

# KPSAA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 13, 2023

10 am -2 pm

Warehouse Conference Room

## I. Call to Order: Called to order at 10:02 am

### Roll Call:

*Members Present:* Dan Beck, Kyle McFall, Vaughn Dosko, Tim Daugharty, Shannon Dwyer, Doug Hayman, Tyler Krekling, Jesse Settlemyer, Megan Smith

*Members Absent:* Bill Withrow

Name	Title	Role/Location
Dan Beck	Secondary Administrator (2024)	President / KCHS
Kyle McFall	Activities Representative (2024)	Vice-President / Kenai Alt
Bill Withrow	Elementary School Rep (2023)	Secretary / Redoubt El
Vaughn Dosko	Executive Secretary	Principal Kenai Middle
Tim Daugharty	Board of Education Representative	Member
Shannon Dwyer	Representative at Large (2024)	Member / Skyview
Doug Hayman	K-12 Representative (2024)	Member / Connections
Tyler Krekling	Middle School Representative (2023)	Member / Homer Middle
Jesse Settlemyer	High School Representative (2023)	Member / KCHS
Megan Smith	Parent Representative (2023)	Member / Kenai Middle
Mary Blossom	Admin. Secretary (non-voting)	Administrative

- Guest Attendees: Janice Haas, parent from Seward High School

## II. Approval of February 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Kyle McFall

Second: Shannon Dwyer

Amendments: None. Approved, unanimous consent

## III. Approval of April 13, 2023 General Membership Meeting Agenda, with Flexibility

Motion: Megan Smith

Second: Shannon Dwyer

Amendments: Add Discussion Item A to be Guest Comments.

Approved, unanimous consent

### Executive Secretary Report/Communications

Mr. Dosko started off his report by sharing a recent conversation he had with Billy Strickland from ASAA. Mr. Strickland is meeting with a Nike representative who is planning to donate

some kickstart money into Alaska for Flag Football. Mr. Dosko said the valley is planning to start their Flag Football program. He said he explained to Mr. Strickland it has been a topic of discussion by this board, but that we are very concerned how the impact would affect our girls fall sports programs. Flag Football requires 7 on field with a program using 14-18 participants. Ultimately if we do decide to offer Flag Football, he asked Mr. Strickland to make some of the start-up funds available for our district. Mr. Settlemeyer offered to send out a Google survey asking girls at Kenai Central their interest in participating in Flag Football. Perhaps a duo school co-op team would be possible. He was asked by Mr. Dosko to share that with all the athletic directors, just so we could gather the information.

Another topic Mr. Dosko brought forward was the state legislature is looking at passing a resolution about transgender participants playing in sports. If it gets finalized by the end of the session in May, we would be looking at a biological girls only and then an open category for all sports and activities. Competitiveness and safety were discussed by the board.

Mr. Dosko also brought to the board a request Mr. Strickland received from Ninilchik to join Mix-6 Volleyball. Mr. Dosko made sure Mr. Strickland is aware that major program changes proposed need to follow policy and come at the district level, not individual schools. The significant consequences that affect other schools must be taken into account. The board discussed the issue and Mr. Beck directed Mr. Dosko to communicate with school administrators and re-state the protocols in place.

- A. Approval for Homer Middle to start Track meet at 3:00 pm on April 13
- B. Approval for Soldotna Elementary to start Martial Arts Club, Craft Club, and 6 week S.T.E.M. Camp-Mar. 20-Apr. 17, 2023
- C. Approval for Voznesenka School to start Co-Ed MS Soccer for 2023-24, using current MS Wrestling stipend
- D. Approval for Soldotna and Kenai Central High to start JV Soccer games at 1:00 pm, with boys and girls rotating the early start time

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Guest Comments** – Ms. Haas addressed the board as a new parent of a Seward High School freshman, and is still learning and trying to understand different issues. She shared her concerns about the unsustainable funding for athletic travel. How can she, or her school and community better plan and advocate for the funding needs of activities when many families have reached their cap by the time spring sports such as track start. Mr. Beck explained first that the KPSAA board does not handle travel funding and distribution. He also shared this situation is not unique to Seward. Mr. Beck then explained as a parent of athletes that reached the cap, that the capped amount is distributed equally among the sports his kids participate in. Every school does a lot of fundraising and even then there may be shortfalls

that require athletes to contribute extra for lodging as needed. So it is not uncommon for additional funds to be needed during the season to meet travel costs. Mr. Dosko further explained for the benefit of Ms. Haas the matrix used by the district to award schools their funds for activity travel. He did confirm there has been conversations about the increase in travel costs and also difficulty in finding enough bus drivers, especially in Seward. Mr. Dosko also shared the makeup of this board is generated by nominations and elections from school administrators. He invited Ms. Haas at any time to email or connect with one of the board members if she has any more questions. Mr. Dosko and Mr. Beck thanked Ms. Haas for taking the time to address the board and for her willingness to bring her issues to their attention. Ms. Haas thanked the board for their time and engagement. The information given is a lot to absorb and she is looking forward to presenting it to other parents and the school's Site Council.

