

WEST ALAMEDA COUNTY CONFERENCE  
MINUTES – AD MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Present: Alameda (Molina), Arroyo (Budge), Berkeley (Parker), Bishop O'Dowd (Reed, Kigar, Nishimoto), Castro Valley (Stacy), Encinal (Gorham, Lyons), Hayward (Prasad), Mt. Eden (Duran, Hernandez), Piedmont (Smet) San Leandro (Thomas) San Lorenzo (Longaker), Tennyson (Sagapolu) (Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: None

Guests: Eric Nakagawa, NEBUA

1. There was no public input.
2. There were no changes to the August 7. 2023 AD minutes.
3. 2023-24 WACC Meetings and Events Calendar changes are posted on the calendar in red.
4. Hilary Kigar, with the help of Ms. Stacy and Ms. Sagapolu, gave a report of some possible ways to improve sportsmanship and increase inclusion in WACC schools. The league will work with that subcommittee to make positive posters available to WACC schools.
5. The league commissioner reminded schools to respond to requests from other WACC schools in a timely manner.
6. Cross-Country
  - MSC (Molina, Duran 10-0-0) to approve the amended Cross-Country Fact Sheet presented by Hayward High
  - We were smoked out on September 20; Point Pinole is unavailable on October 11. AD's, by consensus, selected Hayward High as the site for our October 11 meet. The scoring for that meet will be a combination of the original September 20 and the October 11 scoring protocol.
  - AD's are concerned about competition opportunities for non-varsity X-C athletes who don't participate in many Saturday invitationals. The league commissioner was asked to review this concern with coaches at the postseason meeting and ask them to develop solutions
7. Flag Football
  - The eight schools with programs all reported a positive start to our first flag season. We continue to have some rules concerns; these will be sorted out by the CIF before next Fall.
  - Mr. Duran reviewed a successful jamboree.
  - The collective group of AD's worked with Ms. Prasad on the development of a 10/28 Flag Football Fact Sheet.
  - Arroyo and Castro Valley will be adding flag programs next year; we'll be a ten-team league with several scheduling opportunities. We'll work with coaches as we develop a 24-25 schedule.
8. Football – just a reminder that next year, every CIF date moves one week later in the calendar.
9. The Girls' Golf Fact Sheet is not yet available.

#### 10. Tennis

- Matches were moved from Tuesday/Thursday to Wednesday/Friday this year. The advantage of this move is fewer missed classes on Wednesday, an early release day for most WACC schools. The disadvantage seems to be a difficulty of getting matches played on Fridays, a busy day for schools and families. MSC (Reed, Parker, 9-1-2) to direct the league commissioner to schedule Tuesday/Thursday matches in spring 2024 and beyond. (We have no spring tennis schedule yet as we have only nine schools with programs at this point.) See Item # 20
- MSC (Molin, Gorham, 11-0-0) to approve the Tennis Fact Sheet, presented by Bishop O'Dowd and posted on the website.

#### 11. Water Polo

- MSC (Smet, Reed, 8-0-4) to approve the Water Polo Fact Sheet, presented by Alameda and Encinal and posted on the website.

#### 12. The AD's reviewed the 9/29 NCS BOM agenda and made the following recommendations to the WACC Board;

- Oppose X. C by consensus
- Oppose X. D. by consensus
- Mr. Reed reviewed a discussion at the NCS Executive Committee about the attempt to restructure the NCS playoffs which resulted in there being no "action item" on the 9/29 NCS BOM agenda. There was no further discussion about NCS playoffs.

#### 13. Basketball

- Five of the six Shoreline girls' programs (SJND is the exception) are planning on having a JV level as well as a varsity level. The AD's directed the league commissioner to place the S LZ JV girls' program in the SJND JV spot.
- Tennyson is working to bring back girls' basketball and will be developing its own schedule.

#### 14. Soccer

- We have moved as many Arroyo and San Lorenzo games as possible to Wednesdays when they'll play doubleheaders. Those two schools are continuing to work with the schedule to avoid side-by-side afternoon games.

#### 15. Wrestling

- MSC (Molino, Prasad, 9-0-0) to recommend approval of the ACCWOA (wrestling officials) contract tender to the WACC Board.
- AD's with small but growing girls' programs were encouraged to work with other small but growing programs to use unused JV weight classes for their female wrestlers in league matches.

#### 16. Badminton

- Schools continue to work together to schedule matches away from a school's spring break. Hayward at Alameda and Piedmont at San Leandro still need to be resolved. **A reminder that Tuesday, April 30 remains open as it was scheduled as a make-up match day.**

#### 17. Golf

- Eight schools will have spring golf programs and a schedule will be presented to coaches on October 16

18. Softball

- AD's reviewed the Shoreline playoff proposal and rejected it. The league commissioner was directed to come up with a six-team playoff proposal and a seeding format for those six teams.
- Bishop O'Dowd has volunteered to host the Foothill and Shoreline championships on Friday, May 10.

19. Swimming and Diving

- AD's reviewed four swim schedule options but took no action. There is consensus that two smaller leagues would work better than one large league. There is consensus that busing large teams on a weekly basis can be cost-prohibitive and the league should work to reduce the number of meets. There is understanding that an odd number of WACC schools on spring break on each of the three spring break weeks makes scheduling very difficult.

20. Tennis

- Matches will be scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday (see Item # 10 above)
- We are one league at the present time. Hayward and Tennyson have coaches but not a tennis program yet. If either school develops a tennis program, we'll morph into two leagues.

21. Volleyball

- Schools continue to work together to schedule matches away from a school's spring break. Tennyson at O'Dowd, O'Dowd at San Leandro, Berkeley at Piedmont, and Alameda at Hayward still need to be resolved.

22. Baseball

- Alameda has volunteered to host the Foothill and Shoreline championships on Friday, May 10.
- We have no contract with any baseball officiating association. Eric Nakagawa from the NEBUA presented a contract render, engaged in a dialogue with AD's and answered questions.

23. AD's went into closed session

24. AD's returned to open session

25. Baseball

- No action was taken on the NEBUA contract tender and the league commissioner was asked to explore other baseball officiating options.

26. Calendar Issues

- AD's selected Friday, August 9, 2024 as their preferred date for the 1<sup>st</sup> AD meeting of the 24-25 school year and the date for the NCS-mandated Eligibility Workshop.
- The league commissioner reminded schools that all NCS dates move one week later on the calendar in 24-25.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 15; 8:00 am – Hayward STEAM Building