

Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

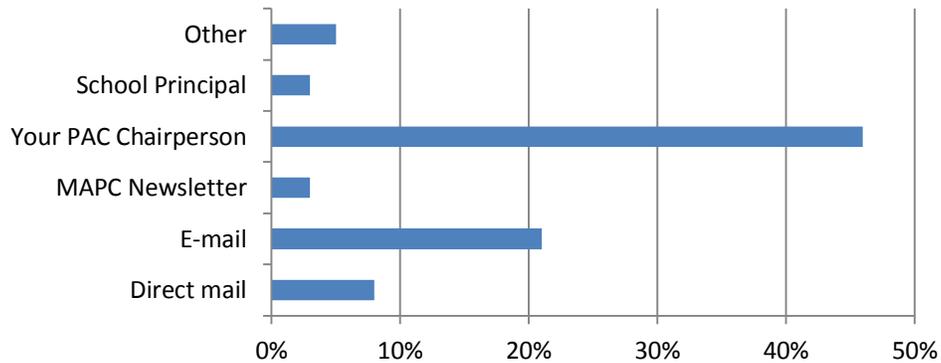
Chairpersons' Breakfast, Winnipeg 2015

Evaluation Feedback - a Summary



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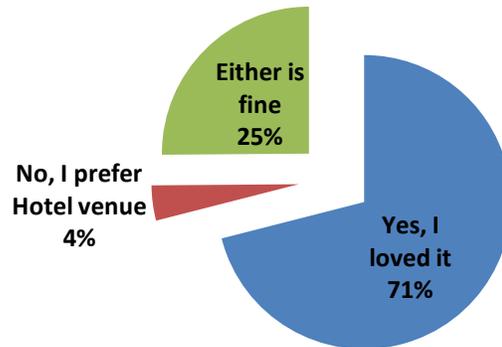
How did you find out about the MAPC 2015 Chairpersons' Breakfast?



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

- Was the address of the school on any of the information? It would have been helpful. *(yes, the address and a map were on the invitation)*
- Great communication via e-mail from Renee
- Include street address in communication
- I will like you on FB
- There was a delay from other years that was not really well shared- felt I had to keep looking for news
- Really enjoyed school setting and students being involved
- Great system. Very easy. Great communication from MAPC
- Great timeline & reminders
- Excellent timely reminders & notice
- Send info out before Christmas. Save the date!!! *(invitations were first sent out on Dec. 16, 2014, followed by email reminders and postings on Facebook, newsletter, and E-Bulletin)*

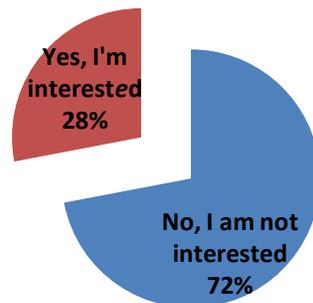
2. Did you enjoy having a member school host the MAPC Chairperson's Breakfast?



- Interesting to visit another school & have kids involved. Would like having a bit more info about this school's PAC, what they are involved in etc.
- A school location is fine
- It was interesting to see a different school - having a guide at the door was a great idea!
- Excellent hearing the music students perform
- I was really impressed by the students at Sargent Park from the initial greeting to the musical performance and slide show. You've set the bar high. Keep up the good work
- Location and food are not as important as the conversation. Any location can facilitate that
- It was wonderful to see the school décor, layout of children's artwork, to have the students gracefully lead us to our meeting
- What a great idea!! It is wonderful to bring the school & students & Admin into the event.
- I love the entertainment, artwork-the human touch
- It was great to learn about the SPS community
- I enjoy my time at Sargent School - the school is very nice and big
- Yes, Sargent school is "huge" the layout of things gave me as PAC some ideas for our school
- PAC could've presented their past/current projects in more detail
- Having the students involved was fabulous. Loved the presentation
- Loved the Art installation & student entertainment. Gym- echoes. Perhaps a library or music/ common/open area room. Hotel has lower ceiling - no echo
- I think having it in a school brings more PAC members
- I loved how students performed for us, art work displayed everywhere
- I would definitely recommend doing it again as long as the food prep wasn't too much
- The personal touch really made the event. Loved the student greeters, band and video presentation
- My first one so can't compare! (4x)

- Great to be in a different school to see what they are doing differently (2x)
- Thought it was well run
- Loved the artwork on tables
- Wow Sargent Park!
- I liked seeing another school and the friendly faces of the students greeting us. Nice to have the band play music & the media presentation by SPS students
- The entertainment, the volunteers, movie about the school was just awesome! Great job!
- I really enjoyed the music and the hosts to walk me from the door to the gym. I felt like a V.I.P.!
- I enjoyed going into the school setting
- Enjoyed the school environment and the student performances
- Really appreciated the artwork from Sargent Park and their presentation
- Really love the school location. Gives us the opportunity to see other schools. What they offer.
GREAT JOB!

