ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
PRINCIPALS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 7:31AM.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: ……Listed by alphabetical school order

Y. Liew, C. Cope, N. Stevens, K. Johnstone, J. Boertmann, C. Podhorsky, M. Agudelo, E. Martinez Barraza, F. Hilgers, J. Sabins, E. Brown, S. White, D. Jaffe, J. Stepner, M. Haupt, M. Lawson, M. Paredes, J. Pickett, G. Medina, J. Roberson, S. Srsic and J. Stanley
Schools not in attendance: Christian, Crawford, Coronado, HTHSD, Kearny, Morse, OLP

1. President's Message…….Scott Giusti, City Conference President
    a. Mission Fed Fall Student Athletes of the Year (click here)

- Shared the fall student athletes of the year and congratulated the selected schools.
- Alerted Athletic Council that winter nominations are due to S. Giusti as the Conference President by Friday, February 21st.
- Late submissions are better than not submitting at all so the conference would appreciate receiving any missing information so the students can be recognized, followed up with individual schools that were missing.

    b. Athletics Office Staffing Update

- Shared the status of staffing in the Athletics Office.

    c. Miscellaneous

- N/A

2. Approve Athletic Council Meeting Minutes from 11/7/24 (click here)

- 1st by E. Brown, 2nd by M. Lawson, no discussion, no opposition, approved unanimously.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL BUSINESS……..**(ITEMS 3-10)**

3. Quick Hits
    a. SDUSD 2025-26 Athletic Eligibility Grading Period Dates (click here)

- Was shared via email recently by J. Roberson.
- Will be posted to the district athletics website soon.
- Shared a reminder that there is a long break in eligibility at the semester.
- J. Pickett mentioned Garfield HS and Twain HS were on the 4x4 schedule.

    b. AD Best Practice Inventory Control: Coover (click here)
        i. Biggest glaring weakness from World Tour was site inventory control of athletic supplies & equipment

- Reported that at the last athletic director meeting the San Diego HS athletic director presented best practices on inventory control.
- It is evident that this is an area of opportunity for us.

    c. Miscellaneous

- A reminder was shared to please send S. Giusti the spring regular season supervision schedules and if it's the same link to let him know that.

4. California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)
    a. Proposal from LJHS: SD City Conference proposes to move the start date for all fall sports to July 31 (earliest date possible). Reasoning: This will help recoup lost practice time due to the new 5 day acclimation period.
    CIF timeline (click here)

- This went to the CIF Board of Managers meeting as a first read.
- The conference will need to work with CIF to change the language of the proposal.

- State CIF is also exploring common start dates, as well as common sit out period dates.

b. Discussion Items for CIF Board of Managers Meeting on 1/22/2025 (Report from E. Brown)

- State soccer championships are coming.
- The Football Advisory Group has been discussing the impact of changing divisions.
- E. Brown shared a new ranking at season end.

c. CIF Student Advisory Council Status Update

- This continues to be a priority for the conference.
- M. Haupt shared at the last CIF meeting the students and schools that came were very impressive.

d. SDUSD Outside Season of Sport Changes (click here)

- The San Diego Unified School District outside season of sport committee will reconvene to take another look at the possibility of 7th and 8th graders.
- A discussion will be held at the next Athletic Council meeting related to 7th and 8th grader participation in out of season sports/AAU.

5. Sport Specific Items

a. SDCC Officials, Supervision, Winter Season Things To Think About

i. Email Winter Season Things to Think About- email sent Wed 10/23 10:33am (click here)

- Reviewed the email with an emphasis on the officials points.

ii. Officials Handbook

- School site athletics staff was reminded to review the officials handbook if that had not already been done.

iii. Admin Supervision Lowlights (click here- will make available the day of the meeting)

- A couple examples and reminders were shared emphasizing the importance of appropriate supervision.

iv. SDCC Winter Supervision Email (email sent by S. Giusti on Thurs 10/31)

- Asked if there were any questions as the winter season comes to a close, there were none.
- S. Giusti will send out the spring season information soon.

b. SDCC Cheerleading: SDCC Sponsored Exhibition Recap

- 21 schools participated which was a fantastic turnout.
- Thank you to all of the administrators present.
- It was a great first run, the conference is looking forward to next year.

