KPSAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 21, 2013
10:00 a.m., Warehouse DMC Room

1) Dan Carstens called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2) Roll call
Members present: Dan Carstens, Curtis Schmidt, Amy Christianson, Jen Dowd, Tony Graham, Bill Holt, Jay Griffel, John O'Brien

3) Approval of November 8, 2012 Executive Board Meeting minutes
Motion was made by Bill Holt to approve the November 8, 2012 Executive Board Meeting Minutes.
Jen Dowd seconded the motion.
Vote: Passed unanimously.

4) February 21, 2013 agenda approval
Motion was made by Bill Holt to approve the February 21, 2013 Executive Board Meeting Agenda.
Amy Christianson seconded the motion.
Vote: Passed unanimously.

5) Guests:
Alan Fields

6) Executive Secretary's Report

- Ninilchik School requested 6th grader from Ninilchik and 6th grader from Connections to play on middle school volleyball team. Request approved.
- An Aurora Borealis student will declare Nikiski Middle School as school of eligibility in order to participate on wrestling team. Request approved.
- Trevan Walker, Seward High Principal, requests to play games on Thursday starting at 8:00 a.m. for Region III basketball tournament. Request approved.
- Football camp approved for Eric Pomerleau at Skyview.
- Soldotna Schools update.

7) Correspondence
N/A

8) ASAA/Region III Updates
Dan Carstens brought the KPSAA Executive Board Members up to date with ASAA and Region III.

9) Action and Discussion Items

- Adjustment to eligibility language – Alan Fields
Due to eligibility confusion for parents, the proposal for the new policy would require the students to maintain a 2.0 grade point average for the semester and pass all of their classes

for the semester. This change is only applicable at the end of each semester. Quarter grades will still be used at quarter and mid-quarter checks to determine the student's grade point average and he/she must be passing all of his/her quarter classes for these checks.

Motion was made by Bill Holt to approve the change of KPSAA Eligibility as per Mr. Beeson's Change in Semester Eligibility presentation.
Curtis Schmidt seconded the motion.
Vote: Approved (Note: Two members voted against the change). This will again be voted on at the April KPSAA meeting for Handbook change.

- Borough Tournament (XC Running, Nordic Skiing, Track & Field) follow-up – John O'Brien
  The Workgroups made the following recommendations:

  Track & Field: Beginning SY 2013-2014, it will be expected that all high schools with a Track & Field program be expected to participate (mandatory). That we work with Track USA or some other group to assist us in training our own officials. That we ensure new timing systems are purchased for each track and that a Borough Meet account be created to ensure equitable cost sharing. KPSAA needs to develop a philosophy statement on why we hold Borough Meets.

  Motion was made by Tony Graham to follow the recommendations.
  Bill Holt seconded the motion
  Vote: Approved (Note: Seward opposed the motion).

  Cross Country Running: That it be expected that all high schools with a Borough Cross Country program be expected to participate (mandatory). Move the date to earlier in the season and make it a mid-week meet on a Tuesday (week 6). Borough Meet account should be created to ensure equitable cost sharing. KPSAA needs to develop a philosophy statement on why we hold Borough Meets. Recommend that this change for Cross Country Running go into effect for the 2014-2015 school year since statewide scheduling has already occurred for the 2013 cross country running season.

  Motion was made by Bill Holt that the recommendation take effect SY 2014-15.
  Curtis Schmidt seconded the motion.
  Vote: Approved (Note: Trevan Walker opposed the motion).

  Nordic Ski: Beginning SY 2013-2014, it will be expected that all high schools with a Nordic Ski program be expected to participate (mandatory). It was recommended that a Borough Meet account be created to ensure equitable cost sharing. In addition, KPSAA needs to develop a philosophy statement on why we hold Borough Meets.

  Motion was made by Bill Holt to follow the recommendations.
  Tony Graham seconded the motion.
  Vote: Approved (Note: Trevan Walker opposed the motion).

- Homeschool legal changes follow-up – John O'Brien
  John O'Brien will craft changes prior to the next KPSAA meeting that allows Homeschool kids to participate.

- Activity travel workgroup follow-up – John O'Brien
  No current plans to add more money to activity travel. No recommendations at this time.

