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Minutes
Athletic Council
401 Nut Tree Rd
November 3, 2022

Commissioner Joan Mumaugh called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Present:

Armijo	Matthew Powell	
Fairfield	Eddie Wilson	
Rodriguez	Tracy Lopez	
Vacaville	Fred Jones	Chris Santopadre
Vanden	Sean Murphy	
Wood	Andrea Daniels	
Guest	Brad Burzynski	

I. Fall Sports

A. Football

1. 3 Mel teams qualified for Section play-offs--- Vacaville, Vanden and Wood.
2. All league meeting went well. There were no recommendations for bylaw changes.
3. Short discussion about Rodriguez not making the playoffs.

B. Volleyball

1. The coaches are interested in looking at next year's schedule starting a week earlier, giving them more time for non league contests at the end of the Section mandated end date. The league has typically started the league games a little later to give all the schools time to get teams ready for competition. Teams can play a non-league match even if they have 2 league matches in a week.
2. MEL mandated play days for 2023-24 are T/Th.
3. Coaches voiced concern that not all teams are submitting player stats on MaxPrep.

C. Girls Tennis

1. The all- league selection went well.
2. Vacaville advances to semi finals in Division 2 and Vanden has advanced to the finals in division 3.

D. Girls Golf

1. The girls' coaches agreed that a tie breaker bylaw needs to be added to the bylaws. Matthew will have the girls' coaches join the boys pre-season meeting to discuss the tie breaker issue.

E. Cross Country

1. The league tournament was held October 26th at Lagoon Valley. All the coaches shared responsibility for running the league tournament.
2. Vacaville Christian was hosting the Sierra Delta League tournament on the same day at Lagoon Valley. Both leagues worked to make the competition for both league run smoothly.

II. Winter Sports

A. Basketball

1. The Section will be using the Wilson basketball EVO NXT for both the semi's and final games for this season. The State CIF has adopted the EVO NXT as competition ball for all State games.
2. Currently MEL bylaw 5.5 states the game ball will be a Wilson Solution. After discussion it was decided that bylaw 5.5 be changed to name Wilson EVO NXT as the league game ball.

A roll call vote was taken regarding the proposed change:

Amijo-Yes, Fairfield-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Vacaville-Yes, Vanden-Yes, Wood-Yes.

Joan will send a note to the Principals asking for a vote of approval so that the bylaw can be changed immediately.

3. Starting this season the official "shot clock" person will be responsible for signaling with a buzzer that if the ball does not cross midcourt after an inbound with 10 seconds. This rule applies only to boys basketball.

B. Soccer

1. All 6 schools will be fielding JV and Varsity teams. There will be no Frosh teams this year.

C. Wrestling

1. The Novice tournament will be November 23^h at Wood High School.
2. Section Divisional tournament Feb. 10 & 11, Section Masters Feb. 17 & 18, State Feb. 23-25.
3. Girls Wrestling as a League Sport
 1. Girl Participants: Wood-18-20, Vanden-10, Armijo-4-6, Rodriguez 4-6, and Vacaville-1
 2. There is interest by coaches in having girls' dual competition with league schools. The schools that field enough different weight classes could schedule dual competition if approved by their schools administration. Girls' duals could run at the same time as boys duals.

3. Girls wrestling as an independent sport can only happen if 4 or more league schools field teams that have 8 or more weight classes competing.
4. Bylaw 6.8 Review
 - a. Wood asked to review bylaw. The concern was over safety for first year wrestlers when forced to wrestle as true first man.
 - b. Fred discussed past practice of gentlemen's agreement prior to dual meet – encouraged coaches to communicate concerns with each other.
 - c. Coaches agreed to review this concern at end of year meeting.

III. Spring Sports

A. Track

There was conversation about Vacaville, Wood and possibilities Fairfield (after renovations are complete) rotate hosting the league tournament at the end of the season. The other schools would still be responsible for portions of the league tournament.

Reasons behind this suggestion:

- Access to the track area does not require athletes and spectators to pass through the campus classroom area.
- Newer facilities, which give the athletes the best of what the league has to offer.
- Pole vault facilities are available which allows all team members to be at one site.

IV. Other

A. End of Season Standing---All Fall sports have been updated on the website for final league standing and all league players.

B. Spectator Behavior—Brad

Based on previous conversation with the ADs and Board of Managers the following specifics were added to the Sports Behavior document.

1. Pre-game email—The hosting school should send a pre game email to opponent noting any special events that could potentially delay the game i.e.: Homecoming, Senior Night, etc.
2. Pre-Season-Message to Parents either at sport meeting or via email outlining the importance of behavior by students and fans.
3. Pre-Game announcement over P.A system outlining purpose of the contests and unacceptable fan behavior.
4. Visiting school staff, not just the home school, should monitor fan behavior.

Once a final draft has been submitted to Joan, the Principals will receive a copy for their vote.

- C. League Dues—Vacaville and Wood have both submitted their payment to the league. The remaining 4 schools need to follow up with their school/district as to the status of the payment.
- D. Senior Night Recognition

The MEL will continue to follow Bylaw 1.27 regarding Senior Night Recognition.

E. Schedules 2023-24 Fall and Winter

1. Draft of fall and winter sports schedules should be available for presentation at the December meeting.
2. 2023-24 Fall/Winter schedules should rotated H/A if the 2022 schedule was rotated. If 2022-23 schedule was not rotated then they must be rotated for 2023-24.

G. Next meeting---December 1st

Meeting adjourned 10:45

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Mumaugh
Commissioner