

KPSAA General Board Meeting

MINUTES

November 12, 2019

10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

WAREHOUSE CONF RM

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM

ROLL CALL:

Bill Withrow: *Elementary School Representative (2021) – Present*
Dan Beck: *Middle School Representative (2021) – Present*
Dan Carstens: *Representative at Large (2020) – Present*
Kari Dendurent: *Executive Secretary – Present*
Jeremy Hamilton: *Parent Representative (2020) – Present*
Jesse Settlemeyer: *High School Representative (2021) – Present*
Mike Illg: *Board of Education Representative – Absent*
Steve Klaich: *K-12 Schools Representative (2020) – Present*
Kyle McFall: *Activities Representative (2020) – Present*
Trevan Walker: *Secondary Administrator (2020) – Present*

Procedural – Quorum established

Approval of September 12, 2019 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Dan B., seconded by Steve (Carried – Unanimous)

Approval of November 12, 2019 Agenda with Flexibility as Amended

- Motion to approve the agenda by Jeremy, seconded by Dan B. (Carried – Unanimous)

Executive Secretary Report/Communications

- Approval for Nikiski Middle to add 6th grade soccer goalie due to injury to current goalie. Based on specific position, only if regular goalie cannot play.
- Approval for Skyview MS Basketball teams to travel to the Mat-Su for a tournament on November 15-16.
- Approval for Ninilchik Middle basketball to extend their season to November 22 to allow for additional games against larger schools.
- Approved for Nikolaevsk School to start HS mixed six volleyball tournament on October 17 at 2:00 PM. This would not involve KPBSD teams.
- Approval for Seward High to add a HS assistant coach for Nordic Skiing due to large numbers interested at sign up.
- Approval for Port Graham and Nanwalek to combine into a Co-Ed team for MS Small Schools Basketball tournament.
- Approval for Kenai Central and Nikiski to hold a pre-season Basketball Camp for high school boys.
- Approval for Head of the Bay schools to Co-op with HMS for Wrestling.

Discussion Items

- Kari revisited the KPBSD Track Meet Manager positions for middle and high school. She stated she emailed Nate Crabtree in HR requesting an increase in the rate of pay for these hard to fill positions, and has not received a response. Should have an update for February meeting.

- Kari presented copies of the middle and high school travel formulas for sports and activities. The board discussed the multipliers in the formula, and would like more equity between the schools. Some key factors are different now than when the multipliers were first instituted, such as the changes to the high school conferences - Kenai travels less off the peninsula now compared to SoHi. Plus, looking at football for example, SoHi uses two buses for one program, all other schools use one. How does the distance factor come into play as it relates to Homer, Nikiski and Seward? Is the goal to help out with just conference games, or are we looking at the season as a whole? Why is Ninilchik 1.2 and Nikiski 1.0? The board consensus is there must be a better way to make the travel formula more equitable. The board also noted the K-12 schools struggle more with fundraising as opposed to the more centralized locations. Kari will get more information regarding Cheer, DDF and student government. She will also speak with Dave Jones, he should have information on the establishment of the original formula.

- Kari was asked to bring to the board the possibility of more closely aligning the middle and small school basketball schedules to allow for greater opportunity to play against each other. The board talked about if gym space will be affected with high school sports. Kari will get input from small schools and find out if there will be impacts to gym use.

- The board discussed the proposal for Middle School Girls Softball. Bill Bell, softball coach at Homer High, provided a proposal for KPSAA to consider. Dan B. shared the girls already have one more opportunity for sports than the boys. Other members shared additional track stipends are more important than adding more sports for middle school. Seward and Nikiski areas don't see enough kids participating to field a team. Kari will reply to Mr. Bell and share KPSAA is declining to pursue the proposal at this time.

- The board held a discussion regarding the swimsuit controversy that occurred this fall in Anchorage. Kyle shared he had parents come to him in his role as athletic director about the issue. He shared as background, the Anchorage team coach voiced her personal opinion via social media regarding the matter (where a swimsuit official disqualified one of her athletes based on the fit of her swimsuit), and as a result the coach received numerous threats. The board talked about the best option for the swim officials would be to create their own officials association; that is where they would get protection. As is, they are simply a volunteer. The board members consider this more of an HR issue as a paid temp employee of the district, and don't feel there is anything that KPSAA can do.

