



Regional Meeting

**June 18, 2008
Database Workshop
Orlando, Florida**

Kathy Israelson, President FPSCC

Call to Order and Introductions

Ms. Israelson introduced herself to the group and explained that Ms. Miranda-Hill would be presenting while everyone ate their lunch.

Yolanda Miranda-Hill, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice

VPSC Grant Awards

Ms. Miranda-Hill spoke with the group about the three Voluntary Public School Choice (VPSC) Grant awards and introduced the district representatives. Carla McMullen with Polk County spoke briefly about Polk County's VPSC program which includes two strands; one is a partnership with Polk, Hillsborough and Osceola County and the other forms a central region coalition with nine districts. Pansy Houghton from Hillsborough County spoke briefly about Hillsborough County's VPSC program which is planned to provide the AVID Program to students in adjoining districts; Liz Shapiro from Palm Beach County spoke briefly about their VPSC program which provides a model academy program of Culinary Arts for students in Monroe County. Palm Beach will mentor Monroe County and their new Career Academy program.

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Presentation of the Dr. Carlo Rodriguez Champion of School Choice Award
FPSCC Purpose and Goals for 2008-2009
FPSCC Membership

Ms. Israelson explained that the Dr. Carlo Rodriguez Award had been awarded to Carla McMullen who received a half scholarship to Nova Southeastern University for the Master's Degree Program. She asked Carla to receive her award at the Tuesday, June 17, 1008 State Board of Education meeting held in Tampa, Florida. Carla said a few words of thanks and explained the importance of the award to her. Ms. Israelson then recognized the second recipient of this award, Mary Ellen Elia, Superintendent of Hillsborough County, who was awarded a half scholarship to Nova Southeastern

University for the Doctorial Program. Since Maryellen Elia was not present, Pansey Houghton explained to the persons assembled the reasons why Ms. Elia deserved the award.

Ms. Israelson reviewed the mission and vision of the FPSCC and handed out the membership information to the group. This information can also be found on the FPSCC website at www.fpscc.net

Katy Twist-Harty, Grant Project Manager

NOVA Southeastern Grant

Ms. Twist-Harty reviewed Nova Southeastern University's involvement with the VPSC Grant and the expansion of Parent Resource Centers in several counties. She informed the group that through the VPSC grant, that NSU would be offering the inter-district grantees the same services that they give to parents and parent resource centers. She also gave out information relating to the Parent Advisory Council and additional nominations for members to nominate parents in their districts to the State PAC. Katy requested that we get a good assortment of parents that could represent all areas of school choice in Florida.

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Wrap Up

Ms. Israelson thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.

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.