

KAPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 3/6/92

The KAPS Executive Committee met on 3/6/92 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. Members present were: Mike Kieta, Sharon Kieta, Stacy Heck, Kelly Brunson, Connie Adams, Leesa Billings, Pat McGinty, Michele Ashton, Skip Cleavinger, Cookie Cahill- Flowers, Mike Walters, Bob Kruger, Bob Munroe, and Bill Pfohl.

SECRETARY: (Skip Cleavinger)

- a motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

TREASURER: (Bob Munroe)

- stated that there was no Treasurer's report. Bob indicated that KAPS has overspent, taking in \$2500 in January and February and spending \$4100. He stated that these amounts did not include the fees for the Legal Issues workshop. Bob said that we are at a five year low for assets as we presently are down to \$3200.
- indicated that the Opryland Hotel will charge \$740 for a living room only for the KAPS party. The food and drink will be extra. If we bring our own food and drink, we will violate the contract and risk being asked to leave. Cookie stated that we don't have enough people to justify this expense. Mike Kieta moved that we not subsidize a suite and a party. The motion was seconded. Discussion: Stacy asked if catering could be done in a private room. Bob M. responded that if we don't use their liquor and food, at their prices, we stand the risk of being stopped. Cookie recommended that everyone go to an area restaurant. The motion passed. Bob K. will be in charge of finding a suitable restaurant for the Ky. people to gather.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1. One of the chairpersons for the Ethics Committee, Tessue Fields, resigned and a replacement is needed;
- 2. Jim Batts will serve as the KAPS rep. to KPA;
- 3. Due to the results of the membership vote on an Associate Member status, the by-laws need to be changed;
- 4. Mike K. talked to each of the regional reps., and they believe there is a need for a change in the regional divisions. They will meet and come up with recommendations for the EC.

o. Nominations for officers are in, and there is more than one person nominated for each office.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: (Connie Adams)

- provided an up-date on some of the bills relating to education: 1) HB 116 Relating to ED or SED is sitting on the Governor's desk; 2) HB 120 Relating to the caseload for Family Resource and Youth Service Centers passed the House, and 3) SB 86 Relating to Family Resource and Youth Service Centers passed.
- stated that there are three bills that we should be concerned with primarily:
- HB 201 (Bans Corporal Punishment) All KAPS members need to show support in writing. Mike K. asked for clarification on the phone tree, and Connie outlined it once again. Connie stated that this bill not only bans corporal punishment, but it provides training in alternatives. stated that we can be very comfortable with this bill as it is currently written. Kelly Brunson, a School Psych. student at Western met with Senator Ford regarding the bill. He stated that 201 is not on his priority list, but he will contact Kelly one week before the vote. She will be given 1/2 hour to give testimony. Bill stated that he mailed Nadine Block's information to Dr. Boysen, and the League of Women's Voters has been contacted as well. Connie asked EC members to contact a member of the Educational Committee. Bill said that the goal is to at least have a hearing. There is apparently a lot of grief over the introduction of this bill- it is very controversial. Sharon talked to her region's Senator, and he is very concerned. He told Sharon that the schools are not contacting him, but he will try his best to see that it comes to a hearing. Bill said that the PTA will not take a stand on this issue. Connie concluded the discussion by stating that we have an obligation to support this bill.
- 2. 330 (Pertains to Psychologists providing contractual services). This bill has passed the House. Bill stated that he talked to Steve Demers, and Demers said that the bill simply states what has always been, and the bill was introduced to clarify KRS 319. Demers indicated that they (KPA) will fight KAPS over the issue. Bill suggested that perhaps KAPS needs to sponsor a bill of its own during the next session. Some discussion was conducted at this time regarding how KAPS should stand on the issue. It was suggested that we move on to 204, the Counselor License Bill.
- 3. 204 (Counselor License Bill). Bill passed around the revised form of the bill. Bill said that Sheila Shuster stated that KPA would support the bill with the new

Levisions. She apologizes for that statement now. Sheila asked Bill how KAPS feels. He indicated that the bill stands to disenfranchise school psychologists, and counselors simply don't get the training required to fill the expanded role. Bill indicated that KAPS would support if the "Appraisal" section was dropped altogether OR school psychologists were written into the bill. Bill stated that this bill can die in Appropriations and Revenue (A & R). Bill added that Sheila is now pushing for "Appraisal" to be pushed out of the bill. Bill suggested we review our options:

- a. the bill can go to A & R
- b. KAPS and KPA can sit down and write a new bill, or
- c. "Appraisal" can be dropped from the bill and it's still viable.

Bill suggested that we go for Option 3 if the bill goes to the floor. Option 2 is interesting but AMFT broke off from the bill and wrote their own, it got canned. Bob K. suggested that if we get ourselves written into the bill, we will be called Licensed Counselors. Mike Walters reminded the committee of what occurred in West Virginia when their School Psychologists introduced a bill. Sharon asked if we have time to get written into the bill. Bob K. suggested that we prioritize our options:

- 1. Fight the bill to the death;
- 2. Pray that it goes to A & R:
- 3. Get written in;
- 4. Get "Appraisal" out;
- 5. If it dies, we start a new bill.

Bob K. stated that this is a consumer protection bill; we should make it a turf issue, saying that we're not in the bill and we are trained for all of the itemized components of the bill.

The EC now thinks that we should first try to get written in, then we can get on a governing board to watch the standard. The telephone tree will be kicked in for this.

Connie stated that there are two new bills of interest: 1) a bill setting alternate criteria for school guidance counselors, and 2) a bill directing the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Ed. to review teaching of all alternative psychological methodologies, prohibiting the teaching of inappropriate topics.

Pat said that she needs an alternate to go to meetings in Frankfort for the Practitioner's Alliance for Successful Educational Reform. Sharon volunteered.

Connie concluded the Legislative Committee discussion by telling everyone to get involved with the Corporal Punishment bill.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Bob Kruger)

- stated that he is having some trouble getting the data analyzed. His goal is to have something prepared for the spring KAPS Review. There are 5 goals, one dealing with psychological services is being revamped; it is being changed to emphasize how contractual services should look.

CPD (Sharon Kieta)

- indicated that NASP is very backlogged. Sharon has called twice to check on documentation submitted at end of Oct., Nov., and Dec. Regarding the survey sent out, a student at Western will be analyzing it, and results should be in spring Review. No one indicated that they are having trouble getting enough CPD hours.

CENTRAL REGION (Leesa Billings)

-stated that the region met. Laura McCollough wants to speak at the next KAPS workshop.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Bob K. said that we have to assure that all workshop arrangements are made from now on. Today could have been a disaster. Bill suggested that E-town be the site of the next meeting. Their facility is big enough and they were good to us. The topic will be the new EBD guidelines. Bill said that 51 districts are currently not identifying EBD, and the powers that be will go after these districts first. The charge has not been set, but everyone likes the "no lunch" format, so it will probably be a reduced fee. Bob K. suggested that the Program Committee take responsibility for setting up workshops; everyone agreed that that made sense.
- Bob M. reminded the EC that the by-laws still need to be rewritten to reflect the Associate Member status.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Skip Cleavinger
KAPS Secretary