#### **B. Ongoing: Practice Requirements for Participation in Interscholastic Activities**

1. *Article IV. Student Eligibility. Section B. Item 5.*

**Proposed Rule: Required Practice.** Athletic participants must have ten (10) separate days of physical practice in the same sport activity prior to the first day of competition. If a student is participating in another school sport with overlapping seasons, then he/she may have up to five (5) practices waived (ASAA Article 7, Section 7).

2. Language update to mirror ASAA policy.
3. The board will take this up as Action Item A

#### **C. Ongoing: Sports Season Practice Rules**

1. *Article VI. General Activities Policies for the KPBSD. Section E. Item 2.*

**Proposed Rule: Out-of-Season.** Out-of-season is any time other than during the established high school season in a particular sport. During this time coaches may practice up to six hours a week, with out-of-state games or scrimmages counting as one hour. The "out-of-season" participation policy is suspended from May 20 through August 31. This means a coach of a team can coach his/her player anytime, anywhere, during this time period. During the time period the coach or other personnel representing the school is prohibited from requiring any athlete to participate as a condition of selection for the in-season team.-(ASAA, Athletic Related Policies)

2. Language update to mirror ASAA policy. The board agreed this is significant and this rationale is appropriate.
3. The board will take this up as Action Item B

#### **D. Tabled Topics - Fall 2023**

1. 9-Man Football – The board discussed this issue briefly. 9-Man Football is a recognized ASAA activity that will include a regular season, but no state tournament. Does this board consider this an additional activity or does it fall under Football? Length of season, number of games, how does Mix-6 compare to regular season Volleyball? The board agreed the ability will to observe the upcoming 9-Man season will be helpful. This will be an ongoing topic.
2. Student Scholastic Eligibility for Participation – IV. Student Eligibility. Section C. Item 1.

a. and b. Mid quarter grade check, recognize this system is not equitable against other schools we are competing against. Possible language change removing the 5 day punitive nature. The board discussion agrees the mid quarter check helps more than it hurts. Mr. Settlemyer did report he received feedback from Nikiski and they preferred to stay status quo. Other discussion suggested language to allow an ineligible student can regain participation at the point he/she becomes eligible. The board recognizes the mid-quarter check serves with a purpose to benefit the student, like a progress check. Mr. Hayman shared he is in complete support of having the eligibility checks and that Connections students should be held to the same standards as other schools. On-line distance classes are different, as semester classes grades do not come in until the end. Same issue for college classes. From a parental perspective, Mrs. Smith likes having the mid-quarter grade checks. Mr. Graham shared we can have communication with KPC for eligibility for high school students and expand that partnership.

#### **E. ASAA Update – Vaughn**

1. Mr. Dosko reported the wrestling development program in Fairbanks has a co-op agreement with North Pole for Football.

2. 3A and 4A Basketball seeding will use the results of RPI, no longer using a committee component.

3. ASAA also will be updating their TAD policy, basically their TAD policy committee believes violations should result in game suspensions and not in days. They are seeking better education materials to replace what is currently being used. Also, ASAA is looking at breaking out vaping so it is not lumped in with drugs and alcohol. Some believe vaping should not be as punitive.

4. Discussions related to splitting the Girls Denali Wrestling into two conferences to mirror DI and DII Boys Wrestling.

5. Discussions on changing Nordic Ski distances to be the same 7.5K for boys and girls. Plan is to survey coaches.

#### **F. Outgoing Board Members**

1. Bill Withrow, *Elementary Representative*

Mr. Beck thanked Mr. Withrow for his service to this board.

#### **G. Board Election (2 Year Term) – Seating at Executive Board Meeting**

1. *Elementary Representative* – Jenna Fabian

2. *Middle School Representative* – Tyler Krekling

3. *High School Representative* – Jesse Settlemyer

4. *Parent Representative (3 Year Term)* – Megan Smith

Mr. Beck spoke to Mr. Graham about the need for KPSAA to have a brief opportunity to speak at a fall administrator meeting to address the duties of KPSAA and the need for administrators to understand KPSAA. Let them know they have representation and a voice.

Less than half of the administrators participated in this year's election. The board discussed possible updates to the bylaws and possibly using an administrator meeting to hold KPSAA board elections. This will be an ongoing topic of discussion.

#### **H. Middle and High School 2023-24 Scheduling - (Enclosures)**

1. MS Tournament Sites and Dates
2. HS Borough Tournament Schedules
3. Eligibility Check Dates
4. Student Government
5. Music Festivals – the board would like to re-visit honor and mass choir dates.

The board reviewed and discussed each of these items.

#### **VII. ACTION ITEMS – For Board Adoption**

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Motion: Megan Smith

Second: Jesse Settlemyer

Amendments: None

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Motion: Jesse Settlemyer

Second: Kyle McFall

Amendments: None

#### **VIII. Board Comments**

None

#### **IX. Next Meeting**

September 2023

**X. Adjournment**

Mr. Beck adjourned the meeting at 12:23 pm.

Un-Adopted