

**KPSAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 25, 2010**

**10:00 a.m., DMC Room**

- 1) Call the meeting to order  
Dan Carstens called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.
- 2) Roll call  
Members present: Dan Carstens, Mark Robinson, Curtis Schmidt, Sharon Trout, Bill Holt, Val Ischi, Dave Spence, and Nancy Hamburg
- 3) Approval of November 12, 2009 Executive Board Meeting minutes  
Sharon Trout moved to approve the November 12, 2009 Executive Board Meeting minutes.  
Trevan Walker seconded the motion.  
Vote: Passed unanimously
- 4) February 25, 2010 agenda approval  
The February 25, 2010 agenda was amended to include: Kenai Central High School basketball classification proposal and Soldotna High School football classification proposal  
Bill Holt moved to approve the amended February 25, 2010 agenda.  
Curtis Schmidt seconded the motion.  
Vote: Passed unanimously.
- 5) Guests:  
Laurie Olson, Director of Finance  
Renee' Henderson, Kenai Central High School Choir Director  
Sharon Mook, Soldotna Middle School Principal  
Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent  
Todd Syverson, Soldotna High School Principal  
Paul Sorenson, Kenai Middle School Principal  
Galen Brantley, Jr., Soldotna High School Athletic Director  
Jim Beeson, Kenai Central High School Assistant Principal  
Lee Young, Connections Principal  
Christine Ermold, Sterling Elementary Principal
- 6) Executive Secretary's Report
  - Congratulations to Adam Anders for Coach of the Year – Nikiski High School Wrestling
  - Nanwalek basketball program is now board approved sanctioned activity
  - Ninilchik M.S. volleyball (6<sup>th</sup> grade) – waiver approved
  - Chapman – 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball waiver approved
- 7) Correspondence - None

8) ASAA updates

Dan Carstens updated the KPSAA members of the most recent ASAA board meeting agenda items.

- Nikiski High School will be the site for the 1, 2, 3A State Wrestling Championships for three years starting in December 2010.
- Reported on reclassification committee proposals. See attachment.

9) Action and Discussion Items

- Music festival travel/expense allocations
  - Goal of Laurie's visit: Resolution, equity, and transparency in dividing the money.
  - Spreadsheet distributed indicating revenue, expenses and allocations for SY 2008-09.
  - Subcommittee established to address concerns: Possible discrepancies, fee waivers, to separate high school and middle school entities, establish accounting communication. (Subcommittee: Laurie Olson, Renee Henderson, Mark Robinson, Deborah Sounart, Vernel Schneider, Rosemary Bird, Sharon Moock, Bill Holt, and Dave Spence)
- Elementary Forensics

There is an annual issue regarding whether to allow originality in student composition. Christine Ermold will assemble a written proposal for the Board changes in the handbook. The proposal will be ready for the next April meeting.
- Eligibility Change for Sports beginning before school – KCHS proposal

Fall eligibility proposal will be circulated to member schools prior to the next April meeting.
- Re-classification follow-up

Re-classification committee work information was provided by Dan Carstens:

  - Soldotna High School presented counter proposal on football.
  - Kenai Central High School submitted counter proposal on basketball.
  - See attachment.
- Hosting schools for Track & Field Tournament follow-up

Nikiski High School has committed to hosting the Track and Field Tournament on their new track.
- Borough's Cross Country meet follow-up

Curtis Schmidt reported the consensus was to retain the Borough's cross country meet.
- Middle School sports physicals poll follow-up

The overall survey summary submitted by Dan Carstens indicated the majority of administrators poled are not in favor of sports physicals mandated at the middle school level. Due to legal concerns this will be on the April general meeting agenda.

- **Morning attendance for middle school participation**  
Discussion ensued on what middle schools are doing with regard to attendance/tardy and student activities.
- **Hold Harmless/participation forms**  
The form will be revamped by adding emergency numbers. Athletic directors will track Connections kids to make sure they don't fall through the cracks.
- **Outsource recommendation**  
Memo will be generated at the next board meeting to recommend baseball and softball to be district sanctioned sports and have the district pick-up coaches' stipends.  
The recommendation will also be made to reinstate travel funds.
- **Random drug and alcohol testing**  
At this point preliminary discussion is taking place. More data will be collected from those districts currently using this practice.
- **M.S. basketball season (Merlin Cordes)**  
There was a suggestion made by South Peninsula Basketball Official Association to change the season for small middle school basketball. This was tabled due to Terry Martin's absence.
- **Small schools football proposal**  
There is a proposal to drop the maximum enrollment for the smallest division from 450 to 300. See attachment.
- **Principal/designee supervision**  
There are district wide questions regarding principal supervisory duties at co-curricular activities. A proposal with language changes/clarification will be forwarded to schools for possible handbook change.

