

**MONTICELLO EMPIRE LEAGUE
ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
DATE: 11/13/25**

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Roll Call:

Pioneer HS	Megan Ussery	In Attendance
Rodriguez HS	Sarah McLaughlin	In Attendance
River City HS	Brittany Adame	In Attendance/ Left 10:59
Sac High	Destiny Issac	Arrive 8:47
Vanden HS	Sean Murphy/ Eddie Wilson	In Attendance
Vacaville HS	Mike Papadopoulos, Jori Herman	Both in Attendance
Will C Wood HS	Nick Voight	In Attendance
FSUSD AD	Brad Burzynski	Arrive 8:40

Call to order

Eric Tretten called the meeting to order at 8:33/ When is Mandated League Play coming out for the next season

Public Input

None

BOM report

It was requested that the Commissioner bring up starting times for games and coverage issues.

Announcements:

It was reported that one of Sac High's Assistant Football coaches passed away recently. The MEL sends thoughts and prayers to his family. The League will try to find information on any scholarship information in his name.

Additions to the Agenda

- Current schedules T&F- Post season calendar is not set. Change by section is being considered. The request is for us to change to May 5 and May 7 for MEL Trials. RCHS will check on availability of personnel. MEL Will make the change if possible. Discussions revolve around personnel who work the events and credentials.
- Swim- RCHS traveling to WCW 2 years in a row? Pool shared so it is hard to schedule. No change to schedule will be made. MEL finals will remain the same per section.

MEL League Business

3.11 Schedules 1st draft - Fall and Winter 26 -

The discussion began with a clarification on the process. The group had consensus on how to proceed. Then the topic of game supervision came up and was discussed. The group felt that what was best for student /athletes should be considered and schools will have to solve their supervision issues. Ex: Should boys and girls basketball be played on the same night? Vanden was against this, stating parents and friends should be able to attend both games.

Football- Schedule will be revised to eliminate old rivals. Last year it was decided that with the new league members old rivalries should not be a scheduling preference. The schedule was corrected during the meeting.

Golf- Followed rotation. RCHS - no Girls due to numbers. Encouraged to play with fewer participants. Hope to build their program.

XC- All good as proposed

Volleyball- Good as proposed.

Flag Football- Schedule ok. Coaches want to adjust starting time. Discussion around starting Flag Football and Volleyball @ Sac High at the same time. Sac High facilities will dictate starting times.

Tennis- Followed protocol. It was asked whether start time for Tennis be adjusted early in season due to facilities and daylight saving time?

Wrestling- OK. Conflict with BB on a couple of dates. May create 3 in a row for BB. Destiny will work on it and bring it to the next meeting.

BB - 2 Sat dates to accommodate a backed up football schedule and playoffs. Wrestling will be looked at for gym conflicts. Saturday games can be moved to a Monday on a school by school basis.

Soccer- Ok as proposed. Will compare with Basketball schedules when done.

3.12 All League Process

A review of how the new All League process is being received and implemented. Megan was asked to discuss how her two meetings went. She provided feedback. It was clarified that we need to implement the new process with fidelity so as to discover the positives and negatives. AD's were asked to keep notes and the Athletic Council will review later in the year. The importance of holding the preseason meeting and communicating the process is very important per the group Issues discovered so far:

- Coaches showing to the meeting ● Can we hold virtual meetings?
- Number of nominees, Tennis did not want every school nominated.
- Flag football (# of Nominees)
- Preseason meeting spelling out process and meeting dates
- Possibly holding all-league meeting in a place chosen by AD in charge of the sport ● Communicate selection lists out to all AD.

3.13 Senior Night Activities- Discussion held regarding what is allowable and why. Need to regulate and hold the line is what a majority desired.

3.14 Conference Model Info from SJS- Discussed the Presentation from the section office.

3.15 CIF Scholar Athlete of the yr (See Home Campus)- This is different from Dale Lackey

3.16 Athletic Director Rep (See Home Campus)- There was no interest in this position.

4.0 Section Items

NEW BUSINESS (Non-voting Items)

4.01 Sac-Joaquin Section Items

a. Proposed Continued Success Movement - Spring Sports {Pg. 69} DeBoard This proposal recommends the movement of four (4) member schools up a division based on Section bylaw language for continued success in the spring sports of baseball, softball, boys tennis.

b. CVC Football Season Proposal {Pgs. 70-74} Feuerbach
The CVC is proposing a change to the structure/length of the SJS football season (from 11 weeks to play 10 games to 10 weeks to play 10 games). **Proposal Withdrawn**

c. Proposed Amendments to SJS Bylaw 501.4 {Pg. 75} Garrison
This proposal adjusts the requirements of a member school principal ensuring their school meets their obligations for post season play.

d. Proposed Realignment Model {Pg. 76} Garrison
This proposal directs staff to present, during the organizations next realignment process/meetings (for the 2028-2032 realignment cycle; Dec. 2026/Jan. 2027), a conference model alignment.

5.0 STATE ITEMS

6.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Adjournment: 11:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Eric Tretten, MEL Commissioner