WEST ALAMEDA COUNTY CONFERENCE

MINUTES – AD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 - Hayward High STEAM; 8:00 am

Present: Alameda (Nakamura, Gregor), Arroyo (Budge), Berkeley (Parker), Castro Valley (Feria), Encinal (Gorham, Lyons), Hayward (Prasad), Mt. Eden (Duran, Hernandez), San Leandro (Bowers) San Lorenzo (Longaker), Tennyson (Sagapolu) Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: Bishop O’Dowd, Piedmont

Guests: Justin Redemer, Principal, Redwood Christian

1. There was no public input.

2. There were no changes to the February 11, 2025 AD minutes.

3. AD’s reviewed their efforts to ensure that their athletic offerings were gender equitable

4. AD’s reviewed possible ways to deal with club soccer programs that actively ignore CIF season-of-sport rules.

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

* Oppose VII. A.
* Support X. E. E.
* Oppose XIV. C.

Winter Sports

6. Basketball

* MSC (Prasad, Longaker, 10-0-0) to approve the Foothill Boys and Shoreline Boys 2025-26 basketball schedules with the understanding that there might need to be a few changes when the girls’ alignments and schedules are developed.
* AD’s want the EBBOA to develop a more transparent rating system.
* AD’s had a long discussion about the best way to schedule girls’ basketball which has a very wide competitive equity imbalance.
  + M (Longaker) (motion dies for lack of a second) to schedule girls’ basketball exactly as we did this year.
  + MSC (Bowers, Duran, 8-0-2) to direct the league commissioner to schedule girls’ basketball using the “San Leandro model” which would
    - Keep Encinal in the Shoreline League, as required by the NCS, but give them a schedule against Foothill schools also.
    - Place Alameda, O’Dowd, and Piedmont in a Foothill A schedule grouping.
    - Place Castro Valley, *Encinal*, and San Leandro in a Foothill B schedule grouping.
    - Keep Arroyo, Berkeley, *Encinal*, Hayward, Mt. Eden, and San Lorenzo in the Shoreline schedule grouping.
    - Foothill A schools play home and away against other Foothill A schools.
    - Foothill A schools play one game against each of the three Foothill B schools. Foothill A schools have 7 league games.
    - Foothill B schools play home and away against other Foothill B schools. Foothill B schools play one game against each of the three Foothill A schools. Foothill B schools play one game against each of the five remaining (not Encinal) Shoreline schools.
    - Foothill B schools have 12 league games.
    - Five Shoreline schools play home and away against each of the four other Shoreline members.
    - Five Shoreline schools play one game against Encinal.
    - Five Shoreline schools play one game against each of the two other Foothill B schools.
    - Five Shoreline schools have 11 league games.
  + AD’s worked on a “point” system that would determine the Shoreline League champion and Foothill League champion but they did not formalize that point system; nor did they address NCS automatic entries – a topic for the May meeting.

7. Soccer

* MSC (Longaker, Duran, 10-0-0) to approve the four 2025-26 league soccer schedules posted on the website.
* The league commissioner reviewed the all-league process and asked the AD’s to make sure that their school’s nominations came in on time.
* AD’s reviewed the contract tender from the TVSRA and expressed concern about Item # 7. MSC (Longaker, Duran, 10-0-0) to recommend approval of the contract to the WACC Board, conditional on a rewrite of Item # 7 to the satisfaction of the league commissioner.

8. Wrestling

* MSC (Prasad, Bowers, 10-0-0) to approve the amended 2025-26 wrestling schedule posted on the website.

Spring Sports

9. Badminton

* Mt. Eden is undergoing construction and will be working with San Leandro to move our badminton championships to the San Leandro site this May. The tentative fact sheet, posted on the website, is accurate as to date and time but not the site.

10. Baseball

* MSC (Duran, Longaker, 10-0-0) to approve the Baseball Fact Sheet presented by Alameda High.
* Ross Parker will host the postseason meeting at Berkeley High

11. Golf

* MSC (Duran, Parker, 7-0-3) to approve the Golf Fact Sheet presented by Berkeley with the understanding that Berkeley is working the Tilden management folks to firm up the start times.

12. Lacrosse

* MSC (Parker, Prasad, 6-0-3) to approve the Lacrosse Fact Sheet presented by Piedmont.
* We do not yet have a site or time for the Sunday postseason coaches’ meeting.

13. Softball

* MSC Longaker, Duran, 10-0-0) to approve the Softball Fact Sheet presented by O’Dowd.
* Nick Thomas will host the postseason meeting at San Leandro High

14. Swimming

* The fact sheet was not yet ready for discussion/approval
* AD’s reviewed two requests from the swim coaches
  + MSC (Parker, Budge, 9-0-1) to allow an unlimited number of scoring entries from each school in each event but continue to limit the number of swimmers who score in each event to four (4).
  + AD’s denied the coaches’ request to eliminate “Swimmer-of-the-Year honors.
* The league commissioner expressed concern about the process used to cancel the “fun relays” schedule for March 7 at Encinal.

15. Tennis

* MSC (Parker, Prasad, 9-0-1) to approve the Tennis Fact Sheet, posted on the website.
* The league commissioner indicated that we will be using Chabot College for our non-varsity invitational on Saturday, April 26.

16. Track and Field

* MSC (Parker, Duram, 10-0-0) to approve the Non-Varsity Culminating Track Meet Fact Sheet presented by Tennyson.
* MSC (Duran, Longaker, 10-0-0) to approve the Varsity Championships Fact Sheet presented by Hayward.
* MSC (Prasad, Bowers, 10-0-0) to score the 4 x 800 relay at the league meet.

17. Volleyball

* AD’s did not approve the request by some coaches that coaches be allowed to vote for their own players for all league honors.

Fall Sports

18. Flag

* AD’s reviewed possible options to the changes needed to the already-approved flag schedules, necessitated by the change in the NCS season-of-sport dates. AD’s decided (consensus) to conduct the first round of the WACC playoffs on Thursday, October 23 with the championships on Saturday, October 25. The pairs of schools with a scheduled league game on October 23 were asked to move it to a convenient spot earlier in the season.
* Mt. Eden announced that the non-varsity jamboree would be help on Saturday, September 6.

19. Football

* The league commissioner reviewed the meeting with officials of the two combined leagues, the two commissioners and AD’s from both leagues. We’ll continue to work on improving communication between official and coaches/players; we’ll continue to work on ways to improve sportsmanship of all concerned.
* Justin Redemer, Principal, Redwood Christian reported on the developing football program at his school and indicated that they were prepared to ask the NCS for supplemental league status in the WACC for the 2026-27 season. They have made a commitment with thewir football program and want to be in a competitively appropriate league.
* Freshman games have been added to the football schedule.

20. MSC (Parker, Duran, 8-0-0) to recommend approval of the 2025-26 WACC Meetings and Events Calendar to the WACC Board.

21. The league commissioner expressed concern about rSchoolToday, our website and calendar host. They are undergoing changes to their ownership and platform. We might need to look elsewhere for our website needs.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20