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SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title: Seward High School's Drama/Debate/Forensics – Sanctioned Activity

Date: September 27, 2012

Item Number: 11a.(7)

Administrator: John O'Brien, Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association through Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent *Sean Dusek*

Attachments: Consideration for Addition of Activity

Action Needed For Discussion Information Other: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Kenai Peninsula Student Activity Association (KPSAA) has unanimously recommended Drama/Debate/Forensics be added as a District Sanctioned Activity to Seward High School.

Attached please find Principal Trevan Walker's Consideration for Addition of Activity.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Your approval of adding Drama/Debate/Forensics as a District Sanctioned Activity to Seward High School is respectfully recommended.

Thank you.

Consideration for Addition of Activity

Thursday, August 30, 2012

9:01 AM

Subject	Consideration for Addition of Activity
From	Treva Walker
To	John O'Brien; Dan Carstens
Cc	Sean Dusek
Sent	Friday, August 10, 2012 11:27 AM

As per Appendix G of the KPSAA Handbook, I'd like to request of the KPSAA Executive Secretary, the KPBSD Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, and the KPSAA Executive Board to consider Seward High School's request to add Debate/Forensics as a formal activity.

As a club, in the 2011-2012 school year, Seward High fielded 8 participants. 4 were able to qualify for the State Debate/Drama/Forensics competition and 2 placed.

Participants paid a \$100.00 activity fee from which we covered transportation and instructional needs. Debate requires a lot of study and preparation. Much of the preparation can be done with technology, however, participants require manuals and texts, as well. Seward High was able to nominally subsidize additional needs out of our 710 account.

Agusta Lind teaches at Seward Elementary. She served as the club advisor last year and is excited to continue in that capacity.

I was very pleased with both the number and type of participants this activity attracted. 6 of last year's 8 did not participate in any of the 9 sports that Seward High offers. Clearly, Debate provided an opportunity for these students to represent their school in a healthy, competitive, and academically challenging way that they wouldn't otherwise have had.

I am aware that Homer and Nikiski both have debate teams. Also, the large high schools in Anchorage and the MatSu Valley field teams. Typically, debate competitions occur once per month. I am confident that Seward High's debate team will be able to participate with a full schedule.

Debate team meetings occur after our regular school day. The only lost instructional time will occur on the days they travel to competitions (once per month). We have and will continue to hold participants to the academic and behavioral expectations outlined by our student handbook, the KPSAA handbook, and the ASAA handbook.

Please contact me if you have further questions or require additional information. Also, I will be present at the September 20th KPSAA Executive Board Meeting and will be able to answer additional questions at that time.

Thanks,

Treva Walker, Principal
Seward High School



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