

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
3:45 P.M.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (3:45 P.M.)

Ms. Alpert Knight called the meeting to order at 3:45 a.m. and upon roll call, the following were present via video-conferencing:

Present: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler
Absent: Ms. Joseph
Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Mrs. Kiedaisch, Mrs. Styczen, Mr. Spaan, Mr. Subeck, Mrs. Westfall, Mrs. Berkhof, Mrs. Zogby, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Wilkinson, Mrs. McGarry, Mrs. Murokh, Mrs. Detlefsen, Ms. King, Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Kasper

APPROVAL MINUTES

Ms. Alpert Knight motioned to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 Task Force meeting. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Informational Items:

Dr. Stange provided an overview of the COVID-19 metrics, noting positivity rates in the 1-5% and cases per 100,000 resident in the 100+ range regionally. Relatively lower rates are evident in the District 29 area and higher rates in the broader region. Cases in the district have been very low. He also reviewed the vaccination data for staff and students, as well as the parameters for inclusion in the “Test-To-Stay” protocol.

4.1 Feedback for Administration

The Committee provided feedback on “celebrations” suggesting that the District remain conservative but moving forward gradually in their approach (e.g., outdoor parade,

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vaccination or testing if volunteers are allowed inside the school, breaking up large performances into smaller ones or live streaming large performances). The Committee also provided feedback on recess, supporting mask use while on playground equipment and the combination of multiple grade levels during recess at Middlefork.

The Committee provided feedback on the purpose of the Committee itself, suggesting the group no longer needed to be a formal monthly “Board Committee”, but could meet on a less frequent basis to provide feedback on programming and mitigation efforts.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:15 p.m., Ms. Alpert Knight moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dotzler seconded the motion. All were in favor.



Chair, Task Force Committee



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 12 October, 2021