

Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

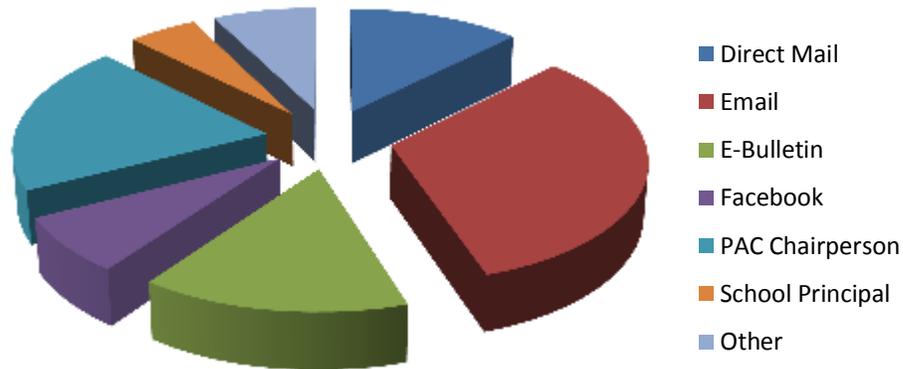
Chairpersons' Breakfast, Winnipeg & Brandon 2016

Evaluation Feedback - a Summary



** Comments from the Brandon breakfast are in green font.*

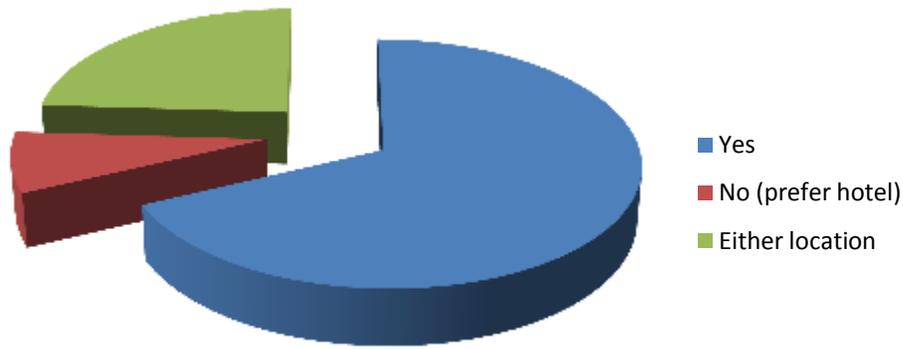
1. How did you find out about the MAPC 2016 Chairpersons' Breakfast?



Additional comments about the promotion / communication of today's event:

- Email works well
- We got emails, mail, and follow up on FB 😊
- It was well advertised with appropriate follow up
- It would have been nice to receive a confirmation email of my registration

2. Did you enjoy having a member school host the MAPC Chairperson's Breakfast?



Additional comments:

- It's hard when in gyms. Was cold and the noise from the lights were hard to hear/focus. Hotels more comfy and they are set up for these kinds of events.
- The buzzing lights was very distracting and unpleasant. I enjoyed the student performance it was wonderful.
- Gym was cold and lights hummed all morning.
- Maybe a school venue more central
- Since this is my first year here, it does not really matter. It was nice to have the art work and student presentation at the beginning of the morning
- It is nice to visit other schools in other divisions. Perhaps somewhere more central next year?
- Good location
- What a lovely school setting – the fiddle group was a wonderful touch
- It was just a little cool in the gym
- It's exciting and motivating to see the philosophy and ideas at different schools. Lots of opportunities for networking and brainstorming together.
- Displays of school art was wonderful! Student performances were excellent! Nicely organized ie. food in different room
- Great to see the children involved. Very welcoming
- Nisbet school did a wonderful job. Beautiful artwork and wonderful performers! I love visiting other schools.
- It's great seeing other schools and I really enjoyed the student entertainment
- Nice to have schools supporting a MAPC event. Shows support for PAC.

3. Do you think your PAC would be interested in hosting a future Chairpersons' Breakfast event?



4. What did you find most useful about today's event?

- Great presentations and break out times. Fundraising and getting volunteers were great
- The networking conversations and grant and fundraising ideas, procedures
- Lots of great info from other PAC members
- Ideas to use/take forward to implement at our school
- The brainstorming and interaction piece. I also appreciated the information that was provided by each of the speakers
- The speeches from other PAC members
- Getting into groups and hearing ideas on volunteer and fundraising
- Networking
- Networking opportunities, loved hearing about how to get more involved in school planning and how to better organize/run your PAC
- Learning about resources, fundraising grants, involvement with principal
- The sheet "Grant Listings" was very helpful. Thanks!
- The "What is MAPC" was a good overview; especially for new attendees
- The networking topics were very relevant
- Fundraising info
- Fundraising ideas – excellent speaker
- Brainstorming, group talk, parent presentation
- Info on PAC handbook development
- Educational resources
- Hearing success stories and brainstorming ideas for our own parent council
- I really enjoyed the presentations – they will help us guide our PAC and find our way after we are done our playground project

