

KPSAA Executive Membership Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 24, 2022

10am-2pm

Warehouse Conference Room

I. Call to Order at 10:04 am

II. Roll Call -

Name	Title / Role	Present Y/N
Dan Beck	President / Secondary Administrator (2022)	Y
Kyle McFall	Vice President / Activities Representative (2022)	Y
Jeff Ambrosier	Secretary / K-12 Schools Representative (2022)	Y
Vaughn Dosko	Executive Secretary / Principal Kenai Middle School	Y
Tim Daugharty	Board of Education Representative	Y-via Zoom
Al Plan	Representative at Large (2022)	Y-via Zoom
Jesse Settlemyer	High School Representative (2023)	Y
Bill Withrow	Elementary School Representative (2023)	N-exc
Tyler Krekling	Middle School Representative (2023)	Y
Megan Smith	Parent Representative (2023)	Y
Mary Blossom	Admin. Secretary (non-voting)	Y-via Zoom

- Guest Attendees:
David Henson, IT Programmer
Cody Woods, helps with Chapman Wrestling
Michael Wells, helps coach Homer High Wrestling
Tony Graham, Director of Secondary Education and Student Activities

III. Approval of November 9, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jeff

Second: Jesse

Amendments: None

Motion Carried. Unanimous

IV. Approval of February 24, 2022 Meeting Agenda w/flexibility to accommodate David Henson and members of the public

Motion: Jeff

Second: Kyle

Amendments:

1. Move Electronic Forms in PowerSchool to Discussion Item A
2. Middle School Wrestling to Discussion Item B.
3. Add Discussion Item H. Middle School Borough Tournament Expenses, Move ASAA

Update to Letter I.

Motion Carried. Unanimous

V. Executive Secretary Report/Communications

- A. *Follow-up – Reviewed discussion with Liz Hayes and Kim Smith regarding using proper guidance with allowing schools to use their 710 funds as appropriate. This would allow stipends for tournament directors. The board discussed what an appropriate daily rate would be. After some back and forth discussion, the board agreed to a \$200 per day rate and Vaughn will take the information to HR.*
- B. Approval for Soldotna High to start C-team basketball games vs Wasilla at 12:00 on 1/14 due to no other gym availability
- C. Approval for Homer High to start JV basketball vs SOHI at 3:00 on 1/11
- D. Approval of a travel waiver for Nikiski Middle/High to transport 8 qualifying athletes one-way to state wrestling via private vehicle; all paperwork must be completed
- E. Approval of a travel waiver for Homer High to transport 5 qualifying athletes to state wrestling via private vehicle; all paperwork must be completed
- F. MS Borough Wrestling tournament date moved to 2/19 to accommodate state tournament in Fairbanks 2/24-26
- G. Approval of Soldotna High cheer camp 1/10-15 for grade school to middle school participants
- H. Approval for Nordic Ski meet to start at 1:15 on 1/17 at Homer High due to valley unable to host due to storms and too cold in central pen
- I. Approval of a waiver to allow Nikiski Middle/High 6th graders to participate in Girls B team volleyball to field enough players
- J. Approval for Nikiski Middle/High to use 710 funds for MS Intramural ski program, with question as to why if program has sufficient numbers are they not competing in the MS season
- K. Approval for Skyview Middle to add a second assistant Range 4 coaching stipend for Wrestling supported by numbers
- L. Approval for Seward Elementary to use 710 funds for two additional Battle of the Books teams, 4th/5th grade basketball, and XC skiing
- M. Middle School Volleyball warm-up time. Vaughn explained a MS volleyball match between KMS and Skyview was rescheduled, Skyview showed up 30-45 minutes late. Three matches were to be played that day. Warm-ups were adjusted (2 minutes, plus 7-1/2 minutes of court time), the Skyview coaches and one parent (also a VB official) were unhappy that they did not get their 15 minutes of warm-up time. They were worried because there is no official language that speaks to warm-up time. The board agreed that oftentimes, warm-ups get adjusted when you take into account matches are moving later in the evening. Clock and Bookkeepers are also a factor. Rules default to official rule book that simply states a 15 minutes warm-up time is ideal. Warm-ups should be enough time that players are avoiding injury and are ready to play. The

board concurred that 9-1/2 minutes is a sufficient warm-up time when all factors are taken into account.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Electronic Permission Forms through PowerSchool – David Henson

David Henson spoke about the push to get all student registration forms online. He discussed the possibility of adding yearly student permission forms for parent approval via electronic signature. He further discussed a parallel project where a coach could access via a mobile app that would show who is approved to travel as well as all student contact information. Since ASAA requires high schools to stay on PlanetHS, David said he is not interested in duplicating efforts if that is already available on another platform. At this point the middle school option could be beneficial. The framework is already built and is just a matter of getting the appropriate verbiage and posting the forms online. David will work with Mary to get the forms ready for middle schools. The caveat is on the current paper forms that ask for student signatures, as this will not be possible in this format. The board agreed parent signatures will be sufficient to cover the student acknowledgements.