10) *Next meeting: Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Administrative meeting*

11) **Adjournment**

At 2:40 p.m. Bill Holt moved to adjourn.

Curtis Schmidt seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

### Three Division of Football Counter Proposal

Proposal: Drop the maximum enrollment for the smallest division from 450 to 300. Homer High School and Skyview High School would be included in the middle division.

Class A (850 & up)		Class B (300-850)		Class C (300 & below)	
Cook Inlet Conference		Northern Lights Conference		North Conference	
4 berths to state		3 berths to state		2 berths to state	
East	2,276	Kodiak	783	Nikiski	255
Service	1,903	Soldotna	568	Valdez	226
West	1,835	Kenai	539	Seward	183
Dimond	1,800	Homer	422		
Bartlett	1,710	Houston	405		
South	1,643	Skyview	403		
Chugiak	1,265	Eielson	309		
Eagle River	917				
Railbelt Conference		Southeast Conference		South Conference	
4 berths to state		1 berth to state		2 berths to state	
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Colony	1,245	Thunder Mountain	564	Barrow	214
Lathrop	1,209	Sitka	381	Monroe	121 (ASAA #'s)
West Valley	1,087				
Juneau	941				
North Pole	820				
Palmer	798				
**2009 numbers from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development					

Reasons for proposal:

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  - Understanding that the smallest division has the greatest potential for growth

## VOLLEYBALL RECLASSIFICATION RECOMMENDATION

- Reclassification of a few schools based on enrollment and competitiveness in red.
- 1A/2A classification would be renamed 2A
- Berths would be determined by the Board
- Mixed-Six conferences remain unchanged.

### **4A (450+)**

#### Cook Inlet

East  
Service  
West  
Dimond  
South  
Bartlett  
Chugiak  
Eagle River

#### Northern Lights

Colony  
Kenai  
Kodiak  
Palmer  
Soldotna  
Wasilla  
Skyview  
~~Homer~~

#### Mid Alaska

Lathrop  
North Pole  
West Valley  
~~Houston~~

#### Southeast

Juneau  
Ketchikan  
Thunder Mt.

### **3A (125- 450)**

#### South Central

Nikiski  
Grace  
Seward  
Anch. Christian  
Cordova  
Houston  
Heritage  
Homer  
Skyview

#### Western

Bethel  
Barrow  
Kotzebue  
Nome  
Dillingham  
~~Hooper Bay~~  
Unalaska

#### Aurora

Delta  
Galena  
Monroe  
Eielson  
Hutchison  
Valdez  
~~Glennallen~~

#### Southeast

Mt. Edgecumbe  
Wrangell  
Haines  
Craig  
Metlakatla  
Petersburg  
Sitka

### **2A (5- 125)**

#### Aurora

Glennallen  
Effie Kokrine  
Far North Christian  
Kenny Lake  
Minto  
Northway  
Tok  
Tri-Valley  
Wasilla Lake Christian  
Su Valley  
Nanana

#### Borealis

Birchwood Christian  
Cook Inlet Academy  
Eagle River Christian  
Lumen Christi  
Matanuska Christian  
Ninilchik  
Seldovia  
Heritage

#### Great Alaska

Aniak  
Bristol Bay  
Kalskag  
King Cove  
Koliganek  
Koyuk  
New Stuyahok  
Port Lions  
Hooper Bay

#### Southeast

Angeon  
Gustavus  
Hoonah  
Hydaburg  
Kake  
Klawock  
Skagway  
Thorne Bay  
Yakutat

**BASKETBALL RECLASSIFICATION RECOMMENDATION**

- Reclassification of a few schools based on enrollment and competitiveness in red.
- 1A classification cutoff would remain at 50.
- Berths would be determined by the Board.