c. SDCC League Basketball Contest on 2/13/2025: Thursday night game, Friday night format due to holiday weekend

- Shared the information as a reminder.

d. SDCC Wrestling: Weight Assessments

- Provided an update that this is not moving forward at this time due to a few different reasons.
- It might come back up in the future.

e. SDCC Tackle Football:

i. SDUSD 2024-25 Riddell Equipment Inventory Management (email sent by S. Giusti on Tues 5/14)

- The third and final pickups covered by the district are complete, any helmets and shoulder pads not submitted will have to be reconditioned and potentially replaced at the cost of the school site.
- This process and the schedule has been routinely shared with athletic directors and associate principals over athletics.

ii. 2026-27 All Conference Football Cross League “Battle of the Conferences”

- There wasn’t enough time to get this done for 2025-26 but is being considered for the future.
- In summary Power Rankings would be used to get cross conference games with the North County Conference and the Grossmont Conference.
- This would replace cross league games.

iii. SDCC Cross League in Football

- The cross league contests are non-league contests and are as follows: Lincoln vs. La Jolla, Cathedral vs. Point Loma, Scripps Ranch vs. Christian, and University City vs. Madison.
- If both schools that are playing each other decide that they don’t want to play they simply need to provide S. Giusti as the Conference President notice with both schools site administrator signatures stating approval of cancelling the match up. If both sides don’t agree then the game stays as is.

6. Facilities & Transportation

a. SDUSD Transportation Potential Impacts to 2025-26

- S. Giusti will be requesting a meeting to discuss pricing for 2025-26 and any other potential impacts.

b. SDUSD Transportation After Hours Number For ADs/APs/Principals to Call (click here)

- The after hours phone number is included in this link and available as a resource if and when issues arise.
- It was recommended to athletic directors and associate principals over athletics that the number(s) be added to their phone.

c. SDUSD and the City of SD Beach Volleyball Agreement

- The district is working on an around $7,000 per year agreement with the City that will go to the Board of Education for approval to have access to City of San Diego beach volleyball courts.

d. SDUSD City of SD Pools Agreement/Price Increase/Pool Usage (click here)

- The Athletics Office is working with the City to ensure schools receive pool invoices in a timely manner.
- Fall is completed for boys water polo, winter invoices for girls water pool should be sent to school sites by March 10th, spring invoices for swim and dive for the months of February, March, and April should be sent to schools by May 16th, and then for May the City is working to send the invoices to school sites the first week of June.

e. SDUSD NFHS Pixellot & HUDL Reviews (click here)

- Feedback is welcome on both camera systems, athletic directors can provide streaming access if needed.
- M. Haupt shared some information about St. Augustine's experience with the NFHS cameras.
- N. Stevens shared some information about Cathedral's experience with the Hudl cameras.

f. SDUSD Sites Scheduled for Replacement Turf for 2024-25 & 2025-26

- It has been reported for the summer of 2024-25 that replacements will be made at the Morse HS and Mira Mesa HS stadiums, as well as Point Loma HS's baseball field at Dana MS and for 2025-26 replacements will be made at the Kearny HS and Mission Bay HS stadiums.
- Pictures reflect great progress with the Lincoln HS stadium.
- Experiences and frustrations were shared about challenges with design, the district standard, Burbank ES's field from the Padres, naming of facilities, etc.
- J. Roberson sent an email seeking clarification.
- The Academic Council may consider future discussions related to facilities.

g. SDCC 2024-25 Facility Impacts: Lincoln (stadium all year-LAX/track), C. Hills (no baseball or track March-July)

i. Track: City League who is responsible for for running/paying for meets (click here)

- Shared the information as a reminder of facility impacts and financial responsibility for track meets.

