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Agenda Item 1 (c)

The FSW Board of Trustees met in a half day retreat on November 20, 2020.

FSW Board of Trustee Retreat

November 20, 2020

Lee Campus

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8:30-1:30

- Purpose – refine board identity and take action on BOT self-evaluation results
- Goals – The goals of the retreat are to get to know each other better; to learn about each other as individuals and how we function as a board, and to evaluate and propose an approach at a high level whereby we may increase Board involvement and thus Board effectiveness at the college.
- Strategy – time for in-depth discussion on limited topics
- Attendees – Danny Nix, Chris Cunningham, Laura Perry, Julia du Plooy, David Ciccarello, Marjorie Starnes-Bllotti, Jonathan Martin (Absent – Bruce Laishley)

Trustees discussed:

- The importance of trustees attending FSW Graduation / Commencement as well as Charter School Graduation, Convocation, and State of the College
- Consideration of becoming an FSW donor
- The importance of celebrating the successes of fellow trustees
- Being involved in the recognition of FSW employees – 5yrs, 10yrs, etc
- How informative it would be to sit in on selected college committees

Trustees reflected on their self-evaluation and targeted potential topics for further review – that is, consider these topics for further board training and development:

- Community relations – possible actions: FSW Board members meet w/ county school board members, county commissioners, etc. || FSW Board members look at ways to create awareness in your community || Make the Hendry / Glades communities more aware of FSW offerings || Within communities better align with Career Source, EDC, etc. || FSW regional awareness meetings / partnership discussions || Have evening information sessions inviting the community in || Make corporate donors aware of FSW contributions
- Long range facility planning
- Workforce certificates
- Collective Bargaining

Trustees discussed board operations to include:

- Have SGA members attend BOT meetings and meet informally with trustees
- BOT chair/vice chair meet with SGA
- Consider starting BOT meetings with a lunch meeting – if so vary lunch menu
- Consider starting BOT meetings in midmorning and going from committee discussions directly into business meeting – that is, all one progressive meeting (Possible schedule: 9:30 – 11:30 / 11:30-12:30 / 12:30 – 1:30 / adjourn when complete.

- Consider extending BOT meetings to conclude with a dinner meeting, thus extending the meeting time
- Consider a committee structure in which all trustees can engage in all committees
- Create a system where trustees choose the committee they attend per meeting based on items – that is, trustees alert in advance which committee meeting they wish to attend based on specific agenda items for which they want more information
- Make committee meetings virtual, at staggered times so that all trustees can attend and BOT business meeting face to face
- Balance efficiency of meeting structure with time to digest material
- Trustees prepare sooner and reach out to college staff to ask clarifying questions before meetings



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