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



- Possibly (6x). Will e-mail after talking with admin
- I'm not sure (not the chairperson) what is involved? Cost? Food?
- Parking would be an issue

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

- Networking sessions & discussions (19x)
- All 3 topics had a lot of great info
- Info regarding technical tools & school planning
- Finding some great ideas in the 1st session for recruiting volunteers!
- Sharing of information from people from different PACs & Divisions
- Learning what other PACs were doing re: procedures and volunteer recruitment

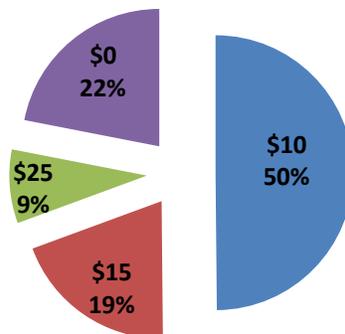
- I really enjoyed the networking session- it was very helpful to hear all of the great ideas that all of the schools have
- Really enjoyed the “Learning about MAPC” section
- Everything! The networking, best practices. I took a lot out of this for my group. Parent’s Guide.
- All the new ideas from other PAC groups. The group event
- Advocacy presentation.
- Bill 14 discussion (3x)
- Chance to meet and share ideas from other schools and communities- fresh perspectives
- Learning and the ideas presented, case studies
- How to recruit more volunteers within our school (6x)
- The draft of Parent Advocacy
- What other schools are doing and how their PAC is run & organized.
- Group discussions (2x). I really enjoyed Naomi’s presentation. Liked the fact you encouraged questions and comments throughout the morning
- Connecting with other parents and sharing stories. I got great ideas that we can use in our PAC
- Info about MAPC and what resources / supports they provide
- Resource tools
- “We Are Not Alone”, comradery & support
- Bill 14, PAC having a more interactive role than just fundraising and report dissemination. Meeting needs of school wish list without meaningful engagement of PAC
- Group breakouts, liked knowing which schools here and grade levels etc....
- Connecting with other PACs
- The interaction between different councils and schools. Finding out what works and what doesn’t
- Good information, networking time and meeting other with the same challenges
- Discussion time, knowledge of Advocacy Project and learning about IEP
- Speaking 1-on-1 with different people

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

- Examples/ case studies in how a school has a) increased volunteers, b) involved school planning
- More collaboration – rotate through topics – have a working session for Advocacy Project using specific examples
- I found the presentation addressed most of our concerns. It was helpful to know our PAC faces similar challenges to others
- Continue with topics that pertain to challenges within PAC committees
- It’s always relevant when you get the different communities together
- Access to info for Grants- who?
- New fundraising ideas
- Share with PAC valuable networking opportunity and encourages people to attend next year

- Pre questions for participants-to let MAPC prepare answers
- Thought it was great; program was excellent
- I am new to PAC and just learning, so I do not have feedback on this yet
- It was great. I learned a lot from the parents I met
- MAPC did a phenomenal job!
- Round Table: Event ideas
- Focus group for diverse communities and 2nd language immersion school
- More networking and conversation/Q&A after presentations. Eg: switch 9:30am with 11:20am.
- Allow more time for networking
- I don't know.....seems like you all have it together!
- School tour before/ break/after. * Twice per year (or more?) Oct. / Feb. / May relevant ideas.
*at schools ...LOVE IT!!!!
- Not sure- it's great now with the amount of info being shared (almost overload)
- Would enjoy hearing about the roles of the different PACs & the reception of the administration & division would be nice
- Extending an invitation to additional PAC members
- Great overall- well done!
- Poll in advance for questions and topics

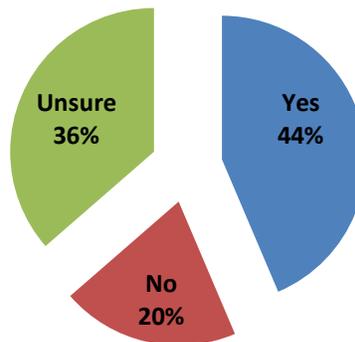
6. Charging members a registration fee for the Breakfast may be a consideration in the future- how much would you be willing to pay to attend this event.



- But the PAC would be paying
- Our PAC has little money
- If out of school Admin budget. Volunteer position should not pay, from my perspective
- PAC's have budgets for this. Also schools that don't have to pay it they don't have the money
- If at a school

- I would prefer that you just offer coffee and juice and let us eat at home. If it is a cost saving measure
- If more sessions (e.g. daylong) and better coffee
- Either is reasonable

7. Do you plan on attending the 2015 MAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference on May 1 and 2, 2015? Why or why not?