7. 2024-25 Financial Items

a. Six Potential Budget Categories That May Be Able To Help w/Athletics (click here)

- Asked if there were any questions about the information that was shared, none were asked.

b. Blue Book Bylaws For Charging

- The conference only charges for league football games and basketball Friday nights (and the one Thursday due to the holiday).
- Conference schools have the option to charge for non-league basketball games but need to follow district policy.
- Reach out if you have questions on how it has to be done to be in compliance.
- For basketball, the conference moved the start time back this season but the Blue Book was not updated to reflect this. It is understood that the Blue Book currently says 5:30pm and then schools can charge for league, but it also states that the conference doesn't charge for weekday league basketball games.
- The Blue Book will be updated at the end of year to reflect this accurately.

c. SDCC Football Game Recaps

- Finance Clerks were given edits, they were asked to make them and resubmit this week.

d. SDCC Basketball Game Recaps

- These are due from Finance Clerks on Friday, February 28, 2025.

e. SDUSD Athletic Reimbursements Checklist (click here)

- Continuing to keep track to help school sites ensure submission in a timely manner for accurate budget monitoring.

f. SDUSD Athletic Allowable Expense Grid Changes (click here) - Reviewing accounts with Finance to verify

- School sites are reminded to be checking to ensure accurate expenses are being charged to the athletic budgets.
- For example JROTC instructor stipends were being paid out of athletic budgets and that is incorrect.

g. Advertising/Sponsorship Calibration (click here)- Purposeful in not setting minimum/maximums

- Standard prices will not be set so that school sites are not limited.
- This continues to be an available option to bring in additional revenue for athletics.

8. SDUSD Student Data

a. Spotlight Students

- S. Giusti is working to educate athletic directors on this. It was shared that it may also be good to share with coaches.

b. Student Survey Fall Results & Adjustments and Winter Issuing

- Winter student athlete submissions are due from athletic directors before the end of the winter sport's season.

c. AD Best Practices Rosters- R. Lardizabal Mira Mesa AD, PowerSchool Rosters & P. Coover San Diego AD Home Campus Rosters

- Both options were reviewed with athletic directors at the last meeting with them.

9. Trainings

- This information is included to keep the Athletic Council updated on the various types of training and professional development for athletic directors.
    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)

10. Resources
A reminder of available resources to reference when needed.

- Provided a reminder that these resources are available.

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 Leaguing 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 Battle of the Conferences" Cross League Agreement

- This item was addressed in agenda item 5. E. ii.

12. SDUSD Human Resources: Crawford, Lincoln, Mission Bay, San Diego, Athletics Office

- The committee will revisit with HR in March to set up 2025-26.
- The Board will be voting to remove the COVID vaccine hiring requirement at their February 25th Board meeting.

13. SDUSD Playoff Compensation Committee: Canyon Hills, La Jolla, Mira Mesa, Mission Bay, Point Loma, San Diego

- The committee did an outstanding job as the fall playoff actual amount was almost spot on to the estimated amount.

14. SDUSD End of Season Student Survey Committee: Canyon Hills, Clairemont, Henry, La Jolla, Mira Mesa, Morse, Point Loma

- This item was addressed in agenda item 8. B.

DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS……..……..……..……..……..……**(ITEMS 15-17)**

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. SDUSD Middle School Athletics: High School Facility and Usage Data (click here)
16. SDUSD Coaching Education Course Dates via Microsoft Teams @5:00PM: 2/11, 4/16, 6/9
17. SDUSD Tackle Football Status Update on LIGHT Helmet Pilot

ACTION ITEMS……..……**(ITEMS 18-19)**

- 1st by M. Lawson, 2nd by E. Brown

18. 2025-26 Fall Leagues (click here)

- A clarifying question was asked by M. Lawson, that the Athletic Council is voting on option 3 for tennis. The answer is yes.
- Approve - 16; Canyon Hills, Cathedral, Clairemont, Hoover, La Jolla, Lincoln, LMEC, Madison, Mira Mesa, Mission Bay, Patrick Henry, Point Loma, San Diego, Saints, Scripps Ranch, University City
- Oppose - 0
- Abstain - 1; Garfield
- The 2025-26 fall leagues are approved.

19. 2025-26 Multi-Campus Agreement (click here)

- No discussion.

- Approve - 17; Canyon Hills, Cathedral, Clairemont, Garfield, Hoover, La Jolla, Lincoln, LMEC, Madison, Mira Mesa, Mission Bay, Patrick Henry, Point Loma, San Diego, Saints, Scripps Ranch, University City
- Oppose - 0
- Abstain - 0
- The 2025-26 multi-campus agreement approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

20. Next Meeting Thursday, May 1, 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 8:32AM.