**KPSAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 18, 2016**

**10:00 a.m., Soldotna Prep PD Room**

1. Call the meeting to order 10:09 a.m.
2. Roll call; Bill Holt, Bridget Clark, Conrad Woodhead, Curt Schmidt, Dan Beck, John Pothast, Kent Peterson, Steve Klaich, Trevan Walker. Amy Johnson (not present, excused)
3. Approval of November 17, 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
   1. Motion to approve by Conrad, second by Bill, all in favor 10:13 a.m.
4. Approval of February 18, 2016 Executive Board Meeting Agenda
   1. Request to amend agenda by Dan adding item j(1) – Update on 6th grade participation
   2. Motion to approve as amended by Dan, second by Bill 10:15 a.m.
5. Guests: Maria Goins, parent interested in coach survey
6. Executive Secretary report/communications – 10:16 a.m.
   1. Approvals: Nikolaevsk waiver to include 6th graders in MS Volleyball; Ninilchik waiver to include 6th graders in MS Volleyball; Seward High basketball c-team game earlier start times; Susan B. English waiver of the 8 person rule for boys’ basketball; Chapman waiver to include 6th graders in MS Volleyball; Chapman hosting all-inclusive small schools Volleyball tournament; KCHS Baseball skills clinic; KCHS Football skills camp
7. Action and Discussion items
   1. ASAA Update – Steve Klaich, Discussion – 10:18 a.m.
      1. ASAA does not have transgender student policy, ASAA has been working on creating a policy. ASAA has been working with their attorneys and the superintendent associations.
      2. ASAA passed an amendment for the TAD policy, 3rd violation is reduced to 6 months plus attending a program and presentation to the board prior to returning to play, and 4th violation is one year. ASAA is looking for districts to communicate these changes, which are effective July 1.
      3. State Ski will remain in Anchorage this year, although weather conditions have not been favorable.
      4. Endowment needs to be approved by ASAA prior to taking place. Please remind schools.
      5. Wrestling tournament ends about the same time that most schools take Christmas break. They are looking for feedback on starting one week earlier which will end the season one week earlier. Concerns regarding the closeness of the football and wrestling seasons if they move it back one week. This is for the 17/18 season. ASAA is looking for feedback on this.
      6. ASAA is working on rewriting the wording on non-coaching person traveling with teams to State.
      7. 3A state berth question for Volleyball, proposal that region 6 requested rotation Southcentral berth
      8. ASD is moving to stunt cheer vs comp cheer
      9. Looking at changes for seeding the state wrestling tournament.
      10. Looking at changes in the weight certification for wrestling based on recommendations from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)
      11. AK state Hockey association sent a letter to ASAA to move hockey to a fall program, seems as if there is little to no support to approve that
      12. Region III made a request to allow Kenai/Nikiski to co-op for hockey. They are looking into allowing larger schools being able to co-op.
      13. DDF and World Language date change to Feb 23-25, 2017, and March 4, 2017
      14. Reminder for schools to turn in their master eligibility list timely.
   2. Coaches’ survey – John Pothast, Action – 10:40 a.m.
      1. Taking feedback on the need for a survey from the parents regarding coaches. What would the survey data be used for? Who would the survey data go to? How would the parents receive notification that the survey is available? Thoughts on the need for coaches input on what is in the survey. Motion to approve adding the coaches’ survey to the KPSAA handbook by Bill, second by Bridget, all in favor. JP to create a draft survey with coaches input for the committee to approve at the next meeting.
   3. Medical release for activities – John Pothast, Action – 11:05 a.m.
      1. JP working with Risk Management and IT to update the forms and have electronic submission. Also working with ASAA regarding the forms being completed once per year vs once per season. Trevan moves to delay the action item until the legalities have been worked out, second by Bill, all in favor.
   4. The use of soft soccer balls when practicing heading and recommendation for no heading until 9th grade – John Pothast, Action – 11:13 a.m.
      1. JP has spoken with ASAA to see if they were working on recommendations regarding soccer protocols, ASAA is looking at adopting recommendations in the April meeting. Do we want to work on our own policy, or wait until ASAA SMAC makes recommendation? Motion to wait for SMAC recommendation by Trevan, second by Bill, all in favor
   5. Third assistant wrestling coach – John Pothast, Discussion – 11:21 a.m.
      1. Discussion regarding logistics when there are co-ed members on wrestling teams, is there a need for additional coaching staff based on the team being co-ed. References made to other sports that are co-ed with coaching being based on number of participants, not gender of participants. No action at this time to increase coaching stipends.
   6. Hope Track and Field Club – John Pothast, Action – 11:30 a.m.
      1. Motion to approve by Trevan, second by Bill, all in favor
   7. Nanwalek MS Basketball team for SY16/17 – John Pothast, Action – 11:32 a.m.
      1. Motion to approve by Bill, second by Trevan, all in favor
   8. KMS addition of coaching staff for VB and Track – John Pothast, Action – 11:33 a.m.
      1. Track will see additional numbers with 6th graders, looking for approval of additional coaches.
      2. Volleyball they are requesting an additional A team.
      3. Motion by Bill to continue conversations after MS scheduling meeting has occurred and we’ve received feedback on the need for multiple A teams and for conversations with Senior Leadership regarding equity among middle schools now that we’ve moved to coaching based on numbers vs school size, second by Trevan, all in favor
   9. Co-ed volleyball teams with just enough team members to play, and more male team members than allowed on the court when playing an all-girls team – Conrad Woodhead, Discussion – 12:22 p.m.
      1. Discussion regarding the need for language to define a co-ed team.
   10. Review and update language in the MS handbook to clarify the co-ed teams –Action
       1. Conrad, Dan and Steve to discuss potential co-ed team language to include soccer and volleyball
          1. Update on 6th grade participation – Dan Beck, Discussion – 12:40 p.m.
             1. Dan emailed all admins that had 6th graders and middle schools that did not have 6th graders. Overwhelmingly they are pleased with what is going on now, no one made comments about the handbook missing anything. Seemed satisfied with the waiver process for 6th grade participation.
             2. Discussion regarding waiving the waiver process for small schools. Dan to bring suggested handbook language regarding small schools and the waiver process.
   11. Review and update language regarding 4th Q ineligibility and the ASAA season start dates – Action – 12:52 p.m.
       1. Recommendation to update language on page 11 (section 1(d)) of HS handbook to include “….three calendar weeks, or two competitive events, whichever is longer.” Motion by Bill to include this language in the handbook changes to be approved at the next KPSAA meeting, second by Dan, all in favor
   12. Proximity violation handbook language – John Pothast, Discussion 1:01 p.m.
       1. JP to present language at the next meeting to separate out TAD and Proximity violations
   13. Review handbooks for SY16/17 revisions – Discussion 1:45 p.m.
       1. Review handbooks for any language changes prior to the next meeting and be prepared to make suggested language changes.
8. Adjournment at 1:47 p.m.