**4A (450+)**

**Cook Inlet**

East  
Service  
West  
Dimond  
Spath  
Bartlett  
Chugiak  
Eagle River

**Northern Lights**

Colony  
Kenai  
Kodiak  
Palmer  
Soldotna  
Wasilla  
Skyview  
Homer

**Mid Alaska**

Lathrop  
North Pole  
West Valley  
Houston

**Southeast**

Juneau  
Ketchikan  
Thunder Mt.

**3A (125- 450)**

**South Central**

Nikiski  
Grace  
Seward  
Anch. Christian  
Cordova  
Houston  
Heritage  
Homer  
Skyview

**Western**

Bethel  
Barrow  
Kotzebue  
Nome  
Dillingham  
Hooper Bay  
Unalaska

**Aurora**

Delta  
Galena  
Monroe  
Eielson  
Hutchison  
Valdez  
Glennallen

**Southeast**

Mt. Edgecumbe  
Wrangell  
Haines  
Craig  
Metlakatla  
Petersburg  
Sitka

**2A (50- 125)**

**Great Northwest**

Buckland  
Noatak  
Noorvik  
Tikigaq  
Savoonga  
Selawik  
Shishmaref  
Stebbins  
Unalakleet

**Yukon/Kuskokwim**

Akiachak  
Alakanuk  
Chevak  
Emmonak  
Kipnuk  
Kotlik  
Mt. Village  
Scammon Bay  
St. Marys  
Togiak  
Bristol Bay  
Hooper Bay

**Central Interior**

Anderson  
Birchwood Christian  
Effie Kokrine  
Kenny Lake  
Northway  
Tok  
Tri-Valley  
Wasilla Lake Christian  
Glennallen  
Su-Valley  
Nenana

**Peninsula**

Cook Inlet  
Nikolaevsk  
Seldovia  
Heritage  
Lumen Christi  
Ninilchik  
Whittier

**Southeast**

Angoon  
Hydaburg  
Klawock  
Thorne Bay  
Hoonah  
Kake  
Skagway  
Yakutat

# Basketball Volleyball Reclassification Recommendation

4A (600+)

**Cook Inlet**

Bartlett  
Chugiak  
Dimond  
Eagle River  
East  
Service  
South  
West

**Northern Lights**

Colony  
Kodiak  
Palmer  
Wasilla

**Mid Alaska**

Lathrop  
North Pole  
West Valley

**Southeast**

Juneau  
Ketchikan  
Thunder Mt.

3A (125 - 600)

**South Central - A**

Cordova  
ACS  
Grace  
Nikiski  
Seward

**Western**

Barrow  
Bethel  
Dillingham  
Kotzebue  
Nome  
Unalaska

**Aurora**

Delta  
Eielson  
Galena  
Hutchison  
Monroe  
Valdez

**Southeast**

Craig  
Haines  
Melakatla  
Mt. Edgecumbe  
Sitka  
Wrangell

**South Central - B**

Homer  
Houston  
Kenai  
Skyview  
Soldotna

2A & 1A Unchanged

Since 1999/2000 the Kenai varsity girls have beaten Wasilla one time, Palmer three times and have never beaten Colony. The varsity boys have beaten Wasilla one time, Colony boys twice, and Palmer boys four times.

Since the region has gone to an eight team format with Colony coming online, there has not been a Region III champion come from the peninsula for either gender.

Over the course of the past four years, the boy's varsity team has a 15-10 record against teams that are currently classified as 3A schools, a 24-13 record against peninsula /Kodiak 4A schools, and a 6-19 record against Anchorage and valley 4A schools. This data represents a 07/08 team that finished 4<sup>th</sup> at state. This team finished the year 3-1 against 3A team, 9-1 against peninsula/Kodiak 4A schools, and 4-7 against the valley and Anchorage schools. If you remove this year from the data, our records would be as follows: 12-9 vs 3A schools, 13-12 vs peninsula/Kodiak 4A schools, and 2-12 vs Anchorage/valley 4A schools.

I was a head coach for girls and boys basketball at Kenai for 19 years and in that period teams that I coached have qualified for the state tournament four times.

In the history for 4A boys basketball there has never been a peninsula team win a state championship. As for the girls, Kenai won in 1990/91 and Soldotna won in 1992/93.

