

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2020
3:45 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Ms. Kiedaisch,
Mrs. Styczen, Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Meziere,
Mrs. Berkhof, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Zogby, Mrs. Peck,
Mrs. Mertes, Mrs. Westfall, Mrs. Malan, Mrs.
McGarry, Dr. Friedman, Mr. Whittaker Mrs. Murokh,
Mrs. Sokoulos, Mrs. Macina, Mrs. Kahn, Mr. Hayes,
Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Burgett

DISCUSSION:

2.1 Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Peterson motioned to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2020 meeting. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

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

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

3.1 Public Comment

There were no public comments made at this time.

4.1 Discussion: 2020-2021 Return to School Planning

Ms. Alpert Knight discussed the intention to run the Return to School Task Force meetings moving forward in a manner consistent with all other Board Committees. She noted that Mrs. Detlefsen and herself would serve as the Co-Chairs of the Committee and report information from the Committee back to the full Board of Education at the following meeting.

Dr. Stange provided an overview of the most recent COVID-19 Metrics noting a sharp increase in the Test Positivity Rate and the number of New Cases per 100,000 residents.

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Dr. Stange provided an summary of the recent Parent Feedback Survey as well as the Winter Travel/Socialization Plans Survey sent to staff and families.

Mrs. Detlefsen led the Task Force through a discussion of the options relative to movement between stages of the District 29 Return to School Plan. After a discussion of the relative benefits and challenges of various options (e.g., remain at the current Stage, move ahead to Stage III of the Plan, move ahead to a modified version of the Stage II of the plan), Mrs. Detlefsen summarized that the Task Force was recommending not change in the current Stage of the Plan.

Mrs. Alpert Knight led the Task Force through a discussion of the relative benefits and challenges of specific options relative to the winter calendar. After much discussion and debate, it was clear that the Task Force did not have a unified recommendation to make on this topic. Ms. Alpert Knight then indicated that she should share the various perspectives from the group with the full Board of Education at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:31 p.m., Ms. Alpert Knight moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. All were in favor.




Task Force Committee Chairperson

Secretary, Board of Education

Approved _____, 2020