

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE MEETING
MARCH 8, 2021
3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (3:30 p.m.)

Ms. Alpert Knight called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present via video-conferencing:

Present: Mrs. Peterson, Ms. Alpert Knight,
Mr. Subeck, Mrs. Detlefsen
Absent: None
Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Mrs. Kiedaisch,
Mrs. Styczen, Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Bell, Mrs.
Westfall, Mrs. Meziere, Mrs. Berkhof, Mrs.
Bauer, Mrs. Zogby, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Mertes,
Mrs. Dold, Mrs. Malan, Mrs. McGarry, Mrs.
Murokh, Virtual Participants

DISCUSSION:

2.1 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2021 meeting. Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Yea: Mrs. Peterson, Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Subeck, Mrs. Detlefsen

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

3.1 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4.1 Discussion: Metrics

Dr. Stange provided an overview of the COVID-19 metrics noting a continuing downward trend in Test Positive Rates and New Cases per 100,000 Residents.

Dr. Stange reviewed the potential impact of a quarantine situation under the new Extended Day plan, noting that a confirmed case of COVID-19 would likely require more student quarantine than in the past.

The Task Force then reviewed considerations relative to the Extended Day phase of the reopening plan. They reviewed the updated ISBE/IDPH guidance for schools relative to social distancing, masking, outdoor activities, room capacity, symptom screening, playgrounds, and cleaning/hygiene.

The most significant concern articulated with an Extended Day plan was programming and logistics related to lunch. The group consensus was to ensure a minimum of 6 feet of distance between students during lunch, use employ the use of outdoor eating when feasible, and training students on hygiene and lunch protocols.



The group also discussed reopening playgrounds with the start of the Extended Day plan and training students on playground usage and hygiene prior to and following playground usage.

It was recommended that the District continue to offer the remote learning program, with students video streaming into their regular classrooms when under quarantine or by choice on a trimester basis through the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year.

Finally, the group discussed the desire to offer some type of summer program to ensure student readiness for the 2021-2022 school year.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:02 p.m., Mrs. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Board Vice President

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 13 April, 2021