**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**

7/3/2020

<https://fsw.zoom.us/j/95948901217>

Meeting ID: 959 4890 1217

After we all talk on Monday @ 1:00…..this email could go to families of incoming 9th and 10th graders.  I want to establish pro-active communication with our families but would rather talk with you all first.

*On one hand, I hope you read this note…..on another, I hope your relaxing with family or just un-plugging for a few days because that is an important part of summer.  We recently spent some time traveling in the mountains and although I needed cell service to stay connected, it was nice for a few hours not to have access to all the complicated and changing issues.  Rather than just leaving everyone speculating I wanted to take this opportunity to be transparent about what next year* ***might*** *look like.*

*First, all the disclaimers:*

* *Everything can change in a single phone call or email.  It did during Spring Break last year and we are still adjusting.  Something like this could be a local decision, state decision, or even a national directive.  In short, we don’t know what we don’t know .*
* *None of the statues and governance structures for Charter Schools anticipated a global pandemic so it’s often times just speculation about what is a binding rule, what is an option that individual schools can consider, and then there is the matter of just simply wanting to do the right thing and use some common sense.*
* *Last disclaimer, this email only contains ideas.  As of July 3rd,* ***no firm or final decisions are made*** *but that time is coming quickly for both us and the local district.  I would just rather give you something than nothing so that you can talk about an idea rather than speculate into thin air.*

*Now what next year* ***might*** *look like….*

*In an attempt to find a balance between social distancing and traditional educational experiences for staff and students, a hybrid plan of 2 days a week in the building with the remainder of time spent virtually could address most concerns.  ½ of students could report every other day for direct instruction and to orientate students to what would be expected for the virtual portions of each class.  Having a system of “A days & B days” would present challenges but would also be a step back toward normal and combined with one-way traffic in hallways, hand sanitizers around the building, the use of face masks, and other creative ideas school could happen.  An additional benefit (pending various approvals) the building could remain closed to students on Friday’s to facilitate deep cleaning.*

*In the next week, I expect to have all the information that we need to make the best decision we can for your students, our staff, and the collective set of families that we all are a part of.  When we have a solid plan, we will send out final enrollment packets so that you can make a fully informed choice about what attending FSWC – Lee will look like.  Please stay tuned, remain patient, and consider us your partner for next school year.*