

KPSAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 20, 2014
10:00 a.m., Warehouse DMC Room

- 1) Curtis Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- 2) Roll Call:
Members present: Curtis Schmidt, Amy Johnson, Trevan Walker, Tony Graham,
Justin Zank, Bill Holt, John O'Brien,
Members absent excused: Jim Beeson, Jay Griffel
- 3) Motion was made by Tony Graham to approve the November 14, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes.
Bill Holt seconded the motion
Vote: Passed unanimously
- 4) Amy Johnson moved to amend the February 20, 2014 Executive Board Meeting Agenda by
adding Confirmation of date change for High School Mass/Honor Band – Monday and Tuesday,
March 23-24, 2015 and that time subsequent years. This to be added to Action and Discussion
item 7.
Bill Holt seconded the motion
Vote: Passed unanimously
- 5) Guests:
Sarge Truesdell
- 6) Executive Secretary report/communications
 - a. Approved Voznesenka 6th graders being able to practice with the Middle School Wrestling
team. They may only wrestle against other 6th graders in exhibition matches at district
tournaments. They are not to travel to tournaments where 6th graders are not invited.
 - b. Approved waiver request for Glenallen Middle School to compete in the Soldotna Rubber
Chicken Wrestling event. Their 6th graders are only invited if Peninsula 6th graders are
wrestling in the exhibition matches.
 - c. Approved waiver request for Soldotna Middle School basketball to travel to Homer to play
on a school night (Tuesday, November 26).
 - d. Approved waiver request for Seward Middle to play rescheduled basketball game during the
week.
 - e. Homer Middle School will host the Nordic Ski event at 3:00 p.m., February 1st in lieu of
Seward Middle School which was scheduled for January 31st.
 - f. Approved waiver request for 6th graders to play M.S. volleyball at Ninilchik.
 - g. Pre Region III/KPSAA teleconference with AD's/Principals.

7) Action and Discussion items

- ASAA Eligibility for Skyview Students 2014-2015 – John O'Brien

At Tuesday's February 18th ASAA meeting, due to the reconfiguration and closing of Skyview High School, John O'Brien submitted a proposal on behalf of Skyview students. ASAA agreed to provide a onetime blanket waiver for the fall of 2014 allowing Skyview students the ability to establish their new school of eligibility. This goes into effect on the first day a student turns out for sport/activity practice in SY 2014-2015 at their new school or after enrolling and attending the new school for 15 school days.

Additionally, all 9th graders attending Soldotna Prep automatically establish So Hi as their high school of eligibility. ASAA will combine the enrollments of Soldotna Prep and So Hi for classification purposes. John O. will work with Pegge Erkeneff and the principals of schools affected on a communication plan for students, parents, coaches, and the community.

- Increase activity bus driver wages to attempt to recruit more drivers – Tony Graham

Motion was made by Curtis Schmidt to table this item for more research; i.e. competitive wage package.

Amy Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Results of the research by Tony Graham and John O'Brien will be on the KPSAA agenda in April.

- Kachemak-Selo cross country team club status application – Justin Zank

Tony Graham made a motion for Kachemak-Selo to have club status for SY 2014-15.

Amy Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- Feedback from meeting with principals regarding SMS requesting to have one 'A' team and one 'B' team for team sports – Sarge Truesdell

Sarge Truesdell presented his desire, due to declining enrollment and practice space difficulty, to eliminate two 'A' teams in Soccer, Volleyball and Basketball. John O'Brien expressed the importance of having as many kids participate as possible.

Tony Graham moved for soccer to have an 'A' and 'B' team next year. The board seemed comfortable with soccer but was not comfortable changing anything for volleyball and basketball. SMS will continue with two 'A' teams for volleyball and basketball. SMS is encouraged to use the 'B' team stipends it has allocated to maximize student involvement and participation in those sports. Sarge will work with John on the possibility of each 'A' team having single grade membership at SMS i.e. a 7th grade 'A' team and an 8th grade 'A' team.

Amy Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- Middle School Soccer language regarding 8 member team (tabled from November meeting) – Jim Beeson

Treva Walker moved to approve as amended the following in the XII. Activity Rules, Soccer (Boys and Girls) in the KPSAA Middle School Handbook.

“3. Each team shall consist of eleven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. At local contests and tournament play, a minimum of an eight-member team may be used if a school is unable to field eleven players. The opposing team will not be required to play the same number of players. They may use a full squad of eleven players if available.”

Amy Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- Feedback/consensus from track coaches on whether or not they can do preliminaries in the morning and finals in the afternoon or go by their times. – Jim Beeson

To date, there has not been any more feedback. John O’Brien will work with Jim Beeson to insure this is clarified in advance of the Borough Meet.

- Steve Klaich (Nikolaevsk) round trip travel expenses to Anchorage for ASAA Region II representative – John O’Brien

KPSAA is excited to have Steve Klaich as our new Region II Representative on the State Board. This is a big benefit to our district as KPBSD now has a seat at the table and opportunity to express opinion on any upcoming issues. KPBSD will pay his travel expense.

- Restructuring KPSAA meeting calendar – John O’Brien

Bill Holt made a motion to move the April 30th meeting to April 17th to give the school board adequate time to peruse proposed handbook changes.

Tony Graham seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- Confirmation of date change for high school mass/honor band to March 23-24, 2015 and this time for subsequent years.

This permanent change is proposed by band directors to allow more time to prepare for success. The date change does not interfere with sport competitions or spring break.

Bill Holt made a motion to accept this change.

Treva Walker seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- Amy Johnson requested an assistant DDF coach as practice times are the same amount of days as track and cross country running and turn out started with 36 kids and ended with 24.

Bill Holt made a motion to table this until KPSAA's fall meeting with the intention of 20 kids as the cut off for an assistant. This would go into effect SY 2015-16.

Treva Walker seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

- Treva Walker moved to approve the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association By-laws as amended.

Amy Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

At 12:35 p.m., Treva Walker moved to adjourn.

Curtis Schmidt seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Next meeting: April 17.