**Meeting Rationale**

FSWC – Lee is a small school with lots of integrated and moving parts. Our parent organizations (Florida SouthWestern State College and the Lee County School District both operate as outside entities and are dependable sources of support and structure. In relation to the LCSD, we are an independent Charter School and function as a sub division of the School of Education at FSW (SoE). These positions are advantageous to us as we remain operationally free to do what is best for students, staff, and our general school community. While there is a formal structure of meeting almost every other Tuesday as a full group, submitting our meeting minutes to the College’s Document Manager, and meeting regularly with the Dean of the SoE, this structure is not the driving force for excellence. Student needs are best met through the spirit of innovation, self-directedness, cooperation, and shared decision-making that permeates the culture here. The results of this methodology speak for themselves in terms of academic achievement, climate surveys, and the annual excess demand for seats during our open enrollment lottery.

What follows are the meeting minutes and summaries of our designated time(s) together but they do not happen in a vacuum. Sometimes they sound like an agenda and are published before hand, other times they are presented as a summary of what happened. Lunchtimes in the staff lounges, group chats via cell phone, teachers teaming up with each other, ideas from the Principal, un-expected student needs, world events☺, all get managed with the strength of a unified staff. There is an un-written expectation that decisions that will affect multiple people or groups of students require everyone involved to be present. This builds a sense of team while encouraging independent thinking and cooperation at the same time.

**FSWC-Lee Collegiate High School**

**Meeting Minutes**

3/18/2020

Hi everyone…..

No point in beating around the bush…….there are more questions than answers at this point.

You can see the only official information that has been released to leaders statewide in the attachment and by scrolling down.

Here is what is in stone:

* No students until April 15.
* You are getting paid through the closure.
* The building has been cleaned.
* All assessments, School Grades, and other statewide accountability measures suspended.
* FSW college classes can be dropped through end of next week if students don’t like the new change.
* FSW graduation has been cancelled.
* The district is having a meeting today about virtual learning but whatever they do won’t be binding to us.

Here’s what is a probably……

* No students after April 15 (decisions made by DOE in 2 week blocks).
* Some expectation of virtual learning (no harm in thinking about what you would do).
* No A+ money for this year unless they feel real generous and give us last year’s again.
* FSW will allow us to use the building once we open and they stay closed (this is not in the for sure category yet).
* Grad Bash and Prom will likely be cancelled since they violate the CDC recommendations.
* I want to hold off on formally cancelling graduation but it seems un-avoidable.
* School year will be extended.
* We might need to “get together” either in person or via massive phone network next week to get further organized.
* I think it’s likely that your “working in some capacity” beginning on the 30th.

Here’s what we don’t know….

* Will the situation extend beyond current closures?
* If virtual learning becomes mandatory or optional, what does that look like?
* How long will the year be extended vs. how many days will the state forgive?

I will send a much shorter version to families today.

Stay tuned and enjoy the group chat!!

B. Botts