



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
PRINCIPALS
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025 – 7:30 AM
IN-PERSON ED CENTER E.O.C.



PRELIMINARY

FUNCTIONS.....

.....(ITEMS 1-2)

CALL TO

ORDER:.....

.....Scott Giusti, President Meeting was called to order at 7:32AM.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:Listed by
alphabetical school order

E. Renfree, C. Cope, N. Stevens, K. Johnstone, R. Villery, J. Boertmann, C. Podhorsky, M. Agudelo, E. Martinez Barraza, F. Hilgers, J. Fowler, J. Sabins, E. Brown, S. White, D. Jaffe, F. Del Carmen, M. Haupt, M. Lawson, M. Paredes, J. Pickett, S. Giusti and S. Srsic
Schools not in attendance: Christian, Coronado, HTHSD, Kearny, Morse, OLP

1. President's Message.....Scott Giusti, City Conference President
 - a. Lines Being Drawn ([click here](#) & [click here](#))
 - Shared for informational and awareness purposes.
 - b. Locker Rooms and Hazing- check in and have a plan as end of year approaches
 - Shared as a reminder knowing spring is the largest season and the year is winding down.
 - c. Miscellaneous
 - Advice was given about policy change rumors versus school/district policies.
2. Approve Athletic Council Meeting Minutes from 2/6/25 ([click here](#))
 - 1st by M. Lawson, 2nd by E. Brown, no discussion, no opposition, Garfield abstained, motion approved.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

BUSINESS.....

.....(ITEMS 3-10)

3. Quick Hits
 - a. SDUSD COVID vaccine no longer required for hiring coaches
 - San Diego Unified's Board of Education voted on Tuesday, February 25th that the district is no longer requiring the COVID vaccine for hiring, this includes coaches.
 - b. Miscellaneous
 - Attention was brought to proposed changes to the SDEA contract, unclear where they came from.
4. California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)
 - a. Clarity on Out of Season and In Season Participation: Middle School Students
 - The current policy for San Diego Unified doesn't allow for this but it is being brought here for discussion as there is interest from Athletic Directors.
 - Asked which Athletic Directors spoke to Principals about it.
 - Opened it up to discussion as input is being sought from the Principals/Athletic Council.
 - M. Haupt brought up consideration of pre-enrollment contact that for example, if a student starts working with one high school in middle school, then begins ninth grade at another high school but decides they want to go back to the high school they worked with in middle school, it would be a CIF violation.
 - K. Johnstone asked if there could be limitations and guardrails put in place, the answer was yes.
 - J. Boertmann shared a case from his previous district in Washington of high school and middle school student overlap where administration did not communicate something they should have and due to liability were held accountable.
 - M. Lawson said no due to liability and that it would be a lot to add to what already exists tied to walk-on coaches, equity issues, etc.
 - F. Hilgers agreed, as well as D. Jaffe, S. White, C. Podhorsky, and F. Del Carmen.
 - Clarified this is only for the San Diego Unified School District and not the San Diego City Conference.
 - The majority did not want to pursue this and therefore it will not move any further for district sponsored events.
 - Clarified this doesn't prevent outside clubs that are not school/district sponsored and go through Facilitron.

