



North Regional Meeting

April 15, 2008
Double Tree Hotel – Tallahassee, Florida

2:00 PM **Kathy Israelson, President FPSCC**
Call to Order and Introductions
Overview of Purpose and Goals
Announce Membership Dues

Everyone introduced each other and spoke about their roles with school choice. Ms. Israelson provided a brief overview of the Florida Public School Choice Consortium, its purpose and its goals. Membership information is available on the FPSCC website.

2:30 PM **Jean Miller, Interim Executive Director, FLDOE Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice**
DOE Mission and Vision for the 5-year Voluntary Public School Choice Grant Partnership with NOVA Southeastern University

Ms. Miranda-Hill spoke in Ms. Miller's place as Ms. Miller was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Miranda-Hill provided an overview of her position and role with the Department of Education. She reviewed the Mission and Vision of the VPSC Grant and Partnership with NOVA.

2:45 PM **Yolanda Miranda-Hill, VPSC Program Manager, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice**
Overview of Voluntary Public School Choice Grant Proposal
Funding of Interdistrict Choice
Input from Districts
Questions and Answers

Ms. Miranda-Hill provided an overview of the VPSC Grant available to districts. The grant deadline is this Monday, April 21, 2008 and cannot be extended. The first budget period is a total of \$743,000 to be split between approximately 3 models, depending on the level of funding needed for each model. This is a 5-year grant to expand school choice options at the secondary level for low performing students and providing an opportunity for those students to have access to high performing programs. Models should address 3 needs: 1) has to be a collaborating partnership between districts as defined by the county that is governed by the School Board, 2) has to substantially impact students in lower performing schools, and 3) has to have an emphasis on the secondary level.

3:15 PM Yolanda Miranda-Hill, VPSC Program Manager
Parent Advisory Council Update

Ms. Miranda-Hill reviewed the purpose of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC is made up of parents that are involved in any form of choice, including, but not limited to, McKay Scholarships, Home School, Virtual as well as the traditional forms of choice, magnet, and charter. The PAC will assist parents with understanding the processes for enrollment in choice programs, and parents will bring information back to their districts to share with other parents.

The State Advisory Council is looking for parents who understand the dissemination process for school choice. It is looking for parents who are a part of other organizations and volunteer within their community.

3:45 PM Audrey Lewis-Potter, FPSCC North Regional Representative
North Regional Update
DOLPI Training Update

Ms. Lewis-Potter provided a brief update on the North Region. They are moving along with the goals, activities and objectives developed in their last meeting in October 2007.

Ms. Lewis-Potter then provided an overview and update on the expansion of DOLPI, Different Levels of Parent Involvement. She is available to visit different counties to provide training on how to expand parent involvement in their district and/or schools. Handouts were provided to attendees.

4:15 PM Kathy Israelson, President FPSCC
Wrap Up

4:30 PM Adjourn