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Revised Minutes
Athletic Council
401 Nut Tree Rd
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Commissioner Joan Mumaugh called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Present:

Armijo	Melissa Wilson
Fairfield	Eddie Wilson
Rodriguez	Tracy Cordes Lopez
Vacaville	Stu Clary Fred Jones Chris Santopadre
Vanden	Matt Bidou
Wood	Andrea Daniels, Nick Voight

I. Winter Sports

A. Basketball—

MEL schools playing schools outside our county have noticed that some surrounding counties are using different rules than Solano in regards to “players” wearing masks during competition. Each schools was reminded that if they are outside of Solano county and masks are required by the home school, than they must wear masks. If a visiting school is from a county requiring player masks than MEL schools can follow Solano County guideline.

B. Soccer—No Report

C. Wrestling

1. Fred reviewed a letter from Jeremy Barnett, Wood Head Wrestling coach, regarding girls wrestling.
 - a. First point listed was that individual sports only need one athlete to constitute a team.
 - b. The Second point listed was the proposal for MEL Wrestling-Girls tournament with the appropriate medals, patches and awards equivalent to the MEL Wrestling-Boys tournament.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding both points of the letter.

In regards to point “a” there is no statement in MEL bylaws that reflect that only one athlete is required to constitute a team in an individual sport. Both the Sac Joaquin Section and CIF bylaws were reviewed with no verification that the statement in Mr. Barnett’s letter was part of either constitution.

In regards to point “b”, the Sac Joaquin Section has a girls Divisional meet that is divided into North and South leagues. The divisional meet is an “All Comers” meet, meaning there are no Section sponsored qualifying meets needed to participate in the Divisional. The top 8 wrestlers in each weight category from the Divisional meet than qualify for the Section Masters meet.

The Sac Joaquin Section Masters winners in the different weight classes do receive awards equivalent to the boys Section Masters awards. The top 6 in each weight class are then eligible to move on to the Girls State meet, again receiving the equivalent awards as boys State meet winners.

The conversation then moved to: can the MEL offer awards to a girls wrestling program that does not officially have team status in the MEL. The Athletic Council agreed that the Section has set the precedent of issuing awards to girls wrestling even though it is not officially defined as an independent team from boys wrestling. The Athletic Council agreed that because the Section has already set the precedent for girls wrestling awards without team standings the MEL could do the same. That being said, the league still cannot award a team banner as girls wrestling is not an independent sport in the MEL. The awards that are under consideration are patches and medals.

Girls wrestling awards will be a voting topic at the January 20th MEL Board of Managers meeting.

II. Spring ---No Reports

III. Fall Sports

Notable awards for Fall Sports

Rodriguez Girls Golf—3rd in the Section and a Nor Cal qualifier

Vacaville Boys Cross County-- Sac Joaquin Section Winner and 5th place in State competition

Vanden Girls’ Tennis —Sac Joaquin Section Winner

Vanden Football— Section Champion Div.4, Nor Cal Champion Div.3AA, State qualifier Div.3AA.

IV. Schedules Fall & winter 2022-23

All tentative schedules for the sports listed below were reviewed by the ADs. Each school will review the proposed schedules with their respective coaches and get any recommendations to the AD in charge. Final schedule presentation is scheduled for the January AD meeting

A. Fall Schedules

1. Cross Country-- Basic change is a later starting date.
2. Football—Rotated the schedule and reversed H/A
3. Girls Golf—The proposed schedule has all 6 schools participating. Reversed H/A
4. Girls Tennis—No schedule presented. Matt will send a schedule to Joan for review with a new rotation.
5. Volleyball— 2 Schedules presented one with Mon, Tue, Thurs. games and one schedule with Tue/Thurs. games. Starting dates were adjusted to reflect each schedule and H/A were reversed.

B. Winter Schedules

1. Basketball— Boys mandated dates are Tue/Th. Schedule was adjusted for league rival games. H/A reversed as much as possible.

Girls mandated games are Wed/Fri. Schedule adjusted for rival games and H/A reversed as much as possible.

2. Soccer— Both boys and girls soccer schedules were presented with boys playing on mandated days of T/Th and girls playing on Wed/Fri mandated days. The schedule was rotated and H/A changed. Schedules had games of 3 away/3home so alternate schedules are will be sent out.

3. Wrestling—Starting date moved later to accommodate winter break return. Vacaville, Vanden and Wood will each host a 4-way meets, while Armijo, Rodriguez and Wood will each host a dual meet.

There are some conflicts with wrestling and basketball needing the gym on the same dates. Eddie and Fred will work to resolve the conflicts.

V. Other

- A. Schedules spring 2022-2023 due at January 13th meeting for first review.
- B. League Meetings--Athletic Council January 13th, BOM January 20th
- C. Scholar Athlete –start looking at possible athletes at your site for nomination. The qualifications and essay subject are always the same. Each school may nominate one male and one female athlete.

Meeting adjourned 10:20

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Mumaugh, Commissioner