➤ ASAA Update:

- From the October 7-8 meeting, a reminder that Hall of Fame nominations are due December 1.
- The reclassification issue keeps coming up. The board is looking to form a new, smaller reclassification committee for basketball and football with a representative from each region, without personnel from the ASAA board.
- Also heard public comment from a Lumen Christi parent regarding her desire to see a system developed in Alaska, which would allow students attending private schools to join the team sports of a public school they are zoned for, if the private school does not offer the sport. She is working with the Anchorage School District to bring forth a proposal.
- Out of Season contact rules are being looked at by a new committee made up of athletic directors or school administrators, Jeff Ambrosier is our region rep.
- At the Spring 2020 meeting, ASAA will begin to look at enrollment and classification adjustments.
- Planet HS (formerly Arbiter) – ASAA is working on improving ease of use and training opportunities. Also discussed connectivity issues, especially in remote areas. ASAA staff is willing to help sites with data input.
- Unified Sports – ASAA has co-applied with Special Olympics, Alaska (and received) a federal grant. They are working on adding eligibility requirements, adding 3 on 3 basketball, swimming, and the 1-year grant has funding available for track travel and coaching stipends.
- Football playoff policy – working on individual awards for State Championship game only.
- E-Sports fall season has begun with 33 teams - must activate account by deadline, coaches must have concussion and sudden cardiac arrest, students must be on Planet HS under “Activities” with proper paperwork completed.
- Hockey will remain with 15 minute periods.
- DII Wrestling seeding and At-Large criteria 40% win and 8 matches-adopted policy.
- Splitting baseball into two divisions - BOD liked the idea but need to work on conferences and berths. Petersburg conference placement is difficult. December decision.
- Basketball scrimmage rule passed for 2019-2020. Two, ten-minute halves (running or stopped clock) count as two quarters of play and count toward JV 22 game limit.
- Looked at 3A/4A Baseball seeding and At-Large procedures – heard desire to return to WPI. BOD wants to give it more than one year to collect data before abandoning current process.
- Extended State XC to the first or second week of October.
- Discussed 1A/2A basketball start and end date – decision in December.
 - * Health and safety in January
 - * VB and Wrestling overlap
 - * Shorten 2.5 weeks early but add 1 week late, net change 1.5 weeks
- 3A/4A Basketball State Tournament format changes:
 - * No practice day – 4 day tournament, full court
 - * Wednesday start first round, using auxiliary gym
 - * Projected attendance will determine gym used

- * Cheer on Tuesday
- * Effective March 2020
- Activity calendar 2020-21 possible changes:
 - * Start 3A/4A volleyball on July 29 – KPSAA board does not recommend that start date change.
 - * Move spring sports start date to March 16 (track and soccer) – KPSAA board supports this.
 - * Move 3A/4A basketball conference tournaments to March 20
- Sports Medicine Advisory Committee is going to review the online coach courses currently allowed to make sure they meet the equivalency of NFHS First Aid course and other requirements.
- Heard comments from Kenai Central principal, Briana Randle, regarding the school's request to be reclassified into DIII football due to lack of students participating. Lower numbers are increasing the numbers of injuries the football team is experiencing. Additionally, the school feels they are no longer competitive at the DII level. This was met with mixed reviews from the KPSAA board.
- Changed Gold Lifetime Pass numbers from 6 to 8 so that the superintendent and school board representative can select a recipient.
- Officials nomination and selection procedures – need more names, staff is directed to select the best possible. Allow officials to work more than one tournament, encourage but not require geographic representation.
- Pitch count – 2 years since implementation, SMAC will give recommendation in December on current best practice.
- Proposed bylaw change to allow Health Aides to give sports physicals – SMAC is reviewing and will bring back in December.
- Co-ops passed –
 - * Homer High - Nikolaevsk DDF
 - * Grace - South Hockey
 - * Chugiak - Birchwood Hockey
- Sending possible bylaw change proposal to member schools regarding swim-dive uniform rule modification. The KPSAA board affirmed the NFHS rules should be followed, which includes the swimsuit issue.

Action Items

- Dan C. moved to change the middle school individual medal awards for relay races only from six to four. Seconded by Jessie.
(Carried – Unanimous)
- Motion to Adjourn at 11:12 AM by Dan C. Seconded by Kyle
(Carried – Unanimous)
- Next meeting is Thursday, February 27, 2020