WEST ALAMEDA COUNTY CONFERENCE

MINUTES – AD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 - Hayward High STEAM; 8:00 am

Present: Alameda (Nakamura, Gregor), Berkeley (Parker), Bishop O’Dowd (Reed, Kigar), Castro Valley (Feria), Encinal (Gorham, Lyons), Hayward (Prasad), Mt. Eden (Duran, Hernandez), Piedmont (Small), San Leandro (Thomas) San Lorenzo (Longaker), Tennyson (Sagapolu) Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: Arroyo

Guests: : Eli Bagdosian, James Logan AD

1. There was no public input.

2. There were no changes to the November, 2024 AD minutes.

3. The league commissioner reviewed special rule changes going to the WACC Board on 1/22.

4. AD’s addressed agenda NCS BOM agenda items and recommend the following to the WACC Board:

* Oppose Item X. E.
* Support Item X. F.

FALL SPORTS

5. Cross-Country

* AD’s addressed the proposal from Encinal that we use tournament scoring for all three center meets to determine that half of the league championship decision. The AD’s want input from the coaches before making any scoring changes. No action was taken
* Mt. Eden, Berkeley and San Leandro were reminded to work with the EBRPD to schedule our center meets.

6. Football

* MSC (Longaker, Duran, 11-0-0) to approve the three league football schedules posted on the website.
* MSC (Reed, Sagapolu, 10-1-0) to work with the MVAL to change the all-league offensive positions from 3 WR’s and 0 TE’s to 2 WR’s and 1 TE.
* M (Parker – motion dies for the lack of a second) – Add a Coach-of-the-Year for the football all-league selection process.
* AD’s selected Gary Duran and Ross Parker to represent the WACC in working with the MVAL and the two football officiating associations to come up with some common agreements on how to officiate games.
* The league commissioner presented a proposed freshman schedule. AD’s want a few days to see whether these dates work with their football coaching staff. Games were tentatively scheduled for Thursdays at the opposite of the varsity/JV games.
* Redwood Christian will be invited to our next AD meeting to develop a timeline for its integration into our football schedule in the 2026-27 season.

7. Flag

* AD’s and our guest thoroughly reviewed flag alignment and scheduling.
* MSC (Duran, Parker 9-1-1) to schedule flag in two distinct six-team leagues, Foothill and Shoreline, with a home and away schedule against the five other league schools and three cross-league games, mandatory unless both schools agree otherwise but not counting in the league standings, against three random schools in the other league.
* Consensus to place the following schools in the following leagues:

FOOTHILL SHORELINE

Alameda Arroyo

Berkeley Hayward

Bishop O’Dowd Mt. Eden

Castro Valley Piedmont

Encinal San Leandro

James Logan Tennyson

* Consensus to keep the jamboree but make it an event for novices, The league commissioner was instructed to place it in the schedules where it belongs before the proposed schedules are presented to AD’s for approval.
* The end-of-season tournament was discussed. MSC (Duran, Parker, 9-0-2) to direct the league commissioner to develop a flag protocol based on what we do with baseball.

8. Volleyball – some league games have been scheduled for other than Tuesdays and Thursdays. Individual sets of schools are always able to change the dates, sites, and times of a league-scheduled contest.

No other fall sports issues were discussed.

WEINTER SPORTS

9. Basketball

* AD’s expressed concern with the rapid deterioration of communication with the EBBOA, our basketball officials’ association. Phone calls and emails are not being answered in a timely manner.
* In addition, an increasing number of officials seem to be more concerned with controlling the bench rather than controlling the game. Many AD’s expressed concerns with an antagonistic attitude that some officials are bringing to the court; baiting players and officials; adding fuel to confrontational situations. We need to develop a better working relationship with the EBBOA in supporting NCS sportsmanship protocols.

10. Wrestling

* Alameda will be presenting the fact sheet to AD’s this week after getting some answers to questions.
* Encinal will have a wrestling program next year and has asked to be included in the 25-26 schedule. The wrestling schedule change due to the changes in the NCS wrestling championships timeline.

SPRING SPORTS

11. Badminton

* MSC (Parker, Longaker 10-0-1 to approve the fact sheet presented by Mt. Eden and posted on the website
* Tennyson reminded schools that their gym wasn’t yet ready for spring sports

12. Baseball

* Freshman games have been removed from the rSchool calendar.
* Alameda will be developing a fact sheet for our championships

13.Golf

* Berkeley will be presenting the fact sheet; Tilden is the site
* Berkeley is hosting league matches at Tilden; O’Dowd at the Met. The other schools need to select their host site and get that on the calendar. Contact the league commissioner with this info.

14. Lacrosse

* Piedmont will be presenting the fact sheet

15. Softball

* O’Dowd will be presenting the fact sheet
* The four schools (Arroyo, Mt. Eden, Piedmont, and Tennyson) without JV programs have been eliminated from the rSchool calendar.

16. Swimming and Diving

* Mt. Eden will be presenting the fact sheet but only after coaches have made some recommendations to the AD’s.

17. Tennis

* O’Dowd will be presenting the fact sheet

18. Track and Field

* Berkeley will be presenting the fact sheet for our non-varsity invitational
* Tennyson will be presenting the fact sheet for our non-varsity culminating meet
* Hayward will be presenting the fact sheet for the championship meet

19. There was no new business on which the AD’s took action.

Respectfully Submitted: Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - **ZOOM**