

KPSAA Executive Board Meeting

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

SOLDOTNA PREP PD ROOM

Agenda topics

ROLL CALL

10:07 A.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT	Chris Perk, Conrad Woodhead, Curt Schmidt, Dan Beck, John Pothast, Kari Dendurent, Kent Peterson, Steve Klaich, Trevan Walker
MEMBERS NOT PRESENT	Bill Holt
GUESTS	

APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

10:08 A.M.

CURT SCHMIDT

REQUESTED AMENDMENTS	
CONCLUSIONS	
MOTIONS	MADE BY
Motion to approve the April 14, 2016 minutes	Conrad
Second	Dan
All in favor	

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 MEETING AGENDA

CURT SCHMIDT

REQUESTED AMENDMENTS	
CONCLUSIONS	
MOTIONS	MADE BY
Motion to approve the September 16, 2016 agenda	Kari
Second	Kent
All in favor	

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

10:09 A.M.

CURT SCHMIDT

COMMUNICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Soldotna High girls basketball camp • Approval of Soldotna High volleyball camp • Approval of Kenai Central High volleyball camp • Approval of Soldotna High boys and girls basketball camp • Approval of Seward High basketball camp • Approval for Homer High basketball C-team game early start time on 2/24/17 • Approval for Nikiski Middle to use 6th grade students for soccer A team • Approval for Seward High to change the start time of the Borough XC race. Additional request to move this to an action item for future school years.
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SUMMER ELIGIBILITY LANGUAGE

10:13 A.M.

CURT SCHMIDT

DISCUSSION	Summer eligibility language in the handbook, lots of different interpretations and it appears that just about all schools are handling them differently. The confusion stems from when grades are due and those vary from school to school. Looking for consistent language in the handbooks.
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CONCLUSIONS	Recommend to change the date in the eligibility check date table to May 31, 2016, and take a look at the language revision at the end of the year when we complete the review of the handbook.
MOTION	MADE BY
Motion to change the eligibility date for the second semester to May 31, 2016 and table language changes to the eligibility sections until the formal handbook review Feb 21, 2017	Dan
Second	Kent
All in favor	

ELIGIBILITY/UNIVERSAL GRADE CHECK 10:46 A.M. CHRIS PERK

DISCUSSION	When completing eligibility checks, he has to check multiple reports. Is there one report that can be pulled to check eligibility for Connections students, foreign exchange students, etc. Can we have remote enrolled students included in the report?	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Connect with Data Processing regarding the creation of an inclusive report.	John	Report back via email

ATHLETE TO COACH RATIOS 10:55 A.M. CHRIS PERK

DISCUSSION	Looking to review coach/student ratios. Discussion regarding our past discussions on budgeting and the stipends related to adding coaching staff. Discussion regarding looking at all sports to see if we can make changes within the numbers without increasing the total dollar of stipends. Discussion regarding splitting stipends	
CONCLUSIONS	At this time, KPSAA cannot recommend any changes to the coaching staff ratios.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

START TIME FOR BOROUGH CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING MEET 11:18 A.M. TREVAN WALKER

DISCUSSION	Seward High has regularly asked for early start times to allow schools travel time allowing schools to get home earlier, which would have schools traveling earlier in the day time potentially missing more instructional time. Looking for feedback on changing times permanently. Discussion regarding our district kids missing more instructional time so schools outside of our district can get home at an earlier time. Discussion about the safety of students traveling at late hours, bus drivers, moose, darkness, etc. Discussion regarding the Boroughs rotational schedule vs holding Boroughs in the Central Pen.	
CONCLUSIONS	KPSAA will continue to take waivers for these requests and approve them on a case by case basis. No need for handbook language change at this time.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		

DISCUSSION	<p>ASAA has recently developed a Transgender Student policy, which states that “The Association (ASAA) will rely on a gender determination made by the student’s member school where the determination is based upon prior written and objective criteria adopted by the school; ASAA will not make separate gender identity determinations.” Since KPBSD does not currently have any policies in place that would assist the district in determining a transgender student’s athletic eligibility, there was discussion about whether KPSAA should craft such policy or language specifically for transgender student athletes. The KPSAA board spent some time reviewing and discussing the Mat-Su School District’s Board Policy, which is similar to Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau’s policies. Some of the issues discussed included access to facilities/locker rooms and transgender student’s eligibility in participating in a sport or activity other than their birth gender (i.e. a student born a male, who identifies as a female, being eligible to play volleyball).</p> <p>The KPSAA board also discussed whether KPSAA needs to develop any policy to begin with, since ASAA’s policy goes on to state that “a student attending a member school which does not have a prior written objective policy used to determine gender identity may only participate based upon the gender assigned at birth.”</p> <p>A couple of KPSAA Board members mentioned that they currently have students in their schools identifying as transgender, and that they are looking to the district for guidance on how to handle situations that arise. The KPSAA board will collect informal feedback and discuss again at the next board meeting.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None at this time. We will continue discussion on this topic in future KPSAA meetings throughout the school year.		

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder to report concussions • SMAC is recommending that students should still follow RTP protocol for non-sports related concussions • State XC awards will change a bit to recognize the top 3 individuals (male/female) • ASAA Board meeting in April 23 - 25 will be held in Homer and hosted by Region III • ASAA is establishing a committee to review the out of season contact policy • ASAA is establishing a committee to review classification and possible changes to classification, specific to private schools • Wrestling does not recognize the medical forfeit, clarified that this does not exist within NHFS • ASAA Handbook is online, printed copies are available for a fee. The electronic handbook is available online and is accessible by smart phone as well • Early October, next ASAA meeting 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Seeking input for out of season contact changes	All	Send feedback to Steve Klaich

SPECIAL NOTES	Next meeting we will select a new parent representative. Next meeting November 10 th at Soldotna Prep
ADJOURNMENT	Motion to adjourn at 12:29 p.m. Kari, second by Dan. All in favor