**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29**

**525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD**

**NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093**

**RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE MEETING**

**JANUARY 4, 2021**

**3:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL: (3:33 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:

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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

**DISCUSSION: 2.1 Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Peterson motioned to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Alpert Knight 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: Informational Items**

Dr. Stange provided an overview of the COVID-19 metrics noting a slight updward trend in Test Positive Rates and New Cases per 100,000 Residents. He also reviewed the final updated quarantine guidance from IDPH/CCDPH.

**4.2 Discussion: Feedback for Administrative Team**

Dr. Sukenik and Mrs. Kiedaisch reviewed proposed changes to the Hybrid In-Person Schedule. The changes included adjusting arrival/dismissal timers at Sunset Ridge, offering some in-person “specials” classes at Middlefork School, some strategic crossing of PODS by staff in the Student Services Department and Advanced Learning Program, offering Band for students in 5th grade, and allowing students to have snack indoors when inclement weather prevented having snack outside. Several participants articulated concerns with the potential increased risk in transmission associated with some of the proposed changes and advised obtaining consultation from our health experts on the merits of the proposals and potential mitigation strategies to reduce the risk.

**4.3 Discussion: Recommendations to Board for Policy/Plan Changes**

The group discussed a proposed recommendation to allow any students that were under quarantine for any reason (e.g., close contact, travel,

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abundance of caution) to participate in remote learning for a mandatory minimum of 10-days. Some participants articulated concerns that the proposed recommendation would be difficult to manage and result in significant disruption to the remote learning environment. Ultimately, the group recommended that the revision to the Return to School Plan be limited to travel quarantine situations only in that any student could participate in remote learning following a mandated travel quarantine period.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 5:16 p.m.,Ms. Detlefsen moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Alpert

Knight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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