. Another parent recommended that instead of waiting for a parent conference or open house, teachers should contact parents when their children are falling behind. There was no additional discussion nor were there further recommended changes or additions. Patricia Pantoja made a motion to approve the Parent Participation Policy and Maria Garcia seconded the motion and the policy was unanimously approved.
Adjournment	Mrs. Pereida-Martinez thanked everyone for attending the DAC meeting and sharing their ideas. Evelin Torres announced the next Board Meeting will be November 19th at 6:00pm. Patricia Pantoja made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Evelin Torres seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed, and the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 10:05am.