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Minutes
Board of Managers
Armijo High Conference Room
January 20 2022

I Opening

A. Present:

Armijo	Charleston Brown	Melissa Wilson, John Lammon
Rodriguez	Clarence Isadore	
Vacaville	Adam Wight	Fred Jones, Stu Clary, Chris Santopadre
Wood	Adam Rich	Andréa Daniels, Nick Voight
Fairfield	Rebecca Dinwiddie	Eddie Wilson
Vanden	Kristin Shields	Matt Bidou
Guest FSUSD	Brad Bruzinski	

Adam Rich called the meeting to order at 9:02

- B. Rodriguez motioned to accept the minutes of September 30 2020 as posted. The motion was seconded by Armijo. Vote was unanimous.
- C. Rodriguez motioned to accept the minutes of January 11 2022 as posted. Vanden seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

II Action Items (voting item)

A. Schedules 2022-23

1. Fall Sport

- The fall sports reviewed were: cross country, football, girls' golf, girls' tennis, and volleyball. The AD in charge of the sport was responsible for creating the 2022 league schedule.
- Each AD reported what changes were made from the previous year's schedule.
- Armijo motioned to accept all 2022 fall schedules, as presented. Vanden seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

2. Winter Sports

The winter sports reviewed were boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer and wrestling.

Each AD in charge of the sports reported what changes were made from the previous year's schedule to determine the 2023 schedule.

Armijo motioned to accept the schedules as presented, second by Vacaville. The vote was unanimous.

III Emergency Items (voting)

A. Girls Wrestling

1. In April 2020 the wrestling coaches proposed the MEL institute a girls' league tournament at the end of the wrestling dual season. They were also requesting that patches and medals be awarded to the winner and 2nd and 3rd place of each weight class. This was sent back to the Ads for further review and recommendation.

2. The ADs briefly discussed the wrestling request of patches and medals in November 2021. At this point there was no recommendation to move forward with the recommendation of the wrestling coaches. At the December 2021 meeting the ADs again discussed the wrestling coaches request for patches and medals for the MEL girls' championship meet.

3. The Sac Joaquin Section has a qualifying meet with awards; to a Section Master's meet with awards, that leads to a State meet with awards for girl wrestlers. The Sac Joaquin Section has set the precedent of awards for girls' wrestlers even though Girls Wrestling is not an independent sport. The ADs decided that they would recommend to the BOM that the MEL also award patches and medals for the league tournament.

4. Wood motioned to approve the awarding of patches and medals to the winner and runner-up medals to girl wrestlers in each weight class. Vanden seconded the motion. Roll call vote

Armijo—Yes	Rodriguez—Yes	Vanden--Yes
Fairfield—Yes	Vacaville—Yes	Wood--Yes

The motion passed 6-0.

5. Each school needs to be sure that their coaches and girl wrestlers realize that the girls cannot compete in both the boys' league tournament and the girls' league tournament. A girl wrestler can choose to wrestle at the boys' league tournament but is then not eligible for the girls' league tournament.

In addition, there will be no Banner awarded for the girls' league tournament and the girls' tournament will not count toward school of the year.

B. Mercy Rule

1. The Section has a designated "Mercy Rule" (running clock) for both Football and Basketball.

Joan recommends that the MEL put the Section rules in our bylaws for both sports.

Secondly, Joan asked that The MEL BOM discuss if there should be any other statements regarding instituting the Mercy rule before the 4th quarter.

2. Motion by Vacaville to put the Section "Mercy Rule" in football and basketball in our bylaws for those respective sports. Vanden seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

3. There was a lengthy discussion about the benefits of the mercy rule. Some issues discussed were: coaching strategies, talent discrepancy, starters playing shorter period of time and ethics of coaching. There was a consensus that each site needed to talk with their coaches about why and when a mercy rule should be instituted.

4. Fairfield motioned that the MEL add the statement “By mutual agreement of both schools, the “Mercy Rule” can be instituted anytime before the 4th quarter” (basketball) or 3rd quarter (football). Armijo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The agreed upon statement will be added to both football and basketball as a sub-point.

IV. New Business---No Items

V. Scholar Athlete

Each school is encouraged to nominate 1 female and 1 male scholar athlete for this Section award. The nomination packets are due to Joan, no later than February 17th.

VI Section Back- Up Material

The Old Business voting items under Section and State CIF were discussed. Adam was given direction to cast his vote in the best interest of the MEL.

VI Other

A. AD Reports

1. Armijo—Please let your fans know, Armijo is not using “Go Fan” ticket purchase site.
2. Fairfield—COVID player absences are still an issue for basketball, but the league is doing a good job getting makeup games played.
3. Rodriguez—We are using site coaches meetings to talk about how to get our kids to compete at a higher level, much as Vacaville and Vanden.
At the Section level, the MEL is recognized for its’ ability to address difficult issues that are brought to the BOM with positive results.
4. Vacaville—The MEL Fall season produced many champions:
Rodriguez Girls Golf—3rd in the Section and a Nor Cal qualifier
Vacaville Boys Cross County Section champions and 5th place in State competition
Vanden Girls’ Team Tennis —Section Champions
Armijo Girls Tennis Doubles Team—Section Champions
Vanden Football— Section Champion Div.4, Nor Cal Champion Div.3AA, State qualifier, and Div 3AA State Champions.
5. Vanden—Self reported an illegal player (girl on the boys team) on the boys soccer team.
6. Wood—The wrestling dual match between Vacaville and Wood has been rescheduled.

B. Next Meeting—Wednesday March 31st. Refreshments Vanden.

Meeting adjournment at 10:45

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Mumaugh
MEL Commissioner