- Yes (14x) (*love it, great experience*)
- Yes, buckets of info and great connecting with other PACs
- Yes, I know in the past I leave with relevant information and contacts
- No (8x) (*Busy time and can't give up whole day at home; too much time*)
- Yes, to gain knowledge and bring information back to our PAC
- Not sure (20x) (*due to time, work, cost concerns, childcare, activities*)
- We as a PAC always send 2 representatives to this event
- Either myself as chair or PAC delegates always attend
- Yes, always good information is shared. I like to be able to network with like-minded parents, which helps make our PAC and school run more effectively
- No. Opening it up to new members to attend (2x)
- Experiencing volunteer burn out right now.

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

- Maybe- possible speakers that PACs could bring to their school
- Constitution, lunch program, inclusion
- Creating relationships with Administration

- Concerns of teachers and principals, what to do?
- Perhaps a separate conference only on Fundraising (Perhaps include Admin). More on dealing with members who are not helpful in PAC's. Include a role play solution to each topic- to exercise the group solution based on individual experience
- Getting Admin and staff involved. IEP struggles, EA's supports
- Legalities of PAC Executive. Legalities of running a Lunch Program (i.e. employees, CRA....)
- Grant writing, anti-bullying, dealing with difficult people
- Fundraising, Bullying, Internet safety
- Resolving conflict
- Constitutions-simplify, basic guidelines. Promotion of parents involved with PAC to make their children's school/life experience more enlightening, it only makes it better for the children and families, mentors
- Dealing with parent-to-parent bullying (!!!). Welcoming new ideas and opening up Status Quo-delegating, etc... Legal risk/liabilities for PAC members/boards. Constitutions-education about how and why for doubters and newbies. Legal vulnerabilities re. Rumor-mongering, bad-mouthing, breaching confidentiality (Parents bad behavior when angry).*training sessions- Robert's Rules, bookkeeping and financial accountability.
- Legal issues related to responsibilities of Parent Councils and members. Bullying of parents by other parents. Code of Conduct. Conflict Resolution
- Bill 14 discussion- how does it work in division and schools
- Community building ideas within schools, most effective fundraisers in schools, securing school successes
- Bullying -how to get speakers to teach TEACHERS and Parents and children
- Information about starting your child in Kindergarten a year later (The whole discussion on babies born in Oct., Nov., Dec.)
- Burn out
- I would love to see something about successful uses of the internet for volunteers. Also, popular fundraisers and roles PAC has in each school as so many do different roles
- More topics that involve networking with other members from other PACs
- More on school planning (2x)
- How Grants can assist items related to school (Playground)
- PAC planning. How can a PAC plan for the year effectively?
- What does your school need? How can your PAC help? Have others conquered similar challenges?
- Gov't rep. to answer questions re: MB Schools Act- role of Admin, parents. Helping create manuals for best practice for roles/responsibilities of boards, Codes of Conduct. Mediation services for utterly dysfunctional PAC's

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

Food

- Eggs were ice cold (2x)
- Ask people to bring their own water containers-reduce use of bottles
- Coffee available the whole morning would be appreciated (2x)
- The breakfast was very cold. At a Hotel food is always hot & well organized
- Last call for coffee? Water was nice touch-ensure recycling containers are readily available
- Potatoes were awesome-nice to have a great, real breakfast
- Food is warmer at a hotel
- What? Last call for coffee?!!!

Agenda

- A bit more discussion time would have been good
- Very good info, well organized
- Job well done
- Very well done. Great resources
- Longer day with more break-out sessions
- It would be ok to end by 11:30 or noon. Thank you!
- Shorter agenda-2 hour event may be more appealing on a Saturday morning!
- Start at 8:30 AND STAY ON TIME! Saturday is a very busy family day!!Don't get sidetracked onto so many "small" issue topics

Audio/Visual, Meeting Space

- It was hard to hear during the small discussion groups and the larger ones.
- Please have a better microphone system (2x)- in other words, make the sound louder. It was hard to hear at the back of the room.
- Hard to hear- parents talking-questions
- A mobile microphone would have been helpful, really tough to hear people speaking. I missed a lot of comments
- Hard to hear, need mic for parents speaking in audience. Have flip charts in discussion groups.
- Gym was chilly!

Other

- Great work in collaboration between Sargent Park and MAPC!
- List of PACs and contact info printed
- "Sign up genius" – Gave us No information? Really liked Executives "milling around" – talking and introducing themselves
- We should have an optional share on e-mail contact (2x) (so I can further network after)

- I look forward to this event each year for networking, problem discussion. Great opportunity to share fundraising ideas, Grant information
- Thank you for such an informative morning (2x)
- Post networking questions for visual reference. (Or come later).
- Thank you Sargent Park, beautiful school
- Topics on bullying. Who to go to as PAC and a Parent/ student
- Burn out on PAC
- Consider creating more content on the MAPC website that supports guides for PAC's to use for parents like, communication, social media, constitution, finance, etc.....

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