- b. CIF Board of Managers Items for Meeting on 3/26/2025 ([click here](#))
 - Reviewed items on the posted agenda including actions items numbered 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17.
 - c. CIF Student Advisory Council Status Update ([click here](#))
 - Athletic Directors were told to save the dates for San Diego Unified Monday, July 28, 2025, through Wednesday, July 30, 2025, for athletic director training, City Conference on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, for the first City Conference meeting of the year, the CIF Student Advisory Council summit/meeting, and the fall preseason coaches meeting, and all for the start of fall sports on Thursday, July 31, 2025.
 - d. CIF Playoff Reimbursements and Profit Share Revenue- are you claiming as much as you can?
 - Shared the information from R. Marquez with CIF pointing out missed areas of opportunity.
 - S. Giusti emphasized the importance of ensuring staff is completing this process thoroughly to assist programs financially and recommended Principals check with their Athletic Directors.
 - e. CIF Facility Requirements for Playoffs
 - With playoffs expanding, concerns for different sports and venues have been expressed.
 - S. Giusti as the City Conference President will send out a form to sites seeking input on minimum standards for playoffs.
 - f. CIF April 7th Memo ([click here](#))
 - Reviewed the items in the memo.
 - Emphasized the importance of being prepared with the emergency action plans (EAPs) and air quality testing, heat prevention, etc.
 - These items will be included in the new year's Athletic Director Handbook that is scheduled to come out around July 1st.
5. Sport Specific Items
- a. SDCC Officials, Ejections and Supervision
 - i. Ejection Data ([click here](#))
 - Shared the updated data and that it will continue to be updated.
 - ii. Spring Admin Supervision Requirements ([click here](#))
 - A reminder was shared to refer to the email that was sent out, especially as schools prepare for CIF playoffs.
 - Highlighted a recent tragic situation as a reminder of the importance of well organized and coordinated supervision.
 - b. SDCC Soccer: Game Change Fees ([click here](#))
 - Other schools outside of the conference were reporting being overcharged reiterating the importance of monitoring and reviewing the charges.
 - Our schools shared they were seeing charges from any other officials associations.
 - c. SDCC Track Tournaments: Items to address
 - Shared that the:
 - Western League is scheduled at University City High School on Friday, May 9th and school sites need to send a representative other than the coach to assist.
 - Eastern League is scheduled at Mission Bay High School on Thursday, May 8th and school sites need to send a representative other than the coach to assist.
 - City League is scheduled at Clairemont High School on both Thursday, May 8th, where an additional site representative is not needed, and Friday, May 9th, where school sites need to send a representative other than the coach to assist.
 - Central League is scheduled at Madison High School on Friday, May 9th and that school sites need to send a representative other than the coach to assist.
 - d. SDCC Tackle Football: Game Day Skinz (information from Skinz, Officials Association, Riddell- add on products) - Why Riddell won't approve or create their own
 - The difference was shown and discussed.
 - Thoughts and other options were shared.
 - A question was asked if the message about their use was sent to football coaches but the belief is it was only sent to Athletic Directors.
6. SDUSD/SDCC: Websites, Hometown Ticketing, Schoolfundr Status Updates
- a. Websites/Hometown Ticketing (not GoFan)/Schoolfundr
 - Currently negotiating a deal that would move to the following things as a district.
 - More information will be provided and below is the overview summary that was provided.
 - It has been communicated that rSchoolToday is no longer meeting the needs of our school sites.
 - Currently exploring new websites through Home Campus which will potentially solve current issues that have been unsolvable.
 - Moving to Hometown Ticketing is an option being looked at, which would mean moving away from GoFan Ticketing.
 - We will also be opening up use for things sporting events other than football and basketball (such as athletic tournaments, etc.).
 - GoFan will still be used for CIF playoffs per CIF, but we will support our communities with it all.

- While not exclusive there is a district contract in place with Schoolfundr that will continue to be shared with school sites.
 - Sites need to examine use of other options when the return of funds to students is greatest through Schoolfundr.
 - E. Renfree shared that continuing to change platforms is frustrating for communities.
7. Facilities & Transportation
- a. SDUSD New “Artificial Turf Maintenance” Contract: Sprinturf
 - Shared information about the new company.
 - Great first impressions with the new company’s communication so far.
 - b. SDUSD Transportation Potential Impacts of 2025-26 ([click here](#))
 - V. Stahley and D. Asuncion will serve as the athletic director representatives.
 - The goal is to schedule a meeting before the final conference meeting of the year.
 - Additional questions and concerns can be added to the above link.
 - c. SDUSD and the City of SD Beach Volleyball Agreement
 - The district has processed an around \$7,000 per year agreement with the City that went to the Board of Education for approval for some of our schools with teams to have access to City of San Diego beach volleyball courts.
 - d. SDUSD City of SD Pools Agreement/Price Increase/Pool Usage ([click here](#))
 - New prices are being rolled out effective April 1st, 20% more per hour.
 - This will have financial impacts on the schools in our conference.
 - e. SDUSD Sites Scheduled for Replacement Turf for 2024-25 & 2025-26
 - Nothing new to report, Mira Mesa High School and Morse High School are still scheduled next with Kearny High School and Mission Bay High School scheduled for next year.
 - f. SDCC 2024-25 Facility Impacts: Lincoln (stadium all year-LAX/track), C. Hills (no baseball or track March-July)
 - Asked for any updates or changes.
 - Lincoln High School is back on their stadium but the track reopening is still to be determined.
 - Canyon Hills High School was told their baseball field would be reopened on April 22nd.
 - M. Lawson shared that Scripps Ranch High School’s blacktop is scheduled to be redone and that he will keep everyone updated.
 - It was shared that the following schools tennis courts were going to be resurfaced in 2025: Clairemont, Kearny, Mission Bay and San Diego.
 - Several schools shared concerns about the status of their tennis courts.
8. 2024-25 Financial Items
- a. SDCC/SDUSD Facilities Status Update from City of SD on Morley Field, Golf Courses, Beach Volleyball, Pools
 - It is assumed that the City price increases will also impact these facilities.
 - b. SDUSD and HUDL Costs for 2025-26 ([click here](#))
 - Reviewed the linked email including that the district will be covering \$8,500 per school this year with the school being responsible for the cost of any additional add ons.
 - Asked if there were any questions, there were none.
 - c. SDCC Football and Basketball Game Recaps
 - As part of the gate recap process funds get deposited to the school's resource 00022, but those funds aren’t to be touched.
 - They are there as a placeholder until district finance divides it up and moves the school's portions to resource 96100.
 - Schools might see a positive balance in resource 00022 but it is tied to football and basketball recaps and isn’t to be touched.
 - d. Six Potential Budget Categories That May Be Able To Help w/Athletics ([click here](#))
 - This is being provided as a reminder of information from District Finance to assist as schools close the budget books for the year.
 - Principals had questions about ASB PCard deadlines, S. Srsic will email out additional information.
 - e. SDUSD Athletic Reimbursements Checklist ([click here](#))
 - Reviewed who has not submitted proof of their monthly athletic reimbursement submission for March.
9. SDUSD Student Data
- a. Student Survey Winter Results and Spring Issuing
 - Winter results were emailed to sites on March 3rd if schools had them, if not they were sent after.
 - Athletic Directors and Associate Principals were emailed the spring survey on April 23rd with direction for the Athletic Director to have students complete before the spring sports seasons conclude.
 - The goal is for each team to have at least 80% participation to ensure well rounded results.
 - b. ADs/school sites will be required to use Home Campus for rosters starting 2025-26
 - For consistency purposes the district will be moving in this direction next year.
 - Principals were asked to share this message with their Athletic Director.

