ARVIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)
MINUTES

September 24, 2025

Call to Order	Maria Garcia, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 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, Sierra Vista Representative; Bear Mountain Representatives; Evelin Torres El Camino Real Representative; Patricia Pantoja, Haven Drive Representative
General Members	Toni Pichardo, Carmen Mota, Anixia Dominguez, Kassandra Araya, Gabriela Gallardo
Staff Present	Ricardo Salinas, Bear Mountain Principal; Rosemarie Borquez, Sierra Vista Principal, Magdalena Hernandez, Haven Drive Principal; Hilda Ocampo, El Camino Real Vice Principal; Trisha Mason, Director of ELOP
Minutes	Maria Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes from May 14, 2024, Angelica Fonseca 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. Mason, Director of ELOP, provided an overview of the enrichment activities currently available, which include Cheer, Band, Sewing, Flag Football, Color Guard, Pod Casting, STEM Club, Young Entrepreneurs, Cosmetology, Cricut Club, Folklorico, Esports, Media Arts, STEM Olympiad, Art Drafting. Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Track, and Softball.

Maria Garcia shared a concern about students turning off the restroom lights while other students are still inside. She also expressed concern that there wasn't enough food offered at Haven Drive school to students during the last lunch period. Additionally, she suggested bringing back the practice of allowing students an alternative dress day when their parents attended meetings. Another parent suggested reinstating the opportunity for parents to have lunch with their children at school. Mrs. Pereida-Martinez mentioned school sites have implemented Lunch on the Lawn.

Another suggestion shared was to provide computers to Haven Drive students. Backpacks are heavy from carrying the computer back and forth each day. Mrs. Pereida-Martinez recommended that it could be suggested during LCAP input.

Maria Garcia inquired about the timeline for completing the gate locks at Sierra Vista School. Mrs. Pereida-Martinez explained that due to fire regulations, the cafeteria gates cannot be fully locked. The district is exploring other options, such as installing a magnetic lock – this would not require a key to exit in case of an emergency.

Juana Garcia suggested that when the district send out messages via Parent Square, they include more detailed information. Mr. Salinas replied that when it pertains to personnel they are limited to what can be disclosed. Mrs. Pereida-Martinez responded that the district will use clearer language when sending messages.

Mrs. Salinas, shared that the Preschool Program is currently enrolling students. If anyone is interested, please stop by the district office.

Dr. Venegas shared that Bear Mountain will be hosting the Healthful Harvest on Saturday, October 25th from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. For health screenings, make an appointment by calling 661-854-6565. The first one hundred attendees will receive a $25 gift card.

Local Dashboard Indicators

Mrs. Pereida-Martinez provided an overview of the Local Dashboard Indicators. Presentation included highlights of the school district's strategic planning which is based on the following eight state priorities:

1. Basic Services
2. Academic Standards
3. Parent Involvement
4. Student Achievement
5. Student Engagement
6. School Climate
7. Course Access
8. Other Outcomes

Mrs.Emma Pereida-Martinez asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No one had any questions or comments.

Local Measures & Overview of CAASPP & ELPAC

Mrs. Emma Pereida-Martinez, Assistant Superintendent elaborated on the district's local measures to assess student progress.

1. Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP)- TK
2. 95% Reading Intervention - K-3
3. Language Arts & Math Unit Test - K-1
4. I Ready Reading & Math - K-6
5. I Ready Language Arts Dual Classes Only - K-7
6. Standards Mastery - 2
7. Writing Assessment - K-8
8. STAR Assessments Reading & Math 7-8
9. Renaissance Star Assessments - 7-8
10. CAASPP Interim Assessment Blocks - 3-8 (Math & Language Arts)
11. Content Chapter & Unit Tests - 7-8
12. Amira (Reading Difficulties Screener) K-2

Mrs. Garcia would like the district to concider to bring back the AR program. Mrs. Pereida-Martinez recommended that it could be suggested during LCAP input.

Mrs. Pereida shared the CAASPP and ELPAC testing dates, highlighting that TK students are no longer required to participate in ELPAC testing.

Review of Bylaws

Mrs. Emma Pereida-Martinez, Assistant Superintendent provided all representatives and guests with a copy of the DAC Bylaws in English and Spanish. She reviewed the purpose of these bylaws and explained the function of DAC which is to help our council continue to operate effectively to improve the programs in our district. The goals and objectives of the DAC are to review the Consolidated Programs, provide advice, assistance, and advisory recommendations to the Arvin Union School District on the Consolidated Funding Program, LCAP and provides input to educational projects funded under Title I and other State & Federal funding as needed/required. Emma Pereida-Martinez asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No one had any questions or comments.

Uniform Complaint Procedures

Emma Pereida-Martinez, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP). Electronic, as well as hard copies were provided in English and Spanish. The UCP has been updated for the 2025-2026 school year. The presentation of the UCP is required annually. The handout covers the scope of programs, laws, and protected bases upon which a complaint may be filed. It also includes a complaint timeline and a process for appeals. Sexual Harassment is not tolerated and is illegal. Staff, students, and community members are held to the same expectations - zero tolerance. Sexual harassment may be physical, verbal, or visual. The district prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived ancestry, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, immigration status, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The District Office handles or assists with these types of complaints. Emma Pereida-Martinez asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No one had any questions or comments.

District Updates	Mrs. Pereida-Martinez shared pictures of the new district's facilities, and Dr. Venegas highlighted the services being offered. ● Family Resource Center ● Behavioral Health & Wellness Center ● Bear Mountain Parking Lot ● TK Buildings, Play Structure & Gate @ BME
Adjournment	Mrs. Pereida-Martinez thanked everyone for attending the DAC meeting and sharing their ideas. Maria Garcia announced the next Board Meeting will be October 21st at 5:00pm. Maria Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marisol Moya seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed, and the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 10:06 am.