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**Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC)**



The second meeting for the Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC) for the 2015-2016 school year took place at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando, Florida on December 11 & 12, 2015. Elizabeth Ochoa welcomed members and called the meeting to order. Nine members attended. Three new members were voted in: Maria Segura from Collier County, Dahlia Peña from Miami-Dade County, and Felix Jose from Hillsborough County. The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**Presentations**

**Kay Brewton**, PAEC Education Consultant, gave a workshop

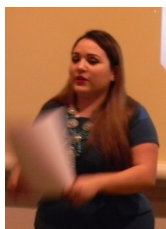


on vocabulary named "Let's Talk". She highlighted research that has been done in homes of parents who talk with their children and those homes

where little to no conversation occurs.

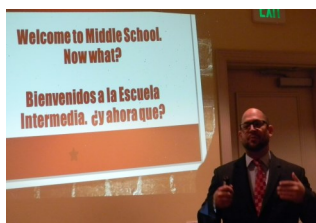
The research indicates that children from conversation rich homes enter kindergarten with a robust vocabulary, she offered parents tips and strategies they can use to increase content rich vocabulary and conversation.

**Elizabeth Aguilar**, former migrant student, shared her story and the importance of parent involvement. She stressed



that parents need to ensure that learning becomes a routine like brushing their teeth. She emphasized that learning starts at home with the parents.

**John E. Padilla**, 7th grade Administrator,



focused on some of the changes that students encounter in middle school. These changes are academic as well as social. He offered points parents should consider in helping their children transition into middle school.



**Isaac Altamirano**, PAEC Migrant Technical Assistant, conducted an email workshop. He talked to members about the importance of keeping passwords safe and how to create a complex password.





## Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC)

### FMPAC Members

#### By County

##### Collier

Maria Segura  
Anita Rakoski

##### Hillsborough

Felix Jose

##### Miami-Dade

Dahlia Peña

##### Pasco

Elizabeth Ochoa  
Laura Beltran

##### Polk

Rosa Flores

##### Putnam

Maria G. Rodriguez

##### Suwannee

Epifania Maya

##### Volusia

Irene Flores

#### FMPAC District

#### Members by County

##### Madison

Nicholas Gonzalez

##### Miami-Dade

Martha Torres

##### Suwannee

Naela Jimenez

##### Volusia

Katie Amaral



### Message from the FMPAC President:



Hello everyone,

I would like to personally welcome the new 2015-2016 FMPAC members. Your presence on this committee shows your dedication and commitment that you each have with the success of our migrant children. Also a special congratulations to our new council committee members: Dahlia Peña (Vice-President),

Maria Rodriguez (Secretary) and Maria Segura (Alt. Secretary). Both Dahlia and I have been working hard on the proposal for the upcoming National Conference in San Diego, California. We look forward to representing each of you and bringing back lots of information to share.

Sincerely,

Eli Ochoa

FMPAC President







## *LET'S TALK*

### Think, Ink, Link...

- **Think:** Determine the amount of time spent in your car with your child and/or children. Reflect on what happens during the trip.
- **Ink:** Write down the number of minutes for car trips and what you and your children do.
- **Link:** Share with partner/table group the number of minutes and what you do during this time.

## *Welcome to Middle School. Now What?*

Things parents need to be aware of about middle school:

Homework from different teachers

- In elementary school your child had one teacher for all subjects. That one teacher knew how much homework she had assigned in each area. In middle school each teacher assigns their own amount of homework. Your child should be busy each night.

Changing teachers for different subjects

- In most cases your child will have seven different teachers/classes  
Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, P.E. and two electives

Accountability

- Hold your child accountable. If for some reason your child is not passing. Ask about other options such as course recovery, Saturday school and other programs to get the student on track.





# *Participant Survey Results*

<b>Trainings/Workshops:</b>	
Vocabulary workshop "Let's Talk"	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
Guest Speaker	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
Welcome to Middle School. Now What?	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
Computer Training	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
<b>Accommodations</b>	
Hotel (your room) was comfortable.	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
The food was of good taste.	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
The hotel staff was kind.	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
PAEC staff was helpful during the conference preparations.	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
The meeting room was comfortable (it was not too cold or too hot).	Strongly agree = 6    Agree = 1
The material used was easy to understand	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
<b>Meeting times, location, and childcare:</b>	
Weekend meetings.	Strongly agree = 6    Agree = 1
Childcare available.	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
Central area in Orlando.	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0
Central place (in Orlando instead of another Florida city) for all members.	Strongly agree = 7    Agree = 0

## *References*

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Visit the FMPAC website [myfmpac.org/espaol](http://myfmpac.org/espaol) for this PowerPoint presentation in Spanish and [www.myfmpac.org](http://www.myfmpac.org) for other presentations.