10. Resources

A reminder of available resources to reference when needed.

- Available resource links that are intended to be easy to use when needed.

SDUSD Athletics Website	SDCC/SDUSD Athletics Calendar	CIF Master Calendar/Max Contacts
SDUSD Grading Periods	SDCC Website	CIF Green Book
SDUSD Out of Season Sports	SDCC Blue Book	CIF Playing Matrix
SDUSD AD Handbook	SDCC Mtg Attendance	CIF Advisory Mtg Dates
SDUSD Coaching Education	Athletic Council Mtg Attendance	CIF Sit Out Period Dates
SDCC Pre/Postseason Coaches Mtg Attendance		

COMMITTEE

REPORTS.....

.....(ITEMS 11-14)

11. SDCC Leaguings Committee: Cathedral, La Jolla, Lincoln, Madison, Mira Mesa, Morse, Point Loma, Saints, Athletics Office
 - a. Potential Review if we are able to Secure the Two Year N. County Cross League Agreement
 - Haven't heard anything further on this so everyone is scheduling their own contests.
 - Commitment to Eastern/Western Cross League
- This is set with the top four in the Eastern League playing the teams in the Western League but a reminder was shared that agreements need to be made between schools, specifically administration, if games are changed.
12. SDUSD Playoff Compensation Committee: Canyon Hills, La Jolla, Mira Mesa, Mission Bay, Point Loma, San Diego
 - Reviewed fall and winter estimates versus actuals, which were very close.
 - The committee has done an excellent job.
13. SDUSD End of Season Student Survey Committee: Canyon Hills, Clairemont, Henry, La Jolla, Mira Mesa, Morse, Point Loma
 - This was already covered in agenda item 9, the committee will continue to work together as the new school year begins.
14. SDUSD Human Resources: Crawford, Lincoln, Mission Bay, San Diego, Athletics Office
 - Final touches are being put on 2025-26 with HR and will be emailed to sites as soon as the information is available.

DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL

ITEMS.....

.....(ITEMS 15-18)

These items are an FYI and will not be discussed unless Athletic Council has questions.

- Asked if there were any questions, there were none.
- 15. Trainings
 - a. 2024-25 CSADA Conference ([click here](#))
 - b. SDUSD/SDCC Training ([click here](#))
 - c. SDUSD Athletics Office World Tour ([click here](#) for a sample agenda)
 - d. SDUSD 3 Day Opening of Year Inservice Training ([click here](#))
 - e. AD Best Practice Inventory Control: AD Coover From San Diego HS ([click here](#))
 - i. Biggest glaring weakness from World Tour was site inventory control of athletic supplies & equipment
- 16. SDUSD Middle School Athletics: High School Facility and Usage Data ([click here](#))
- 17. SDUSD Coaching Education Course Dates via Microsoft Teams @5:00PM: 6/10
- 18. SDUSD Tackle Football Status Update on LIGHT Helmet Pilot

ACTION

ITEMS.....

.....(ITEM 19)

- 1st by F. Del Carmen, 2nd by M. Lawson
- 19. 2025-26 Winter Leagues ([click here](#))
 - The Athletic Council was asked to vote on Boys Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Wrestling.
 - Girls Basketball and Girls Water Polo are not included as the San Diego City Conference could not come to a consensus and thus it will be going back to them.
 - These sports will be approved at the last Athletic Council meeting of this year.
 - Approved- 18 Canyon Hills, Cathedral, Clairemont, Crawford, Garfield, Hoover, La Jolla, Lincoln, LMEC, Madison, Mira Mesa, Mission Bay, Patrick Henry, Point Loma, Saints, San Diego, Scripps Ranch, University City

- Opposed- 0
- Abstained- 0

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

20. Next Meeting Thursday, May 22, 2025 7:30AM at the Ed Center Room E.O.C.

- A reminder was shared for the next meeting.

21. Roundtable

- N/A

22. Meeting Ends

- Meeting adjourned at 9:05am.