B. Middle School Wrestling – Vaughn

Background: This year at three of the Wrestling tournaments, girls only brackets were created to satisfy some of the girl wrestlers and put them in an opportunity for success. Later in the season language went out stating there would be a girls' bracket and a boys' bracket for the borough tournament. It was determined based on current language and past practices, this was not appropriate and the tournament would remain a single bracket. A large amount of communication went on between various parties. This resulted in the email KPSAA board members received containing proposals for new language to address some of these issues. ASAA has adopted HS girls wrestling with their own bracketing along with numerous other states. Mat-Su this year adopted girls brackets for middle school wrestling. This year we had 15 girls at the borough tournament. The board discussed various scenarios with acknowledging weight classes would be set for the borough tournament. Flexibility and round-robin matches would only be allowed during invitational matches. The board does not want coaches combining or changing weight classes the day of the borough tournament. Vaughn shared he thought the board should adopt official language accepting girls bracketing for middle school wrestling and follow the guidance already established with ASAA for high school. The board in agreement reviewed each of the rules submitted by several coaches from around the borough. Mary will present the language for adoption at the April 7 meeting.

C. *Ongoing* – Language Change to add Esports as an Official New Activity, Including Team/Staffing Guideline

1. Official Language Review (see attachments)

2. No additional discussion. Move to Action Item

D. Middle School Basketball – Vaughn

1. Rule Interpretation Review

The board reviewed and discussed a letter from a central peninsula MS basketball coach regarding rule interpretation and how officials should be interpreting different scenarios as it relates to guarding in the first half. The board agreed the intent of this rule is to allow for some flow to middle school basketball games. Also noting there is a time to allow for pressing in the second half. Based on the previous discussion and recognizing that the middle school coaching focus should remain on fundamentals and skill building, the board discussed adding language to Letter C, “Man to man defense is strongly encouraged.” This will move to Action for the next meeting.

2. Other Discussion

Other board discussion and comments spoke about how tough it is for freshmen coming into high school basketball unprepared for the speed of the game and the ability of players to handle ball pressure. Our district’s programs are getting so far behind at the high school level due in part to the lack of advanced play in middle school and younger age groups. However, the board also agreed that changing this rule will not make a difference; and furthermore, this board is not the avenue to purpose competition in preparation for high school. This should be up to separate leagues, parent groups, etc.

E. Girls Wrestling Stipend (minimum participants) – Kyle

Due to the increased participation in girls wrestling, the board reviewed information Kyle presented from other districts. Anchorage is working towards a stipend for girls coaching. Mat-Su is determined at the site level, with adding a coach when 10 girls participate. Discussion acknowledges that wrestling tournaments often cause coaches to split up (for example, girls at ACS and the boys at another location). The way wrestling is structured now, it is better to have teams advocate for an additional stipend versus a separate girls only position. After reviewing Appendix D, the board would like to see a 2nd Assistant added at 30+ participants. Justification will be presented for Action at the April 7th meeting.

F. Eligibility Waiver Protocols – Vaughn

1. Bylaws Article VII, Section 6 - *All waivers must be forwarded to the KPSAA Executive Secretary before sending to the ASAA office.*

Vaughn reported the process is not currently being followed. The current language is not really accurate in the way, for instance, “Hardship Waivers” are generated. Now parents, not schools generate these type of waivers. This completely bypasses the school as well as the intent of this bylaw. The best solution is to have Vaughn added to PlanetHS with administrative privileges to

allow access to view waivers and pertinent information. Vaughn will put out a communication to administrators.

G. Region/State Scheduling Meetings – Are Participants Under District Insurance?

This issue was brought up as the out of district meeting for Region/State Scheduling is backed up by a 501c3 organization, and as such does district insurance cover participants under this scenario. Jeff reported and confirmed that yes, KPBSD participants are covered and he has documentation to back that up.

H. MS Borough Tournament Expenses

The board discussed borough tournament expenses and how the host school has the responsibility to notify participating middle schools what their share of the tournament costs come to. A journal entry between schools is handled at district finance, but there doesn't seem to be a follow up, and who has paid and who hasn't. Because there are numerous new administrators and new secretaries as well, Vaughn will work to communicate with middle school administrators regarding proper billing procedures for borough tournaments.

I. ASAA Updates -

1. Kyle and Jesse reported they attended the Region and State Scheduling Meeting in Anchorage January 24-26.
2. ASAA has repealed the Pre-Competition Covid Testing Policy. School districts are still encouraged to continue Covid testing as part of their overall mitigation plan if necessary.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Esports – Official Language

The board approved the HS Handbook language change to add Esports as an official activity beginning the 2022-23 school year

Motion: Jesse

Second: Kyle

Amendments: None

Motion Carried. Unanimous

VIII. Next Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 2022

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Kyle

Second: Megan

Motion Carried. Unanimous