Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Present: Dr. Botts, Laura Barrow, Barb Covington, Julie Draulans, Mark Farbotko, Joshua Frye, John Holik, Cecily Huston, Dale Jamison, Ann Dougherty, Patricia Kirkpatrick, Jennese Morauski, Katie Reilly, Christopher Tucker, Mitchel Vitale

Summary:

Fall-o-ween door contest...

First off, Fun is good. It feels great to see kids smiling and being creative. When we agreed on the contest I was supposed to come up with some "rules" but it's going fine so here are the categories:

- Best "Fall" design.
- Best "Halloween" design.
- Best "Over All."

This means 3 winners and the judges will be here at 2:00 on Friday so doors need to be done before then. I think we can announce the winners that day (Gift cards for staff plus food for the kids who helped).

- Mr. Vitale organizing dress up days
- Dr. D getting yearbook photos

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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Summary:

Thanks for your continued patience with STEM

Just to re-cap.....the narratives you all wrote have been and are being re-tooled to try and gain the maximum number of points on their Rubric. We hope/expect to have our final version of what aspects of the school (and evidence) are being used for each of the 16 standards by the end of the week. For now, please just get any evidence you think might be useful organized and into one place but <u>don't send it</u> <u>anywhere yet</u>. If everything goes according to plan, we will ask for certain things (things you already alluded to in your narratives) and you will already have them. It's also likely that we might need things that I know you have but might have to dig up.

You can go ahead and name the items using the convention below but please be prepared to switch the Standard # and/or submit it multiple times if we end up asking for it that way.

STEM evidence naming convention:

Standard #_Item Title_Teachername

Also, thanks for your quick and impressive response to the integrated lesson thing I sprung on you yesterday. The fact that it can happen so intuitively and almost on demand says it all.

• Meet by Department to review lesson integration

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Summary:

Bottom line, this is a lot of work but we are almost there \bigcirc . In terms of collecting evidence:

I have started emailing individuals with lists of things we need to support various standards. When you get an email from me like that, please do your best to send it ASAP and label it as "Standard # Name of item". There are hundreds of files floating around and I have to process each one individually and check it to make sure it is in fact what we need. I hope to have all my "asks" out there by noon tomorrow O.

This request below is in addition to anything I already asked for per the above. This body of submission will support the fact that we have multitudes of projects for kids across all curriculum. From each of your main teaching assignments (not the electives) we need one additional really solid STEM group project that incorporates as many Critical Thinking, Communication, and Collaboration skills as possible. For this request please send me:

- 1. Example(s) of student work (label the file(s)) Standard 7 Core Class name project name example
- 2. A short paragraph description in a word file that includes the name of the project, what sort of work product was the deliverable, why you had students complete it and if you have modified the project over the years and why you modified it. Also list what STEM and or 3C skills it featured. Please label this as Standard 7 core class name description.

When you label the files, it's important that you use the same name for both submissions so that when the files all stack together your examples and descriptions are right there.

• Meet by Grade level to cross check for standards and completion

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

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Summary:

Dates to keep in mind/consider....

Thanks for your responsiveness in getting STEM evidence together. We have a lot and we do a lot and I am more confident now that we can prove it on paper. We have completed narratives and evidence sets all together and are fine tuning and polishing (looking for easy points O) this week. I have to send it to the evaluator one week from today. If we haven't scheduled or completed the "observation" please make sure we get that done asap. I only need a few minutes as long as I understand what the big picture is and how what I observe fits into the overall student experience.

