ARVIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)
MINUTES

March 19, 2025

Call to Order	Evelin Torres, 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; Sarah Cabral, Resource Teacher; Juana Garcia & Maria Garcia, Sierra Vista Representative; Evelin Torres, Bear Mountain Representative; Evelin Torres & Irma Chanure, El Camino Real Representatives; Patricia Pantoja, Haven Drive Representative
General Members	Bertha Martinez,Toni Pichardoand Alejandra Ledesma
Staff Present	Ricardo Salinas, Bear Mountain Principal; Lupe Calderon, El Camino Real Principal; Rosemarie Borquez, Sierra Vista Principal; Magdalena Hernandez, Haven Drive Principal; Misty Benavides, Afterschool TOSA (ELOP); Angelica Salinas, ECE Supervisor of School Instruction
Minutes	Evelin Torres made a motion to approve the minutes from February 19, 2025, Alejandra Ledesma 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. Salinas shared that the preschool program is now accepting applications and will be enrolling 2- year olds in the fall. Additionally, children do not need to be potty trained to be eligible for enrollment. Mrs. Garcia stated that families would benefit from a full-day preschool. Mrs. Emma Pereida Martinez informed attendees that the gate at Sierra Vista located around the front of the cafeteria doors is now complete, and the construction of the TK classrooms and Family Resource Center Behavioral & Wellness Center is progressing well. Mrs. Pantoja expressed her concern regarding the recent incident at Haven Drive that called for a lock-down.She requested that the school district be more cautious moving forward and possibly provide parents with further information regarding lock-down procedures & protocols, such as being aware that no parents will be “let in” or students “released” during a lock-down. Mrs. Hernandez addressed concerns raised by parents regarding the incident at her school site. She reassured everyone that staff responded appropriately. She also clarified that the student involved was not enrolled at Haven Drive. Additionally, Mrs. Hernandez reminded students not to call their parents to be picked up in such situations. The school will send a message to parents via Parent Square to inform parents.
Graduation Policy Reminder	Mrs. Hernandez informed everyone about the graduation policy. She emphasized key points related to graduation requirements, such as academic criteria, attendance, and the need for students to pass the US Constitution exam in order to graduate. Students are given multiple opportunities to pass the Constitution test. Additionally, students will not attend the 8th grade field trip or participate in the actual ceremony if the student is suspended within 20 days of graduation. Mrs. Hernandez mentioned that the school district will cover the costs for both entry and food for the Magic Mountain graduation trip. **Upcoming Events & Important Dates** ● May 24th - Magic Mountain trip for graduates - paid trip ● May 27th - Graduation Practice AM @ HD ● May 28th - Graduation Practice AM @ HD ● May 28th - HD 8th Grade Awards @ 5:00pm ● May 29th - Graduation Practice AM @ AHS ● May 29th - Graduation Pictures 2:00 - 4:00PM Room W1 ● May 29th Graduation 6:00pm @ AHS, HD dance 8-10 **Sales** ● 8th Grade T-Shirt - $15 ● Cap & Gown - $20 ● Tassel $5, Hat $7, set $10 ● Ribbon Lei - $25 * 5 free graduation tickets per student, up to 5 additional tickets at $5 each

Haven Drive Middle School Electives	Mrs. Hernandez shared Haven Drive Middle School electives for 2025-2026. 1. Art 2. Digital Art 3. Project Lead the Way Modeling Design 4. Advanced Art (staff recommendation only) 5. Instrumental Piano 6. Beginning Band 7. Advanced Band 8. Integrated Science 9. Project Lead the Way Medical Detectives 10. AVID Tutorials 11. Advanced Spanish (staff recommendation only)
Uniforms	Final decision from the Board was shared. The Board voted to keep the current uniform policy as is.
DAC Input & Feedback	Field Trips ● Will be on next DAC agenda as "old business" Parents and attendees agreed more trips that are "fun" such as Aquarium, Universal Studios, and Magic Mountain. Also for long trips a charter bus should be secured such as when traveling to Los Angeles.
LCAP Input Opportunity for 2025-2026 Plan	After each goal was discussed, time was given and discussions were had on what are the Successes, Challenges, and Suggestions for each of the six goals. Parents were given a copy of the LCAP Budget Allocations and LCAP Input form to provide their feedback.
Adjournment	Mrs. Pereida-Martinez thanked everyone for attending the DAC meeting and sharing their ideas. Evelin Torres announced the next Board Meeting will be April 8th at 5:00pm. Evelin Torres made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Patricia Pantoja seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed, and the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 10:20am.