**KPSAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 19, 2015**

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

1. Curtis Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. Roll call – 10:03 a.m.
   1. Members present: Curtis Schmidt, Bridget Clark, Bill Holt, Justin Zank, Steve Klaich, Al Fields, Trevan Walker, Jason Bickling, John O’Brien
   2. Members not present: Amy Johnson – attending DDF Competition
3. Approval of November 13, 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes – 10:05 a.m.
   1. Motion made by Jason Bickling to approve minutes from 11/13/14 meeting Second by Trevan

All in favor

1. February 19, 2015 Executive Board Meeting Agenda approval – 10:08 a.m.
   1. Recommendation by John O’Brien to amend the agenda adding section g, discussing the new sports being offered by Vosnesekna, to Executive Secretaries Report
   2. Recommendation by Bill Holt to amend the agenda adding section j, discussing teaching sub consistency, to Action and Discussion items
   3. Motion made by Trevan Walker to approve agenda as amended

Second by Bridget

No opposition

1. Executive Secretary report/communications – 10:10 a.m.
   1. Chapman – 6th grade MS Volleyball participation waiver approved
   2. Niko – Co-Ed Volleyball waiver approved
   3. Ninlichik – 6th grade MS Volleyball participation waiver approved
   4. Seward Middle – 6th grade Basketball participation waiver approved
   5. Seward Middle – 6th grade Volleyball and Wrestling participation, volleyball waiver approved, wrestling waiver approved with clarification that 6th graders only wrestle 6th graders
   6. Vosnesenka sports – currently offers HS football, HS and MS wrestling, and next year will be offering HS girls x-country and HS girls’ soccer, and is looking at adding MS girls soccer and x-country. These sports would be a co-op between Voznesenka, Razdolna, and Kachemak-Selo
2. ASAA Board Update – S. Klaich 10:14
   1. ASAA calendar has been released, which unified 1A, 2A, 3A, & 4A wrestling across the board. Having the tournament so close to end of quarter and break, may cause problems with some schools. ASAA is seeking input. Trevan indicated that building level decisions may help with any issues and they can make adjustments as needed vs changing the schedule.
   2. Start dates for first practice has been backed up to previous Wednesday, however the first contest date has not changed. They can have more practice opportunities prior to the first game. Normally the practices would have started on a Monday, and they will now start on the Wednesday before.
   3. Contact sports recommendations to the Sports Medicine Advisory Committees (SMAC), presented to ASAA to adopt some of their recommendations. ASAA did adopt them all, as written, as recommendations they are not policy because ASAA doesn’t have the ability or personnel to monitor. Discussion regarding the need for KPSAA to fully adopt these to help protect the district from litigation. Is the liability greater if we have policy and don’t follow it, vs if this is the recommendation and not enforced? ASAA discussed this as well and it is not realistic for ASAA to enforce the regulations, which is why they are recommending it. John will take this to Mr. Jones and Risk Mgmt for policy vs recommendation advice to present to the KPSAA Board.
   4. Review of Sports Med Advisory Committee Recommendations
   5. ASAA is reviewing a proposals for out of season contact between coaches and students, working on language and will have clearer language for their April meeting. The challenge making the language work for all AK.
   6. Girls wrestling had enough females during the 1, 2, 3A tourney to hold a State Tourney, 4A did not have enough girls to have a State Tourney, so they wrestled the boys. Next year they suspect all girls will be unclassified (1, 2, 3, 4A combined).
   7. Hockey rules are being looked at regarding ejections, committee being formed looking for members
   8. Transfer paperwork, updating student transferring forms, will be reviewed at April meeting
   9. 1/2A basketball tournament location may change
   10. August 2, 2015 is the Hall of Fame inductee ceremony
   11. Voznesenka moving from Region 2 to 3, approved by ASAA, this may affect tournament locations for co-op schools (Voz, Raz, K-Selo)
   12. Region 1 proposal for wrestling state tournament, only the top 15 athletes scores are recorded towards team title. This may help smaller schools have a better shot at state titles
   13. ASAA asking to establish one committee per sport to give feedback on each sport.
   14. 4A schools do not want to schedule games with 3A schools even though this will not affect their WPI (winning percentage index). This is causing a domino effect in the 3A and 2A teams, which may require more travel to other teams if 2A teams decide to switch regions.
3. Action and Discussion items 11:00 a.m.
   1. 6th grade athletics ribbons – Discussion
      1. Jason Bickling recognized all that John Harro has done for the district and student activities. Mr. Harro will be retiring at the end of the current school year
      2. Jason Bickling brought forward a recommendation made by John Harro for 6th graders to be included in receiving ribbons. Having 6th grade separate actually creates more work for the schools to exclude them vs including them in the same races and awards processes. Curt recommended that this be run through the MS workgroup and base the decision on the recommendation from the workgroup.
   2. Honors Choir dates for SY 2015/2016 (October 21st & 22nd) – Action 11:06
      1. Motion made by Bill Holt to approve the Honor Choir dates for SY 15/16 Second by Bridget Clark

