WEST ALAMEDA COUNTY CONFERENCE

MINUTES – AD MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2024 – 8:00 AM

HAYWARD HIGH STEAM BUILDING

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

Absent: Berkeley  
  
Guests: Dave Cutaia, CCAA  
  
1. There was no public input.  
  
2. There were no changes to the November 16, 2023 and November 28, 2023  AD minutes.  
  
3. There have been no changes to the 2023-24 WACC Meetings and Events Calendar since 11/16

4. Hillary Kigar presented information from the NCS DEI committee. AD's will be encouraged to focus on one aspect of DEI at their school next school year.

5. AD's took no action developing a "reimbursement policy" as several schools have not yet completed the survey

6. AD's looked at items on the 1/26/24 NCS Board agenda and made the following recommendations to the WACC Board:

* Consensus to support X. E. Wrestling - adding four divisional meets the week preceding the NCS wrestling tournament.
* Consensus to oppose X. F. Wrestling - a change in the seeding procedure for the NCS tournament
* MSC (Prasad, Longaker, 11-0-0) to ask the Board to support X. G. b.) the NCS staff-supported change to the NCS playoff structure.

7. AD's asked the league commissioner to place the following items on the 2/26/24 NCS SAC agenda:

* MSC (Duran, Reed 11-0-0) for Attachment A; a Revision in 504 H. g.
* Consensus on Attachment B; the Elimination of the NCS Dual Team Wrestling Championships
* MSC (Prasad, Reed, 11-0-0) for the amended Attachment C; a proposal to restructure the girls' volleyball and basketball playoff structure.

FALL SPORTS

8. Cross-Country

* AD’s developed the following timeline (consensus) for ensuring that we meet the EBRPD’s deadlines for applying for use of some regional parks for our cross-country championships:
  + January AD Meeting – the AD from the host school is notified that they need to begin the process of working with the EBRPD
  + February/March AD meeting – the host AD reports that the paperwork process has begun
  + April/May AD meeting – the host AD reports that the paperwork has been completed, deposits paid, and that the EBRPD has either approved the application or is in the process of approving the application.
* To facilitate busing, AD’s need to know the start time of each of the center meets so they can ensure their student-athletes arrive with enough time to fully warm up. NOTE: Start times are on the scheduled posted on the website and on the calendar.

9. Flag Football

* AD’s determined dates of proposed games and selected a “three-game week,” allowing league games to begin on Tuesday, September 17 and conclude on Thursday, October 24.
* Tournament dates next Fall for the top four teams in each league will be Monday, October 28 (first round), Wednesday, October 30 (only four Monday winners play), and Saturday, November 2 (championship game and 3rd place game.
* AD’s will address the Flag Football Special Rules at their next meeting.

10. Football

* MSC (Molina, Lyons, 11-0-0) to approve the three proposed football schedules. Schools are working to schedule one home game on other than a Friday.
* AD’s selected Ross Parker, Rachel Sagapolu and Gary Duran to work with three MVAL AD’s to consolidate football rules.

11. Tennis

* MSC (Molina, Duran, 11-0-0) to approve the two proposed fall tennis schedules.
* AD’s agreed with tennis coaches and this year’s priority numbers will be rotated for tennis next year.

12. Volleyball

* MSC (Longaker, Duran, 11-0-0) to approve the proposed 24-25 girls’ volleyball schedules.
* AD’s directed the league commissioner to remind league coaches, AD’s and principals that structured team cheers must be positive cheers about their players or teams, not negative cheers directed towards the other team.

13. Water Polo

* After a brief discussion, AD’s decided to leave the eight-team playoff protocol as it is now.

WINTER SPORTS

14. Basketball

* AD’s reviewed both SJND basketball programs. MSC (Reed, Longaker 10-0-0) to recommend to the NCS Alignment Committee that both SJND basketball programs be returned to their basic league. They are no longer the programs that merited the cross-league supplemental move six years ago.

15. Soccer

* We’re coming up on the end of this year’s soccer season. AD’s directed the league commissioner to take field use into greater consideration when developing next year’s schedules.
* The NBSRA is doing a better job than last year in getting soccer games covered with three-person crews but there appear to still be too many games with incomplete officiating crews. Their assigner was hard to reach early in the season and their website wasn’t fully functional.

16. Wrestling

* The Wrestling Championships, 2023-24 Fact Sheet presented by Castro Valley was approved by consensus and posted on the website.

SPRING SPORTS

17. Badminton

* MSC (Duran. Molina, 10-0-1) to approve the Badminton Tournament Fact Sheet presented by Mt. Eden and posted on the website.

18. Baseball

* Dave Cutaia, President of the CCAA, our baseball officiating partner this year, made a presentation and answered AD questions.
* The Baseball Championships, 2023-24 Fact Sheet presented by Alameda was approved by consensus and posted on the website.

NOTE: This year, first round games are Tuesday, not Wednesday, and the championship games are Thursday, not Friday.

19. Golf

* Berkeley was unable to secure Tilden Park for our golf championships and we are looking for a site for our 4/29 league tournament.

20. Lacosse

* Berkeley will host our end-of-season tournament

21. Softball

* Bishop O’Dowd will host our end-of-season tournament.
* Arroyo, Mt. Eden, Piedmont, and Tennyson announced that they would not have JV programs this year; Hayward is unsure. The remaining schools were encouraged to work with each other to develop full schedules for non-varsity teams.

22. Swimming and Diving

* MSC (Smet, Molina, 10-0-1) to contract with Swim Cloud to provide cloud services for swimming and diving.
* MSC (Molina, Reed 10-0-1) to approve the 4th draft of the swim schedule.
* Mt. Eden will host our championship tournament at Chabot.

23. Tennis

* MSC (Molina, Reed, 10-0-1) to approve the two tennis schedules.
* Berkeley announced that their tennis matches would begin at 4:00.
* The league has asked Bishop O’Dowd to host the league tournament at Chabot.

24. Track and Field

* The approved schedule is being tweaked a bit as coaches are working around track availability and Saturday tournaments. A finalized host schedule will come out of the 1/31/preseason coaches’ meeting.

25. Volleyball

* Some schools will have only one level of spring volleyball, leaving a hole in a JV schedule for other schools. AD’s will work together to fill those holes, especially for the third level at San Leandro.

MISCELLANEOUS

26. The league commissioner, transitioning to a new computer, asked AD’s to contact him immediately if a document on the website appears corrupted. AD’s were reminded to update their spring coaches.

27. The were no financial issues.

28. There was no major new business

Respectfully submitted:

Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13; 8:00 am; ZOOM