



The fourth and final meeting of the Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC) for the 2018-2019 school year took place at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida on May 17 & 18, 2019. Laura Beltran welcomed members and called the meeting to order; thirteen members attended. The agenda and minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Presentation/Workshops

Florida Department of Education Update (FDOE)

Marlene Acosta Rodriguez
MEP State Evaluator

Ms. Acosta Rodriguez sent information to Dr. Pouncey to share with members. She talked about the evaluation of the summer program that is currently being carried out to ensure the effectiveness of the program and to prepare for next summer. She also mentioned the annual evaluation of the migrant program is currently underway. An external evaluator is preparing the report which will be released shortly.

Understanding Migrant and ESOL Federal Programs

Dr. Maria Pouncey
FMPAC Coordinator

Dr. Pouncey discussed with members the main topics of both the Migrant and ESOL programs. She emphasized the importance of a student's attendance. She showed the impact of chronic absence during early years of students in school.

National Conference Update

Laura Beltran FMPAC President
Veronica Rodriguez FMPAC Alt. Secretary

Ms. Beltran and Ms. Rodriguez shared with the members their experience with preparing, submitting and presenting at the Migrant National Conference. Both parents were humbled by the opportunity to represent the state of Florida. Their presentation went very well and the feedback was excellent.



Graduation Plus

Michele Antonia
Immokalee Technical College



Ms. Antonia gave members a presentation on the options that students have after graduating high school. She went over the different programs that I-Tech has to offer. She also explained the difference between certain programs offered at I-Tech.

MSIX Training

Juanita Torres
Migrant Coordinator for Suwannee County

Ms. Torres gave members a training on the Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) program. She explained the use of the program, how it helps maintain and assist with records of highly mobile students.

FMPAC Executive Board (2018 - 2019)

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Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC)

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- Rosa Roque
- Cristina Lopez

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- Maria Segura
- Veronica Rodriguez

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- Maria Hernandez-Rojas

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- Celia Mendoza

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- Celestino Cruz

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- Maria I. Valdez

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- America Sainz

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- Veronica Rodriguez

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- Laura Beltran

Polk

- Homero Nava

Suwannee

- Angela Che

Volusia

- Maria Hernandez

FMPAC District

Collier

- Dora Agado

Miami-Dade

- Dahlia Peña

Polk

- Yiny Vasquez

Suwannee

- Naela Jimenez

Volusia

- Jennipher Nieves



Message from the FMPAC President:

Hello FMPAC Members,

I can't believe this school year is over. I would like to personally thank you for your participation in our meetings. For taking time away from your family to support our FMPAC family. I thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a valuable team. These past 4 years were such an educational and most empowering experience in serving as your president. Special thanks to our FMPAC team for the great leadership skills. I pray this program continues. God bless and safe travels.

Thank you,
Laura Beltran
 President



2019 Graduating Leaders

Ms. Laura Beltran (pictured left) and Ms. Maria Segura (pictured right) have served as FMPAC members for the past 4 years. They have made great contributions to the council.



Difference between College and Technical College

College/university focuses on research for faculty members

- AA – often the foundation for upper division classes – the first 2 years of a 4 year program – focus on social science and humanities
- English, science, humanities, math, electives, etc.
(60 credit hours – 32 in General Education)
- AS – often terminal – focus is often on math and science
Focus is on the core of learning
(60 credit hours – 18 in General Education)
- Some now offer 4 year degrees

Technical College focuses on career readiness

- Balance of book/hands-on learning
- No General Education requirements
- Seat hour system



Participant Survey Results

Trainings/Workshops:	
FDOE Update	Strongly agree = 15 Agree = 0
Understanding Migrant and ESOL Federal Programs	Strongly agree = 15 Agree = 0
National Conference Update	Strongly agree = 13 Agree = 1
Graduation Plus - I-Tech	Strongly agree = 13 Agree = 2
MSIX Training	Strongly agree = 13 Agree = 1
Parent Leaders: Summary of Highlights	Strongly agree = 11 Agree = 1
Accommodations:	
Hotel (your room) was comfortable.	Strongly agree = 12 Agree = 2 Neutral = 1
The food was of good taste.	Strongly agree = 12 Agree = 3
The hotel staff was kind.	Strongly agree = 14 Agree = 1
PAEC staff was helpful during the conference preparations.	Strongly agree = 14 Agree = 1
The meeting room was comfortable (it was not too cold or too hot).	Strongly agree = 13 Agree = 2
The material used was easy to understand	Strongly agree = 13 Agree = 2
Meeting times, location, and childcare:	
Weekend meetings.	Strongly agree = 12 Agree = 1
Childcare available.	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 1 Neutral = 1
Central area in Orlando.	Strongly agree = 12 Agree = 1
Central area for all members.	Strongly agree = 12 Agree = 1

References

FDOE, I-Tech

Visit the FMPAC website myfmpac.org/español for more information in Spanish.

