

KingCo AD Board Meeting – 5/18/2023

10:30 am

Members present (17 – 16 voting members):

Jason Thurston  
Dan Pudwill  
Pat Bangasser  
BJ Kuntz  
Quincy Carter  
Jordan Frost

Gabe Gutierrez  
Chris Hill  
John Hill  
Kealey Stanich  
Kurt Melton  
Lori Box

Melton Jefferson  
Wes Newton  
Rick O’Leary  
Trenton Pollard  
Yonni Mills  
Ryan Gilmore

**Motion to approve Tyee’s request to play an independent boys basketball schedule. Seconded.**

**23-24 Tyee BBB Independent Schedule Proposal**

*Tyee High School is requesting an independent schedule in Boys’ Basketball for the 2023-24 school year. This proposal is supported by Tyee Admin, parents, and coaches.*

**Salvaging a Program** - Tyee High School Boys Basketball has not been competitive in addition to dealing with declining enrollment, it is prudent to request an independent schedule to salvage the program. Tyee’s P-223 numbers indicate 460 (1A) students with enrollment expected to decline further while re-locating to an interim site for the next two years.

Twenty-seven (27) students engaged in tryouts, and the decision was made to keep every student and attempt to play a V/JV/C schedule to retain and develop every student in the program with maximum playing time. During winter break, five (5) eligible and healthy players participated in what ended up being our last Varsity game against Thomas Jefferson. The games we've had to forfeit and/or cancel over the last two years have negatively impacted other member schools and their students’ opportunities to play the maximum number of games at the JV and Varsity levels.

**Matching and Equating** - Few, if any Tyee Boys Basketball participants play organized basketball outside of the school setting. Many are working hard to learn, but they’re still developing in knowledge and technique. Playing an independent schedule will allow us to match up with schools with similar physical and team size, skill level, and basketball experience.

**Path to Playoffs** - Go undefeated in a varsity schedule with, at a minimum, 10 *different* opponents, including, at a minimum, 2 KingCo 2A teams for the opportunity to pigtail into the KingCo League Tournament for the #6 seed.

Discussion: 2A unanimously approved to allow Tyee to play independent schedule. Question called.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Jason Thurston **presented Winter 23-24 schedules**. Basketball is now based on traditional Tues (boys), Wed (girls), and Friday (quads). Wrestling has new travel partners based on historic strength of team.

Pointed out that some of the schedules are official dependent. Official (referee) shortage could impact potential dates.

Some schools will be hosting a quad on back to back nights (Friday and Saturday)

**Motion to approve winter 23-24 schedules. Seconded. Approved.**

Reminder about entering wrestling schedules. Jason Thurston will send out instructions.

Fall schedules were to be entered by May 8. Please get those entered ASAP.

Winter schedules should be entered prior to retreat, 5/30/23.

Discussion about golf schedules for next year. Will we put 2A schools into the 3A schedule? Definitely want to do it for spring schedules which have not been approved yet. Will look to do for fall schedules as well and vote on as a group if we are changing.