In volleyball there has never been a state champion come from a peninsula 4A team. Based on the information on ASAA's website, Homer has qualified for state 3 times, Soldotna 4 times, Skyview 4 times and Kenai 2 times. Skyview took 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2001 and Homer took 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1992/93. The rest of the teams finished in fourth place or lower.

My understand is that the point of the reclassification committee is to make things competitive and based on the information presented I think it is appropriate to say Kenai and Soldotna fit more with the 3A group than the 4A group for both volleyball and basketball. Are they using winning championships as the criteria or what? It appears that football is being changed not because teams are not qualifying for state but because they are not winning state. At this point in time, Kenai and Soldotna have the same complaint about where they are playing in volleyball and basketball as Skyview and Homer or the other smaller schools in football.

By moving the number for 3A to 600 Kenai and Soldotna would be joining the south central league which would give it 10 teams. The league could be divided into two halves and an eight team region tournament could be played with a play in game for the bottom two teams in each half.



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Ketchikan	Thunder Mountain

**5A: 901+**

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West	

Present Small Schools Classification (under 850)		
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Houston	Delta Junction	Sitka
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- Attempting to balance the bottom two divisions does not take into consideration the following:

- Keeping schools of a similar size within Kenai Peninsula Borough School District united
- Growth of new football programs will upset this attempted balance
- Competitiveness of two affected schools

2006-2009 Records vs. Greatland/Indepent schools	Record	PF	PA	AVG Game
• Homer High School	<u>11-1</u>	421	99	35.1--8.3
○ 2005 Homer defeated SOHI & lost a one point game to get into the title game.				
• Skyview High School	5-3	251	145	31.4--18.1
• Combined	<b>16-4</b>	672	244	31.4--12.2

- Homeschool
  - As of 2-23-09 there are **155** student's grades 9-12 in Homer.

**CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**  
**Recommendations for 2011-12**

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>Present Configuration</b>	<b>Potential Changes</b>
<b>CC running</b>	4A (401+) 1-2-3A (5-400)	Change Label "1A-2A-3A" to 3A
<b>Football</b>	Large School (850+) = 15 Small School • Northern Lights (400-850) = 6 • Greatland (under 400) = 7 • Independent = 3	5A (901+) = 15 4A (451-900) = 8 3A (5-450) = 8
<b>Tennis</b>	One Classification (17 schools)	No change
<b>Swim/Dive</b>	One Classification -- 4 Conferences 31 total schools	No change
<b>Volleyball</b>	4A (401+) = 23 schools 3A (100-400) = 27 schools 1A/2A (5-100) = 30-36 schools Mixed (5-100) = 35-46 schools	4A (451+) = 20 schools 3A (126-450) = 27 schools 2A (5-125) = 30-37 schools (change label) Mixed Six (5-125) = 35-46 schools
<b>Wrestling</b>	4A (401+) = 23 schools 1-2-3A (5-400) = 60-75 schools	no change except for label (123A becomes 3A)
<b>Hockey</b>	4A (401+) = 19 schools 2-3A (50-400) = 7-8 schools	no changes except for label "Greatland" becomes 3A
<b>Nordic Ski</b>	One Classification =	No change
<b>Basketball</b>	4A (401+) = 23 schools 3A (100-400) = 29 schools 2A (50-100) = 45 schools 1A (5-50) = 65-70 schools	4A (451+) = 20 schools 3A (126-450) = 27 schools 2A (51-125) = 48 schools 1A (under 51) = 60-70 schools
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	4A (401+) = 23 schools 1-2-3A (50-400) = 55 schools	no change except for label (123A becomes 3A)
<b>Soccer</b>	One Classification - 4 conferences 28 total schools	No change
<b>Softball</b>	Large Schools (850+) = 15 schools Small Schools (under 850) = 10-13	4A (851+) = 15 schools 3A (under 850) = 10-13 schools
<b>Baseball</b>	One Classification - 4 conferences 30 total schools	No change

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East	Palmer
Service	Wasilla
South	West Valley
West	

### Present Small Schools Classification (under 850)

#### Northern Lights

Homer  
Houston  
Kenai  
Kodiak  
Skyview  
Soldotna

#### Greatland

Barrow  
Delta Junction  
Eielson  
Monroe  
Nikiski  
Seward  
Valdez

#### Southeast

Ketchikan  
Sitka  
Thunder Mountain