- Monday is picture make up day and Sr. on campus photos probably doesn't affect you unless you haven't had your personal picture taken ③
- Thursday and Friday the 18th and 19th has been proposed as a big block to facilitate a "turkey bowl" kind of 8th period on the Friday before the long break. Unless there is strong objection, let's do it and have a little fun.
 - We can also work our November Fire Drill and Code Red drill into these extended periods.
- Somewhere around this date the lottery for next year will open online.
- Monday the 29th we return from Turkey Weekend © and the STEM zoom's start for myself, parents, and community members
- Tuesday the 30th all kinds of zoom sessions for STEM process (all in Ms. Barrow's room)
 - 8:00 a.m. is a zoom for student interviews
 - 9:15 10:00 for Freshmen Teachers (Frye in both)
 - 10:00 10:45 for Sophomore Teachers (Frye in both)
- Friday, December 3rd Florida Civics Literacy Test in the cafeteria during A.M.
- Thursday, December 9th STEM findings delivered to me at 11:00 a.m. (yikes....)
- Saturday, December 11th Dance on campus for all grade levels
- January 12th grade level assemblies for the mental health guest speaker
- January TBA Enrollment Open House on some evening

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Summary:

New e-ticket app is live.

Hometown Ticketing is our new partner to provide an e-commerce solution for student activities. Going forward, you will able to purchase tickets and other school related items through this service to avoid the headache of having to write manual checks for everything. Using a credit or debit card you can purchase and then your student will receive an email "ticket" with a QR code. After you enter your payment information, <u>please enter the student's name & email into the system so they get the "ticket"</u> <u>directly.</u> This set of fields is intended for the attendee, not for billing purposes. Even if you make a mistake, the code will work whether it is physically printed, screen shot, forwarded to another email, ect.....Staff at the school scans the code to redeem your purchase.

Important note: The lunch money process remains the same.....but you can now access our "online box office" from our webpage (see the new big button) or from this link directly.

https://www.fsw.edu/wp/lchs/home/hometown-ticketing/

<u>Winter Formal Dance</u> for all enrolled $9^{th} - 12^{th}$ grade students coming up on December the 11^{th} . Use this new service to purchase your ticket so your student can enjoy some holiday social time!!! Students who already paid by check will receive a QR code to their FSW email address and their names are on the guest list so there is no worry about how you bought your ticket. Also, there will NOT be a price increase next week as scheduled.

Some exciting news:

While COVID presented extreme challenges for all of us during the 19-20 school year (as well as the first quarter of this year) we are happy to report that your students and our staff have been excelling during this challenging time! Two important points to note:

- 1. FSWC Lee was ranked number one in the state of Florida in last year's school grade calculations!! See attached details ©.
- 2. Our recent Accreditation Visit from Cognia resulted in another high score that let Cognia to name FSWC Lee a School of Distinction. This credential is given to 80 top performing schools from across Cognia's global network. Check it out at: <u>https://Cognia.org/Distinction</u>

<u>Final Exams</u> are scheduled for January 6th and 7th. There was some discussion about trying to squeeze them in before break but there is content to be covered and all things considered, it's better to stick to the established schedule. Please remember that the exam for classes listed below counts for 20% of the overall semester grade with the remaining 80% coming from the numeric average of 1st and 2nd

quarters. The one exception is that Algebra and Geometry use a simple numeric average as the EOC is weighted and a full credit is issued at the year-end.

- Freshmen will have Cultural Geography and English I on Thursday, January 6th followed by Geometry, Algebra I, & MCR on Friday, January 7th.
- Sophomores will have MCR or Algebra II and English II on Thursday, January 6th followed by World History on Friday, January, 7th.

Both days will operate on a "Big Block Schedule" so that there is one study period and one exam before lunch and then the same pattern after lunch. The second $\frac{1}{2}$ of Friday will be an activity period. We do not give exams early and if students miss, a make-up time will be scheduled.

STEM results on Thursday the 9^{th} – fingers crossed O

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Summary:

WE PASSED STEM !!! All four sections past the minimum score - see attached

In terms of new business:

- There seems to a kind of no brainer to make Friday the 17th (half day) a student activity day. Please post an activity your willing to host that day and students who show up will have to pick. Possibly some won't even come.....
- We need to host an open house(s) in January and/or February. I think it's worth a discussion of trying for one big or two smaller......we have the new "ticketing service" that can force people to RSVP and help control the crowd / limit tickets. We can discuss this Thursday and/or next week we need a date to publicize....thinking third week of January.
 - Mr. Vitale is going to retire and take a full time engineering job ${\mathscr B}$