- Networking
- Talking about engagement in the school community
- Great to talk with other PAC members
- Involved vs. engaged

5. How can we make this event more relevant or useful for you and your PAC?

- Is it possible to update our constitution? It's very old and may need some revisions.
- Teacher representative
- Print out of resources from speakers to take home
- Enjoy the cheat sheets and PAC leaders speaking
- Volunteer recruiting and fundraising success stories
- It was all very relevant
- Have a fall event
- I was a bit disappointed that lunch programs are so different because this is our biggest challenge, in my view. It takes up most of our time. Eg. Providing supervision
- All south end speakers – maybe have people from other school divisions
- Found it very relevant
- In some of our discussions as well as representatives – much more representation of elementary schools. It was hard to then relate and share with other reps.
- Sharing of ideas with other PACs
- More time for the networking conversations. Lunch doesn't apply to most older years PACs maybe it should be a forum topic.
- Lunch program is always talked about but not relevant to many as middle school and up don't have and some schools have separate committees for that

7. Do you plan on attending the 2016 MAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference on May 6 & 7, 2016? Why or why not?

- Not sure because price and more info wasn't available
- Yes hopefully would like to hear Minister of Education but don't know what information sessions are
- Yes, lots of valuable information presented
- No, not interested in topics/keynote
- Yes, as first time chair, events like this help me learn about many things
- No
- Not sure yet
- Dependent on availability and cost
- Not sure, leaving PAC after next year and want to open up to others who are there longer
- Possibly, will depend on work schedule
- Yes
- No. It is too much of a time commitment for me personally
- Yes, I missed last year – first time in 6 years!

- Yes
- Yes, our school PAC will be attending
- I'd love to. Full of info and building community relationships
- Yes
- If I'm invited – I'd love to!
- I believe so, but it will be determined at one of our next PAC meetings
- No, no budget for the day trip to Winnipeg

8. Do you have any suggestions for future topics of discussion or presentations?

- Helping our schools in creating a more well-rounded and current library to create a greater love of reading and learning
- Facilitating and encouraging leading by example. Role modelling strategies for including persons with disabilities
- Supporting arts and culture programs. Discuss the duality of education or job training
- Government representative
- Social events for school families – what kind, how often
- Great topics for my first time here!
- Not at this moment; when and if I do I can email my suggestions in
- Forum topic could be lunch programs. More on Meaningful parental involvement on school plan (it was difficult to follow presenter due to noise)
- Forum about math and involving parents that don't have English as first language
- Digital citizenship (Dr. Mike Ribble, digitalcitizenship.net)

9. Any additional comments or suggestions would be most welcome!

Food

- Thanks for the food! But, can you select foods that reflect the MB school food guidelines?

Agenda

- I loved getting together in groups and networking. Thanks for setting this up.
- FYI – I found the 2016 Breakfast topics overall more relevant to day-to-day PAC functioning/operations compared to the 2015 Breakfast
- Lots of great info
- Enjoyed the group talks, would like more time to do that!
- It's exciting and motivating to see the philosophy and ideas at different schools. Lots of opportunities for networking and brainstorming together

Audio/Visual. Meeting Space

- Buzzing of lights were really distracting and made it hard to hear people that were not talking on a microphone
- Sorry the buzzing was horrible and the gym was very cold
- It was so hard to hear conversations – one person on the mic – but everyone else I couldn't hear
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Other

- Does MAPC have a grant list on the website?
- I appreciate all the help that MAPC has provided our parent group last year when we wrote our constitution. I look forward to future conversations with MAPC as we move forward with our Council
- Promote Resource Guide at this event more. Don't reinvent the wheel!
- Fall event – allow events going forward
- Comm. – email compiled info to all not just posting
- I do not enjoy the attendees being called “you guys”. We are all adults here
- Maybe offer some small door prizes – just for fun. 😊
- Earlier notifications for AMPC breakfast. Contact/approach PACs in different schools
- This was wonderful! I learned a lot
- Thank you for hosting a fantastic event!
- It is nice to visit other schools in other divisions. Perhaps somewhere more central next year?
- Good location
- Received a lot of feedback from Brandon area PAC's that February is too busy of a month and that MAPC consider the breakfast in Brandon to be another month

Feedback on École James Nisbet Community School as host!

- Great performance! Loved it!
- The music provided by the students was absolutely delightful!
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- Really enjoyed the student entertainment (Brandon)

Special note

Received a suggestion for future consideration from a person who attended the Winnipeg breakfast. For the networking portion where people break into groups – she thinks it would be more relevant and beneficial to have the high-school level parents get together for discussion. Not to segregate as such, but rather to ensure conversation is more applicable to issues arising perhaps only at the high school level.