

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE MEETING
JULY 26, 2021
9:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (9:32 A.M.)

Ms. Alpert Knight called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and upon roll call, the following were present via video-conferencing:

Present: Alpert Knight, Mr. Dotzler

Absent: Ms. Joseph

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Mrs. Kiedaisch, Mrs. Styczen, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Westfall, Mrs. Berkhof, Mrs. Zogby, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Wilkinson, Mrs. McGarry, Mrs. Murokh, Mrs. Detlefsen, Ms. Hendricks, Mrs. Malan, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Marinello, Mr. Blachno, Mr. Subeck, Mr. Ziedler

APPROVAL MINUTES

Ms. Joseph motioned to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2021 Task Force meeting. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Stange read a public comment from the Johnson family supporting a mask optional environment.

4.1 Informational Items:

Dr. Stange provided an overview of the COVID-19 metrics, noting a slight upturn in positivity rates and cases per 100,000 individuals. He also reviewed updated health and educational guidance noting that universal masking was being recommended by local health officials.

Dr. Stange reiterated his recommended approach to start the 2021-2022 school year as following the mitigation strategies recommended by the IDPH, and utilizing data from the District 29 COVID-19 Metrics Dashboard to guide decisions about removing or adding mitigation strategies.

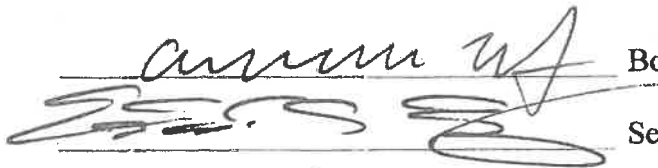
4.1 Feedback for Administration

The Committee reviewed the highlights of proactive and responsive mitigation strategies delineated in the proposed 2021-2022 District 29 Return to School Plan, and a frequently asked questions document for stakeholders. A discussion of face coverings yielded proponents of both universal masking and optional masking. Additional discussion occurred regarding collecting vaccination information and the organization of temporary remote learning for individuals under quarantine.

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:13 a.m., Ms. Alpert Knight moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.



Board Vice President



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 17 August, 2021