

Meeting Summary

Florida's Race to the Top Teacher and Leader Preparation Implementation Committee (TLPIC) had their first face-to-face meeting in Ocala, Florida on May 9-10, 2011. Nineteen of the twenty-three members were present, representing teachers and school leaders from postsecondary institutions and school districts, district administrators, superintendents, and school board members. Other committee members participated electronically. Committee members spent Monday, May 9th reviewing a variety of leadership standards, participating in a video conference with Dr. Douglas Reeves from the Leadership and Learning Center to understand the contemporary research on effective leadership, reviewing a gap analysis of the current Florida Principal Leadership Standards (FPLS), and beginning their discussions on the refinements to the FPLS.

Committee members spent Tuesday, May 10th discussing the link between the standards, evaluation, and professional development and split into smaller workgroups to begin revising the FPLS. The three smaller work groups used the contemporary research presented to them, the gap analysis of the current standards, examples of other recognized leadership standards, and their experience and expertise to develop recommendations on the language they would like to keep in the current FPLS and language they would like to change. Each workgroup presented their recommendations to the larger TLPIC for discussion and consensus. As a committee, the members prepared a draft of the recommended changes to the FPLS and presented the initial draft to a subcommittee of representatives from the William Cecil Golden group, Southern Regional Education Board, Florida Association of Professors of Educational Leadership, the Panhandle and Northeast Florida Educational Consortiums, state colleges, universities, the Florida Association of School Administrators, an aspiring principal, and the principal and assistant principal of the year. These subcommittee members asked clarifying questions on the draft changes and were asked to further review the initial draft to provide the TLPIC with specific feedback before the next TLPIC meeting scheduled for June 15-16, 2011 in Ocala.