

# *Florida Public School Consortium Central Regional Meeting*

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**January 31, 2008**  
**Nova Southeastern University – Orlando Campus**

**8:30 AM**      **Kathy Israelson, President FPSCC**

Call to Order and Introductions  
Overview of Purpose and Goals  
Announce Membership Dues

Kathy called the group to order and explained that she wanted to be on time. She talked about the purpose of the Consortium for school choice. She provided an icebreaker for the group to “get acquainted”. She then showed a power point—see attached –on the FPSCC history which included the conferences held in 2005,2006 (before the Magnet Schools Summer Conference), and 2007(before the k-12 Conference). Kathy also explained that the membership dues had been revised to include dues for district, regional and state parent advisory councils for school choice. (see attached list)

**9:10 AM**      **Yolanda Miranda-Hill, FLDOE Outreach Coordinator, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice**

Voluntary Public School Choice Grant

Overview of VPSC Grant Proposal: Yolanda of the USDOE and FLDOE grant application which including the funding of Parent Resource Centers across the State, the Parent Advisory Councils for school choice and the planning and implementation of three models of inter-district school choice, one for a group including large districts, one for a group including small districts and one to include secondary schools with career academies. The first year would be for planning. Yolanda was trying to get the models ready for a teleconference after the deadline of January 31, 2008 (today) for expressing interest in planning and implementing these models.

The State of Florida will conduct a teleconference across the districts to answer questions and get input from them. The state hopes to get the grant planning funds to districts in order to plan for next school year. Districts said that they needed information now for the 2008-09 school year.

The funding amounts would be less for the planning year and more than one million dollars for each of the next four years.

There were many questions such as: when would funds be available (April 2008); could large districts use “regions” for “inter district” and would creative ideas be entertained by the USDOE in Florida which has county districts which make it very hard to do “inter-district choice”. The answer was that Iris Lane would be asked these questions and then we would know how to proceed. Yolanda also discussed the possibility of the conference in June at the FLDOE Data Base Workshop which will be June 15-17 in Orlando at the Fla. Mall Hotel. Another options is the Just Read! Conference at the end of June, 2008 at the Marriott World Center.

**10:00 AM**      **Kathleen Harris**

Dr. Carlo Rodriguez Champion of School Choice Awards & NSU Scholarships

Kathy Harris next presented on the above awards which are being given by Nova Southeastern University, Fischler School of Education and Human Services (FSEHS) in his honor. There will be one individual award and one district award of scholarships for attendance at the graduate school as a masters or doctoral students. (A person can be nominated by a person or a district). The information including the rubric and the rules are on the web site –[www.fpssc.net](http://www.fpssc.net). Kathy also discussed a major project of the FPSCC which is an annual event—“Career Academies on the Hill” This program highlights a major form of public choice—“career academies”. Past President Connie Scotthel-Gross is the manager of Career Education in Palm Beach and is running the program with Kathleen Harris who is the national consultant of academies and high school reform. Kathy also provided information on the agenda.

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**10:15 AM Judith Stein, Treasurer FPSCC**

Website and e-Newsletter

Dr. Judith Stein, Treasurer of the FPSCC reported on the web site and the e newsletter which just came out today (January 31, 2008). She showed the web site which will be provided to the Florida Association of Charter School Authorizers and their members and also an e newsletter which will be implemented with a prominent section of the FASCA. The President of FASCA is Carolyn Finch who is also the regional representative of the FPSCC.

**10:30 AM Carolyn Finch, FPSCC Central Region Representative**

Central Region Update

Carolyn Finch explained that this was the first of our joint meetings that would include the FPSCC and the FASCA which would allow us to collaborate between the two organizations and allow joint regional meetings and possible conferences together. After this meeting, there will be a lunch and meeting of the FASCA to discuss charter school authorizing issues.

**Wrap Up Kathy Israelson, President FPSCC**

**Critical Kathleen Harris, President of SECES  
Conversation**

Choice Enrollment Changes after the Supreme Court Decision

Because of time limits and the size of the room, the critical conversation was not presented.

**11:00 AM Adjourn**

Next Meeting will be held in Tallahassee at the Career Academies On The Hill April 17, 2008  
(information will be forthcoming)

The mission of the Florida Public School Choice Consortium (FPSCC) is to provide information and support to maintain and expand public school choice options in Florida.