All in favor

* 1. Eligibility Dates for SY 2015/2016 – Action 11:08
     1. Motion made by Al Fields to approve eligibility dates for SY 15/16

Second by Tevan Walker

All in favor

* 1. HS Borough Track Meet Location Change – Action 11:13
     1. Recommendation brought forward to move the Borough Track meet from Seward HS to Soldotna HS due to track conditions
     2. Coaches will need to check the Palmer invite with the Borough tack meet dates. KPBSD schools will need to participate in the Borough track meet
     3. MS will have preliminaries on Tuesday, May 12th and join HS on Saturday, May 16th at SoHi
     4. Motion made by Trevan Walker to approve location change

Second by Al Fields

All in favor

* 1. Co-Ed Volleyball handbook language – Discussion 11:20
     1. Steve – Niko has been playing co-ed volleyball for about 7 years at the HS level. It is viewed as a good feeder program to have the MS team co-ed as well. So far they haven’t had any issues. Cook Inlet has co-ed teams, Homer has co-ed teams, Ninilchik was supportive. Chapman has submitted a concern this year regarding the use of boys on the team. Niko has one boy play at a time, they are allowed to overhand serve only when playing with other co-ed teams, and underhand serve when playing all girls teams.
     2. Recommendation to create a new section in the KPSAA handbook to specifically address small schools co-ed sports and what the rules are
     3. John and Steve to work on language and bring to next meeting. Also to review all other MS sports to include a section for small schools at this year’s tourney
        1. Update: Since this meeting some complaints/concerns came in. So John and Curt worked with the schools and we had two separate finals. A 1st/2nd place co-ed/mix-six championship was held and a separate all girls 1st/2nd championship was held.
  2. Coaching Staffing for all activities – hold over from Nov meeting 11:30
     1. Previously we discussed adding stipends for DDF, budget wise we most likely will not be adding stipends.
     2. According to Bill Holt, from the board perspective, they are looking at the core items that need to stay and they are looking at activities and the future of activities. Also discussion regarding the cost of subs for teachers that are coaching.
  3. MS Athletics 6th grade work group update – Discussion 11:51
     1. Meetings will start after Spring Break, group is established
  4. MS Cheerleading – hold over from Nov meeting 11:52
     1. Jason put this out to larger MS principals, and at this time they were not supportive of starting a new program
  5. KPSAA Board Vacancies 11:53
     1. Elementary School Representative
     2. Middle School Representative
        1. John O’Brien recognized Jason Bickling’s value in his role on the KPSAA Board as well as his role within the district. Jason will be leaving the district at the end of the current school year. The term for this position will be one year to finish the remainder of the term Jason started
     3. High School Representative
        1. Nomination process: John will email all teachers and administrators for each school level (Elementary, MS and HS). Each school will get a vote via the administrator, and will share the tally with the KPSAA board at the April meeting.
  6. Consistent subs for coaches 12:01 - Presented by Bill Holt
     1. Lynn Hohl would like to seek continuity for subs for teachers that coach.
     2. Discussions regarding the need for more subs, as there have not been enough subs to choose from when there is a need.
     3. Discussion regarding the sports schedules changing due to weather conditions and outlying factors. Subs may have been set then schedules change and the sub may not be available.
     4. Discussion regarding the benefits to having teachers as coaches within the schools

1. Adjournment – Next meeting scheduled for April 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. – Conference Room C at District Office.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Holt

Second by Jason Bickling and Justin Zank

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.