

***Central Coast Section Northern Conference Realignment Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes, January 28, 2003
District Office, San Mateo Union High School District Office***

Present

Sub Committee Members

Mike Ciardella, PSAL

Jack Bither, WBAL

Gretchen Seeley, CPSAL

Mark Avelar, Chairman

Guests Present:

Michelle Tabarez, Athletic Director - Pinewood School

Doc Scheppler, Coach - Pinewood School

Mark Gardner, Principal – Pinewood School

The members of the Pinewood Staff presented four proposals to the sub-committee for their consideration.

Proposal #1 was supplemental membership in the WCAL. Pinewood staff felt this gave them the best competitive situation but felt that it would be much more difficult since it involved them being a supplemental member of a league in a different conference.

Proposal #2 recommended supplemental membership in the PAL for girls basketball only. Again, this would be a reasonable competitive situation but would involve going into an already large super league and would impose considerable travel requirements for some members of the PAL.

Proposal #3 was for independent status for girl's basketball for Pinewood school. This proposal would drop Pinewood out of the PSAL in girl's basketball, dropping the league down to five teams. It also might raise questions about CCS post season eligibility but would enable Pinewood to schedule up to ten more competitive games on their schedule.

Proposal #4 which the committee considered as a modification of number 3, under this proposal Pinewood would stay in the PSAL for a single round- robin or five league games and then free-up five other games so that Pinewood could schedule more competitive teams through out the league season. Pinewood proposed to leave it up to the PSAL to determine if they would remain eligible on a percentage basis for the league championship but they agreed that if the league did not want them eligible as a single

round-robin participant that they would be okay with that. This proposal would keep Pinewood in the PSAL and on a limited scale, help them to address the need for more competitive opponents relative to the current strength of their program.

The committee deliberated each of the proposals, ran through pros and cons of the options and asked a number of questions of the Pinewood staff as well as members of the committee, sharing their views of the impacts of each proposal not only on Pinewood but the PSAL and any leagues or schools that would otherwise be effected by the various proposals.

Recommendation:

After lengthy deliberations, the subcommittee reached consensus to recommend ***Proposal #4*** which would call for Pinewood going from ten league games in the PSAL to a single round robin of five games, thereby continuing to play each of the other teams in their league and freeing up five games on their schedule so they could address the competitive equity issue as Pinewood prepares for post season play.

Another element that the subcommittee found attractive in this proposal is, realizing that strength of program can ebb and flow over years, this keeps Pinewood in their league and if over time their program would become less dominant it would be easy to assimilate them on a full time basis into the PSAL schedule.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted Mark Avelar