**KPSAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 18, 2014**

**10:00 a.m., KPB Risk Management Conf. Room**

1. Curtis Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Roll call:

Members present: Curtis Schmidt, Bill Holt, Alan Fields, Amy Johnson, Justin Zank, Jason Bickling, Trevan Walker, John O’Brien

1. Motion made by Trevan Walker to approve April 17, 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Amy Johnson seconded the motion

Vote: Passed unanimously

1. Motion made by Bill Holt to approve September 18, 2014 Executive Board Meeting Agenda

Trevan Walker seconded the motion

Vote: Passed unanimously

1. Guests: No guests present
2. Executive Secretary report/communications
   1. Camp approvals: Homer High – Safe & Informational Football Camp for Youth; SOHI – Youth Cheer Clinic; Homer Middle – Power in the Paint, basketball camp for boys and girls
      1. Background: communications coming through Sec Ed to be added to agenda, overview of John’s responsibilities, controversial decisions between Board Meetings will include Officers of the Board, Curtis, Alan and Trevan.
      2. Emailed K-12 principals for nominations for the new K-12 seat, read the only nominee’s goal statement in serving and background.
      3. Summer camp approvals, Homer football, SoHi cheer camp fundraiser, Power in the Paint, Kodiak to participate in KMS cross country running event, waiver for 6th grade at Nikiski to participate in soccer, KMS to add assistant coach cross country running, Homer Middle and Seward to switch dates for Homer Invitational, Nikiski to allow Lunin Christie to attend track meet. Discussed and extraordinary request with the board for Niko for MS basketball to allow 5th and 6th, 5th for home games only, due to not enough participants. The Board asked John to get more information from Niko, and gave John and the KPSAA Offices the authority to decide.
      4. Communication from Trevan DDF team at 30, tabled as agenda item
      5. Niko DDF was club status, John to request report from Mike Sellers and Heather Pancratz prior to granting them ASAA status
   2. ASAA Update
      1. Region III meeting Monday, nothing too pressing on the agenda. Possible wrestling and football issues, but nothing has been decided.
3. Action and Discussion items – 10:25
   1. Seat new parent representative – Bridget Clark – Action
      1. Curtis formally Welcomed Bridget to her 3 year term
   2. Elect K-12 representative – Action
      1. One applicant, Steve Klaich. Motion to approve the election of Steve Klaich to the KPSAA Board representing K-12 schools was made by Bill Holt, additionally Bill requested unanimous consent

Motion seconded by Amy Johnson

Vote passed unanimously

John to welcome Steve Klaich to the KPSAA Board and invite him to the next meeting

* 1. SMS A/B team changes update from MS rep Jason Bickling – Discussion
     1. John – Provided new Board members with a summary of the old Two A Team rule and the new “trial” system
     2. Jason – Provided a report based on all middles schools providing feedback. Emailed Middle School Administrators to find out what they thought. Handout given with input. Concerns received by Jason were that this would allow a natural “stacking” in the teams. It appears that this is not the case in the recent games where SMS has some losses. Most principals wanted to wait and see. Bill Holt agreed that wait and see is a good idea. John O’Brien: some folks weren’t happy with this arrangement in the beginning and we said we would watch this. Taking into consideration what’s best for each school and the entire league. Jason will continue to monitor and report back to KPSAA each season.
  2. 6th grade student participation in MS athletics – Discussion
     1. With more middle schools now having 6th grade, the Board will need to take a look at all aspects of 6th grade involvement in KPSAA Sports/Activities. Consensus from the group that we do wish to include 6th graders, and this is based on the percentage of waivers being approved for 6th grade students.

Motion to form a working group of cross rep all MS principals, elementary principals, schools with 6th graders and the MS that don’t have teams now by Alan Fields,

Motion amended by Bill Holt to include schools that do not have students affected

Motion amended by John O’Brien to include Bill Holt in the committee

Motion seconded by Amy Johnson

Vote passed unanimously

* 1. Activity Bus Driver Research Results – John O’Brien/Tony Graham (revisit from fall meeting) – Discussion
     1. Curtis: Finding people to drive busses has been difficult, for example the Asst Principal at SoHi is driving the busses for activities. John outlined the challenges of activity bussing, and that new busses have been purchased. Do we increase the pay by $2 per hour? Spoke to Dave Jones and we can increase the rate of pay. The issue is that fundraising will need to cover the increase. The issue lays in do we have to start cancelling events because we don’t have enough drivers. We are doing what we can at this point to recruit. Amy indicated that there is a high drug test failure rate for drivers. Nan believes that the increase may help, but not fix the problem. Bill feels that we should do it even if we just get one to two more drivers it will help the cause. Jason: the cost is minimal per trip when you already pay $300 for a trip. It may also be recouped in the additional costs for rescheduling events (secretary time to reschedule, communicate, etc). Question: Is the $2 increase just for drive time, answer yes. Bill indicated that the Board is discussing the need for passenger type vans. Approval from the KPSAA Board to move forward with asking for the pay increase.
  2. Update the handbook to reflect an updated school host rotation list (STUCCO) - Discussion
     1. KCHS is doing it this year and John believes they were upped in the rotation. Next year Nikiski is the host, then Homer High, then Soldotna High, then Seward High. Resolved.
  3. DDF/second/ additional coach formulas for non-specified areas (MS and HS) - Discussion
     1. Amy Johnson: Drama, Debate, and Forensics teams are getting bigger. At what point do we look at adding Assistant Coaches like other activities. Board decided it’s time to look at coaching staffing for all activities.
  4. Music Festivals update – Discussion
     1. John: There are five festivals, three at HS level and two at MS level. Outline of what happens when festivals are being coordinated and KPSAA’s involvement. John posted 5 openings one for each festival. The following people were hired:
        1. Renee Henderson – Honor and Mass Choir
        2. Deborah Sounart – HS Mass Band
        3. Jeanne Duhan – MS Mass Band
  5. Comments on Skyview Invitational: Bill: There were no issues with the name change, positive feedback, over 300 participants, happy that it worked out and hopes that it will continue to be a focus for late August. Well run, smooth and everyone had a great time.

1. Adjournment – Next meeting scheduled for November 13th at KPB Risk Management, Motion to adjourn by Justin Zank

Motion seconded by Bill Holt

Meeting adjourned 12:04 p.m.