- Middle School 'B' team/Stipend follow-up – Curtis Schmidt
  The middle school principals would like to formalize the "B" teams and change/add language to the KPSAA handbook to recognize their existence and to have stipends created to support coaches for these teams.

  Motion was made by Bill Holt to support the above recommendation for Homer Middle School, Seward Middle School, Nikiski Middle School, Soldotna Middle School and Kenai Middle School.
  Trevan Walker seconded the motion.
  Vote: Passed unanimously.

- Middle School Stipend allocations follow-up – Curtis Schmidt
  This is a two part item.
  1) Music Stipend concerns. Currently, SMS has 2 music stipends and HMS, Nikiski Middle, and KMS each have only 1 music stipend.
     Recommendation: HMS, Nikiski Middle, KMS receive an additional stipend making it 2 music stipends for each school.

  2) Each middle school will do an End of Season Analysis report the same as the high school.

     Motion was made by Trevan Walker to follow the above recommendations (item 1. & 2)
     Curtis Schmidt seconded the motion.
     Vote: Passed unanimously.

- KPBSD Student Government host sites - 6 year rotation – Dan Carstens/Nancy Hamburg
  6 year rotation was presented to the KPSAA Executive Board:

2012-13 Soldotna High School	2013-14 Seward High School
2014-15 Kenai Central High School	2015-16 Skyview High School
2016-17 Nikiski High School	2017-18 Homer High School

  Motion was made by Curtis Schmidt to follow the above 6 year rotation.
  Tony Graham seconded the motion.
  Vote: Passed unanimously.

- Coaching Boys into Men; Governor Parnell's Choose Respect Initiative – John O'Brien
  The proposal and consensus: We will encourage where there is interest but we are not requiring coaches to do the training. The state has provided scholarships for training.

- TAD Policy and Proximity recommendations – John O'Brien
  The proposal: No longer after this year enter proximity into the ASAA data base but rather input into Power School.
  Motion was made by Tony Graham not to put TAD violations into ASAA.
  Bill Holt seconded the motion.
  Vote: Approved (Note: Tony Graham opposed the motion).
- Nanwalek official Volleyball team proposal – Nancy Kleine/John O'Brien

Nanwalek would like to continue another year as club status and assess the situation next year.

No action needed at this time.

- Moving Middle School Mass Music Festivals around – Amy Christianson
  Dave Larson believes more schools are capable of hosting the musical festivals. Renee' Henderson would like to see all the festivals be in the Central Peninsula (both middle school and high school), specifically at Kenai Central High School.

  Consensus was to assemble work groups next SY 2013-2014 (that represent all parts of the district) to discuss this issue.

  John O'Brien will remind principals to not schedule sporting events on Mondays or Tuesdays as per the KPSAA handbook

- Date change for Borough Honor/Mass Band at High School level – post basketball – Amy Christianson
  This was tabled and will be placed on the April KPSAA meeting agenda.

- Clarification on 6th graders participating in Middle School Mass Festivals – Amy Christianson
  A work group will be set up to address this issue.

- Middle School philosophy regarding allowing outside teams to travel in to our schools – Dan Carstens
  Since there is nothing in the handbook saying outside teams cannot come in, the recommendation was to put this on the April KPSAA meeting agenda as follow up. Curtis Schmidt, as the middle school representative, will begin electronic dialogue with middle school principals.

- 6th grade participation philosophy; i.e. we already have many grey areas where 6th graders are participating in individual and team sports and will need to clear this up – Dan Carstens
  Recommendation: Keep the handbook language the same and team sports the same. Continue to request waiver if needed.

- "Weigh-in"… (KPSAA Manual, p. 40 Sub-item D) policy discussion. – Jason Bickling
  It was proposed that the weigh-in prior to the first competition of the season will be the Wrestler's certified weight and be emailed the night before.
  Motion was made by Amy Christianson to follow this proposal and leave rest of the language as is.
  Trevan Walker seconded the motion.
  Vote: Passed unanimously.

10) Adjournment
    At 2:15 p.m., Bill Holt moved to adjourn.
    Amy Christianson seconded the motion.
    Vote: Passed unanimously.
    Next KPSAA Meeting is Thursday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. (DMC Room)