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<p>Minutes from the MPSSAA Classification Committee Meeting November 1, 2016</p>

- In Attendance: Eric Michael (District 1), Jeffrey Sullivan (District 2), Earl Hawkins (District 3), Steve Lee (District 4), John Davis (District 5), Michael Sye (District 6), Debbie Basler (District 7), David Byrd (District 8), Stosh Schtierman (District 8), Tiffany Byrd (District 9),
- Also Present: R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, MPSSAA
Jason Bursick, Assistant Director, MPSSAA
- Excused: Annette Wallace (Principal's Representative)

Materials Distributed

1. Agenda
2. 2017 Alignment for Boys and Girls Lacrosse
3. Guidelines for Classification and Regional Alignments
4. MPSSAA Enrollment Numbers (2017-2019)
5. MPSSAA Regional Alignments 2017-2019
6. MPSSAA Sectionals 2017-2019
7. MPSSAA Sport Classification Breakdown

Information Items/Discussion/Action

1. The meeting commenced at 9:35 a.m. with Mr. Warner welcoming all committee members in attendance as well as explaining the purpose of the classification process is to be fair and equitable to all member schools.
2. The committee reviewed the lacrosse committee's recommended regional alignments for the Spring 2017 as Prince Georges County is entering the MPSSAA playoffs with 22 schools.

4A/3A classification consists of 61 schools. Mr. Davis made a motion to move Howard High School from Section I of the East Region to Section I of the South Region. There was not a second on the motion; therefore, the original motion did not carry to vote.

Mr. Sullivan motioned to accept the 2017 4A/3A Lacrosse Regional Alignments as written, seconded by Mr. Byrd seconded. The committee approved to recommend the 4A/3A Lacrosse Regional Alignments 8-1.

3A/2A classification consists of 54 schools. Mr. Hawkins motioned to accept the 2017 3A/2A Lacrosse Regional Alignments, seconded by Mr. Lee. The committee unanimously approved to recommend the 3A/2A Lacrosse Regional Alignments, 9-0.

2A/1A classification consists of 55 schools. Mr. Sye inquired about having all Baltimore County Schools in one region. In looking at the classification of schools, at least one school system between Baltimore County, Baltimore City or Harford County would have to be split between regions based on the sheer number of schools.

Mr. Byrd motioned to accept the 2017 2A/1A Lacrosse Regional Alignments as written, seconded by Mrs. Byrd. The committee approved to recommend the 2A/1A Lacrosse Regional Alignments 9-0.

3. The new guidelines for classification and regional alignments developed by the classification committee and approved by the Board of Control in April, 2016 were reviewed.
 - *The initial classification calculation shall include member schools that fielded greater than 50 percent (12 or more) of the total number of sports administered by the MPSSAA 923) during the previous two-year classification cycle.*
 - *Schools that fielded less than 50 percent (11 or less) of the total number of sports administered by the MPSSAA shall be assigned to the appropriate classification for the sports they offer, using the established enrollment ranges from the initial classification calculation.*

The enrollment numbers submitted to the MPSSAA by each school district were examined for accuracy. There are 199 member MPSSAA schools. 184 schools field 50 percent or more sports administered by the MPSSAA and have been included in the initial classifications. 15 schools field less than 50 percent of the total number of sports administered by the MPSSAA and will be placed in the appropriate classification/region for sports in which they participate.

Mr. Sullivan motioned to accept the enrollment numbers, seconded by Mr. Lee. Committee approved the enrollment numbers 9-0.

4. Regional and Sectional alignments for 2017-2019 were examined.

Class 4A: Consists of 47 schools. 46 schools field 50 percent or more of MPSSAA sports/1 school offers less than 50 percent. A proposal of regional alignments was presented to the committee as a starting point for discussion.

Mr. Sullivan motioned to move Einstein from the 4A North to the 4A West and Northwood from the 4A West to the 4A North based off of geographical locations of each school. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion and the committee approved moving Einstein to the 4A West and Northwood to the 4A North, 9-0.

