

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 12 a

MEETING OF November 10, 2021

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve out of state travel to South Carolina
for the Kayhi softball team

Superintendent

Kayhi administration

SUBMITTED BY:

Kayhi Principal Jason House & Softball Coach Kalea Allen

CONTACT PERSON/TELEPHONE:

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Name

Phone

Superintendent

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The School Board's approval is sought for a trip to South Carolina for the Kayhi softball team in April.

ISSUE:

Per Board Policy 6153, all school-sponsored trips to out-of-state locations require approval of the School Board.

BACKGROUND:

The softball coach plans for her softball team to take this spring softball trip to a Myrtle Beach, South Carolina tournament. The trip allows the team to play competitively before the start of conference games, according to coach.

The trip will involve 14 girls and up to 3 coaches.

Additional information on the rationale for the trip and anticipated costs is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: School administration recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Out of state travel request form
- Additional Information on the event

FISCAL NOTE: The travel costs, excluding airfare, are estimated at \$7,030. (*Airfare cannot yet be estimated*). The team plans to fund-raise to cover the expenses for the spring trip.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve the out-of-state travel request for a Kayhi softball team spring trip to South Carolina in early April."

Authorization For Travel: Ketchikan High School Softball

Traveler's Names: TBD, season begins March 2 and teams will be selected by the end of March 3. The spring trip roster names will be selected by March 18. There will be up to 3 coaches, and 14 girls.

Destination/School Location: NMB Sports Complex, 251 Champions Blvd, North Myrtle Beach, SC

Dates of Travel: Leave April 2nd Return April 9th

Reason For Trip? How will this trip benefit the Ketchikan School District?

The annual spring softball tournament trip has been one that Kayhi Softball has tried to continue traditionally over the years. This trip allows the team to play competitive and new competition before the start of conference games. Spring training allows optimal growth as well as continued motivation upon return to improve before playing our Southeast Conference play. Players look forward each year to earning their spot on this roster. It is a great experience and creates memories that these kids look back on the rest of their lives. This trip is beneficial to the entire softball program, as well as all our supporters throughout the community. There is nothing more rewarding to those that support us than by showing them all the platforms we are able to compete on thanks to their support. Kayhi students can represent their school, town, and community when attending such events. It not only helps their softball skills grow but going to new places and really taking in every moment is enriching to their physical, mental, and social skills as well.

How will you share this information with the Ketchikan School District when you return?

While on the trip we plan to stream all our games live so that way our other softball players, parents, friends, faculty, community, and supporters near and far can all follow us along on our journey. We would also love to share our gratitude and experiences with the school district to share just how much the trip meant to us.

Additional Comments:

The seniors planning on trying out for the 2022 softball season are so deserving of this trip. They have not had the option of something like this since their freshman year where many were not ready for this level of play. They have since worked so hard with little opportunity to showcase their growth. The class of 2022 had 0 games or practices their sophomore year as

COVID shut us down before tryouts even took place. In 2021, their junior year, we had maybe 2 full weeks of practice and JV had a total of 3 games where Varsity had only 11. Everyone has faced let down from the pandemic, but what other team or program has faced so much let down and yet stayed tenacious continuing to put in the work not knowing when they will actually be able to just play the game? It is for these reasons that as a coach I want to get my players as many games and wide range experience that this sport can provide for them. In a time of uncertainty, having goals and aspirations it at our highest priority and softball provides that for them. In our program we take pride in being student athletes meaning grades and what we do in the classroom takes highest priority and softball is a privilege we earn. This group coming up from freshman to seniors is a group full of dreams, aspirations, dedication, teamwork and so much more. Putting the spring trip on the table is another reason for them to get excited about all the hard work they are putting in. We are starting to see athletes look at continuing their game into the college level once again which is very exciting. It is trips like this that can help open their eyes to what could be if they continue to work hard and earn it.

Please help me to offer these athletes the opportunities they truly deserve. Should this trip be approved we have extra fundraising measures we will put in place to ensure it is covered and goes smoothly. We also understand the length of this trip and in order for girls to be selected they will be academically eligible and have mandatory scheduled study time for every day we are there. We also take the health and safety of everyone involved very seriously and will follow any and all protocols to limit the risks.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our proposal and hope that you can see just how much this trip would mean to all of us.

Sincere thanks,

Coach Kalea Allen

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

Out-of-state travel for interscholastic competition during the school year must be approved by the Executive Director. Use this form to request approval.

School

Ketchikan High School

Date of request

10, 11, 2021

Team, group or organization requesting travel

Softball

Out-of-state destination

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Departure date

4, 2, 21

Return date

4, 9, 21

Describe the out-of-state competition

Event Title: Grand Strand Softball Classic
Type of Competition (invitational, tournament, etc.):
Spring training Varsity tournament

School administrator's permission

The above named school team/organization has my permission to travel for out-of-state competition.
School Administrator (please print) JASON HOUSE
School Administrator's Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/27/21
Phone: 907-225-9815 Fax: 907-247-5761 Email: JASON.HOUSE@KZISCHOOLS.ORG

Executive Director's decision

APPROVED DISAPPROVED

Executive Director's signature

[Signature line]

Comments

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Scan and email this form to office@asaa.org or fax to 907-561-0720

Myrtle Beach South Carolina Spring Softball Trip

Tournament Dates: 4/4-8

Would need to arrive by 4/3 and leave – back home 4/9

Up to 3 coaches total (2 rooms)

Up to 14 girls total (2 rooms, 3 bedroom condos)

Place of stay: Avista Resort Ocean Boulevard, North Myrtle Beach SC

Estimated room cost: **\$3,600.00**

2 adult rooms for 6 nights – per room ~\$800.00 - \$1,600.00

3 rooms for the kids – 3 bedroom condos ~\$1,000.00 each - \$2,000.00

Will need to overnight in Seattle 4/2 estimated hotel cost **~\$650.00**

*To hold a slot for this tournament there must be a **\$500** non-refundable deposit submitted with the application that I have attached for review

This hotel will have discounted rates at a closer date for those attending the tournament event as they have partnered. These rooms also come with kitchens which will allow us to stay in more and save cost on group meals.

The tournament itself includes one game a day plus allotted field practice and training time.

Airfare: I do not have access to estimate this

**Due to the lengthy travel, we would also need to overnight in Seattle on 4/2 and continue flying to SC the morning of 4/3, this would add an additional cost for rooms that night unless a redeye option becomes available*

Transportation: enterprise was recommended by the tournament director, right now would be roughly \$1140 per minivan - **\$2,280.00** hopefully bigger vans are available by then

\$7,030.00 + airfare

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