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Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC)



Welcome Back!

The first meeting for the Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC) for the 2013-2014 school year took place at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida on September 13 & 14 2013. Elizabeth Galvan welcomed members and called the meeting to order. There were 16 members present. There were two new parent representatives added to the board, Epifania Maya from Suwanee County. Sara Hernandez from Polk County. All members introduced themselves during the icebreaker activity. Agenda and minutes were reviewed and approved.

Presentation: Erick Hernandez Rodriguez from the Mexican Consulate office in Orlando, Florida provided the members with a presentation on all the different services that the Consulate office in Orlando offers. Some of these services include: Mexican Passport, Matricula Consular, and Civil Unions. The number to call for more information is Mexitel:1-877-639-4835. The members also joined Erick in the presentation of the Mexican National Anthem and the traditional Grito.

Marilyn Ruiz from the Family Network on Disabilities gave a presentation to the members on Senate Bill 1108: A New Day in Florida. She talked about the five major

changes.

Lucia Esquivel from the PAEC Migrant Education Program gave a presentation on the Service Delivery Plan. She gave the members information on how the Service Delivery Plan and the Comprehensive Needs



Assessment align with the services provided to migrant children and families. Both the Service Delivery

Plan and the Comprehensive Needs Assessment align with the regulations set by the Office of Migrant Education. We all understood the importance of parent participation and the development and implementation of the Migrant Education Program at the state and local level.

Dr. Maria Pouncey, FMPAC Coordinator, gave a presentation on Parents' Rights and Responsibilities, the 2nd Chapter from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) book. She expressed that all children are under federal law guaranteed free education if they are of



school age. Dr. Pouncey did an activity with the members titled Every Right Comes with Responsibilities.



Message from the FMPAC President

FMPAC Members

By County

Collier

Guillermo Ramirez

Dade

Samantha Torres

Hillsborough

Arcelia Lopez

Orange

Maria Lopez

Pasco

Elizabeth Ochoa

Polk

Sara Hernandez

Putnam

Maria G. Rodriguez

Sarasota

Juan Vazquez

Suwannee

Epifania Maya

FMPAC District

Members by County

Dade

Martha Torres

Madison

Nicholas Gonzalez

Orange

Olga Marquez

Suwannee

Naela Jimenez

Volusia

Katie Amaral

Welcome back to our members and welcome to our new members. Thanks go out to everyone who joined us in our first meeting of the 2013-2014 school year. This first meeting was very interesting. I hope that you all learned a lot and that you all can take a lot of information to your districts. I think that this first meeting was very educational and very interesting. I hope this year we learn more than last year. If there is anything else you would like to learn please let Dr. Pouncey and her staff know so they can see what they can do.

Thank you all,

Elizabeth Galvan

Spotlight Congratulations!

The spotlight is on Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez. She received her GED. We are proud and encourage other members to follow in her footsteps. Way to go Ms. Rodriguez!





Participant Survey Results

Trainings/Workshops:	
Family Network on Disabilities	Strongly agree = 17 Agree = 1
Mexican Consulate Presentation	Strongly agree = 17 Agree = 1
Florida Service Delivery Plan	Strongly agree = 16 Agree = 1
Robert's Rules of Order	Strongly agree = 15 Agree = 2
MALDEF: Chapter 2 Parent's Rights and Responsibilities	Strongly agree = 15 Agree = 1
Literacy Survey	Strongly agree = 14 Agree = 0
Accommodations	
Hotel (your room) was comfortable.	Strongly agree = 14 Agree = 0
The food was of good taste.	Strongly agree = 14 Agree = 3 Disagree = 1
The hotel staff was kind.	Strongly agree = 17 Agree = 1
PAEC staff was helpful during the conference preparations.	Strongly agree = 18 Agree = 0
The meeting room was comfortable (it was not too cold or too hot).	Strongly agree = 14 Agree = 2 Neutral = 1 Strongly disagree = 1
The material used was easy to understand	Strongly agree = 16 Agree = 2
Meeting times, location, and childcare:	
Weekend meetings.	Strongly agree = 14 Agree = 2
Childcare available.	Strongly agree = 14 Agree = 1 Neutral = 1
Central area in Orlando.	Strongly agree = 12 Agree = 3 Neutral = 1
Central place (in Orlando instead of another Florida city) for all members.	Strongly agree = 15 Agree = 0 Neutral = 2

References

Leadership & Social Action, Methodology Guidebook, (2004). MALDEF Parent and School Partnership. Understanding Group Process.

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Visit the FMPAC website myfmpac.org/espanol for this PowerPoint presentation in Spanish and www.myfmpac.org for other presentations.





Viva Mexico!

Mexican Independence September 16th:

The “Grito” of Independence

On this day Mexicans all over the world celebrate Mexico’s independence from Spanish rule.

The ceremony reaches the high point when the crowd joins in proudly shouting out the names of the heroes of our Independence, to end with the exciting VIVA MÉXICO!



Parents’ Rights to Access Information

RIGHT TO REVIEW & CHALLENGE YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION RECORD

File is known as the “cumulative record”
It has all of your child’s records

RIGHT TO REVIEW SCHOOL PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

From your school and district (e.g.
budgets, parent involvement plans,)
Use the Public Records Act



RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

These cannot be accessed without
parental consent, unless there is a court
order

RIGHT TO UNDERSTANDABLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

In parents’ native language
Right to a translator for parent teacher
conferences, council meetings, parent
meetings



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