Mr. Sullivan motioned to realign the 4A West Sections based off of locations of schools. Mr. Michael seconded the motion and the committee approved the section realignment for the 4A West 9-0.

The proposed sections by Mr. Sullivan are:

Section I

Bethesda-CC
Churchill
Einstein
Kennedy
Walt Whitman
Walter Johnson
Wheaton

Section II

Clarksburg
Gaithersburg
Northwest
Quince Orchard
Wootton
Richard Montgomery

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to move Howard High School from Section I to Section II and Urbana High School from Section II to Section I of the 4A North Region. There was not a second on the motion, thus the original motion did not carry to vote.

Mr. Hawkins motioned to approve the Class 4A Regional/Sectional Alignments with the Montgomery County changes; seconded by Mr. Sye. Committee approved to recommend the Class 4A alignments 9-0.

Class 3A: Consists of 46 schools (all offer 50 percent or more of MPSSAA Sports). A proposal of regional alignments was presented to the committee as a starting point for discussion.

Mrs. Byrd motioned to move the Howard County schools from 3A East Section I to 3A South Section II and the SMAC (Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's) schools from the 3A South Section II to 3A East Section I. Mr. Sye seconded the motion. The committee voted 3-4-2, motion did not pass.

Mr. Byrd motioned to accept the 3A Regional/Section Alignments as written, Mr. Sullivan seconded. Committee approved to recommend the Class 3A alignments 8-1.

Class 2A: Consists of 46 schools (all offer 50 percent or more of MPSSAA Sports). A proposal of regional alignments was presented to the committee as a starting point for discussion.

Mr. Hawkins motioned to move Central, Crossland, and Gwynn Park High Schools from 2A North Section II to 2A South Section II. Edmondson/Westside and Northwestern-B High Schools from 2A North Section I to 2A North Section II. Southern-AA High School from 2A South Section II to 2A North Section I with the Baltimore County schools. Mrs. Byrd seconded the motion. The committee voted 1-8, motion did not pass.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to move Southern-AA High School from 2A South Section II to 2A North Section II along with the Baltimore City schools. Move Central, Crossland, Gwynn Park High Schools from 2A North Section II to 2A South Section II with SMAC (Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's) schools. Edmondson/Westside and Northwestern-B High Schools from 2A North Section I to 2A North Section II. Mr. Sye seconded the motion. Motion failed in a 2-7 committee vote.

Mr. Michael motioned to move Oakdale from the 2A West Section II to 2A West Section I to balance the sections. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Committee passed the motion 9-0.

Mr. Sye motioned to accept the 2A Regional/Sectional Alignments with changes approved for the 2A West Sections. Mr. Michael seconded the motion. Committee approved to recommend the Class 2A alignments 7-2.

Class 1A: Consists of 60 schools. 46 schools offer 50 percent or more of MPSSAA sports/14 schools offer less than 50 percent of MPSSAA sports. A proposal of regional alignments was presented to the committee as a starting point for discussion.

Mr. Hawkins motioned to move College Park Academy and North CMIT from 1A South Section II to 1A South Section I as well as International School at Largo from 1A Section I to 1A Section II based off of locations Prince Georges County. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. Committee passed the motion to place College Park Academy, North CMIT in 1A South Section I and International School at Largo in 1A South Section II.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the 1A Regional/Sectional Alignments, with the changes of 1A South, and the ability of sports committees to recommend special alignments when necessary for each sport based on the guidelines to numerically balance, geographically cluster and keep city/county conference together as best as possible. Mr. Sye seconded the motion. Committee voted 9-0 in favor of recommending the 1A Regional/Sectional Alignments. The committee also recommended sport committees recommend special alignments for each sport when necessary.

5. Mr. Warner provided the committee with a sport classification breakdown. The breakdown shows the number of schools in each sport per classification. The 10 percent rule applies to Field Hockey and Swimming.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.