

Board of Mangers--- Principals

March 30 2021

4:00pm virtual

President Adam Rich called meeting to order at 4:00

In Attendance:

Sheila Smith –Armijo

Adam Wight—Vacaville

Jose Gutierrez—Fairfield

Kristen Shields—Vanden

Clarence Isador—Rodriguez

Adam Rich—Wood

Items of Discussion:

1. Extension of Baseball/Softball season
2. Testing for Volleyball Competition
3. CIF Ejection Policy

The first item under discussion concerned the possible extension of the baseball / softball season.

Joan reviewed the MEL sport calendar and the area listed as “possible extension round 3 if no orange tier” listed with baseball/softball. According the February 4th BOM approved minutes: If the Group C sports are unable to compete by April 26 then baseball and softball will extend one more round of league competition. If Group C is open then baseball and softball will be finished as originally scheduled April 24.

At least one of the MEL schools was inquiring about playing as independent if the MEL season ended in April. Joan contacted Mike Garrison and inquired about the independent sports. Mike said he had not approved of any MEL teams going independent. Mike also suggested that the only way baseball/softball could continue to play is if the principals approved of a league extension. The Principals met and discussed the possible extension of the baseball/softball season for teams. After a lengthy discussion, A motion was made by Kristen Shields of Vanden to extend the season of sport for baseball and softball to May 29th. Adam Wight of Vacaville seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Armijo—No

Vacaville--Yes

Fairfield—No

Vanden--Yes

Rodriguez—No

Wood--No

By a vote of 4-2 the motion failed. MEL season for Group B sports, which includes baseball and softball, will end on April 24.

The second item was testing for volleyball competition

There has been some confusion whether testing was required for volleyball to compete. Joan contacted the Solano County Public Health officer Dr. Matyas asking for a definitive statement regarding the need for testing. Dr Matyas responded that following the most recent state guidance, testing is required for volleyball.

Because volleyball and badminton (doubles) are classified as moderate contact sports they are only being allowed to play if the schools adhere to the CDPH guidelines for “Conditions for Return to Play if Not Otherwise Authorized”. The conditions include testing, return to play safety plan, which includes local contact tracing sources, and a site-specific plan, which is a facility Covid-19 prevention plan. Joan will again contact Dr Matyas inquiring whether the schools need to test spectators and whether a sign in sheet is necessary in case contact tracing is required.

The third item for our meeting was CIF Ejection Policy

CIF has passed a State policy that results in multi-game suspensions for fighting, leaving the bench etc. The new policy also includes multigame suspensions for repeat offenders. The MEL will need to update

the league ejection policy to reflect the new CIF policy. Joan will work on a recommendation for the new league policy to be presented to the BOM at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45.