

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE MEETING
FEBRUARY 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. Meziere, Mrs. Berkhof, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Zogby, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Mertes, Mrs. Dold, Mrs. Malan, Mrs. Westfall, Mrs. McGarry, Mrs. Murokh, Virtual Participants

DISCUSSION:

2.1 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2020 and January 5, 2021 meetings. 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 proposed changes in mitigation strategies (discontinuing on-site temperature checks, discontinuing desk shields, continuing mandates face coverings, and the use of face shields during snack). He

noted that consultation from health professional did not recommend on-site temperature checks, the discontinuation of face coverings, or the use of face shields during snacks.

After discussion the group consensus was to discontinue the practice of conducting on-site temperature checks, to continue the practice of mandating face coverings at all times when on campus, continue the practice of using student desk shields, and to not implement a mandated policy relative to the use of student face shields during snack.

The Task Force then reviewed considerations relative to the next phase of the reopening plan. Task Force members articulated a general desire to increase the amount of in-person instructional time, while being cognizant of the increased risk of COVID-19 exposure associated with lunch and certain “specials” classes. Some Committee members articulated a desire to “stay the course” and not extend the amount of in-person instructional time.

A universal concern by all Task Force members to focus on safety first was articulated.

The most significant concern articulated with an extended day plan was programming and logistics related to lunch.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:56 p.m., Mr. Subeck moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

_____ Board Vice President

_____ Secretary, Board of Education

Approved _____, 2021