

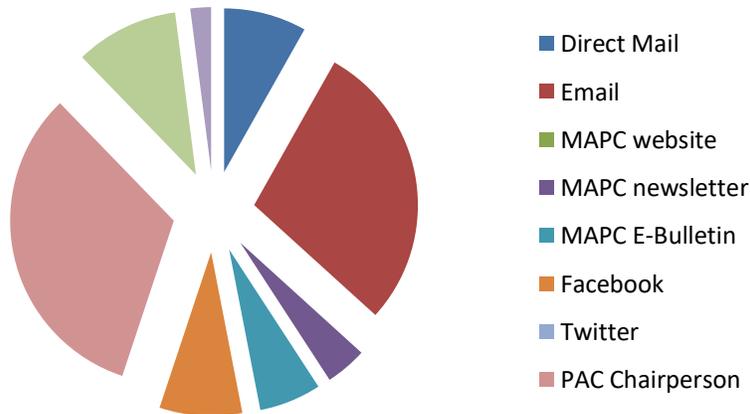
Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

# Chairpersons' Breakfast, Winnipeg 2017

Evaluation Feedback - a Summary



## 1. How did you find out about the MAPC 2017 Chairpersons' Breakfast?



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

- Once our PAC sent our info to register for this, we appreciated all the other/extra communication – awesome support and communication
- It was well advertised and promoted (2x)
- More information as to what the Chairpersons' Breakfast is
- Great communication from Renee Ritchot via emails
- Have topics available sooner. It was hard to get members to come when they didn't know why
- Email is best

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

- Great discussion and input from PAC Council members
- What other PAC committees are doing
- School Planning ideas
- Discussion and sharing of ideas / listening to others' experiences and solutions (8x)
- I loved the more casual, open conversations that went on today. One of the best MAPC breakfasts in years. Not sure if it was just the dynamics of the group or the skits that helped – great job!
- The tools that are available to us.
- Clear, timely interesting and well broken up with the role-playing skits
- Connecting with other PAC committees; learning about managing meetings
- Very informative
- PAC meetings – i.e. recruitment of members

- All topics discussed – very important topics to let new PAC chairs / co-chairs to use
- Hearing how different PACs are working; ideas on how they are dealing with issues
- As a result of discussions many issues and concerns were raised by different schools. Many other schools could identify with some of the things brought up. It also provided me with more questions and some ideas I need to explore re: our council
- Loved the role-play and then talking about it (3x)
- The talk about conflict / resolution in meetings (4x)
- The amount of ideas / suggestions for a wide range of topics. i.e. volunteers/conflict resolution
- The skits/role plays were interesting and created very practical and helpful ideas in the discussions after each one.
- I enjoyed the role-playing – way to take a risk! It paid off big time.
- Networking and “managing PAC meetings”
- Good format – conflict communication and sharing experiences

### 3. Would you like to see MAPC events such as today's, extended to a full day of learning and networking?



#### *Additional comments:*

- With topic speakers present
- I wish I had the time but I think we covered a lot in the half day
- No, time commitment

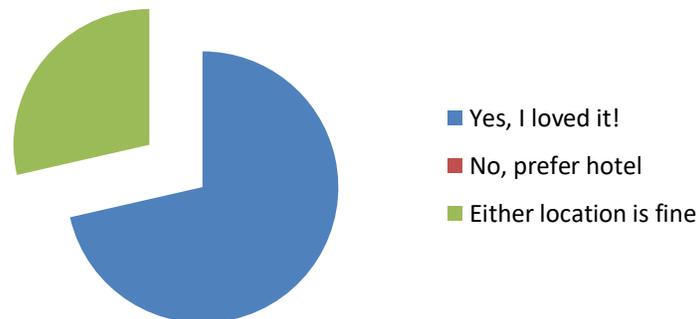
- Half day is great. Full day is hard to commit to (2x)
- Hard to commit on weekends with family commitments (2x)
- Yes, more time for networking and group discussions
- Not sure, it's often hard to give up a full day but the event was really good so a full day could be good too
- Full day depending on content
- ½ day is enough to meet, discuss, generate ideas, share email info to reach out later
- Could be very hard to determine if it was a full day you may not have as many people show up. On the other hand it would provide the opportunity for more networking to find potential solutions
- I would love it but time is an issue with a family of 4 children
- Not full days but would definitely like to see more ½ day events (2x)
- Just a.m. is perfect
- I think it would depend on the topics for discussion and what time it would start
- Already have a lot going on and while this is important, balance is required for volunteer time
- I just don't have more time to commit and I feel that you all do a great job of covering a lot of info in the amount of time you use!
- Some members are unable to attend mornings but would be able to attend the afternoon. Also, not everyone is awake enough to network effectively until afternoon
- Cannot commit to full day – I am missing 3 kids events by coming here today

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

- Help, guidance with dealing with different levels of government. What can we do as a PAC to ensure student safety around the school, as well as buildings are big enough, renovated so all students have adequate space
- Perhaps some pre-planned questions for us to consider in advance to aid discussion
- Not sure, this was very good and informative event
- I am so new to PAC that I am not sure but this was so helpful to me. Our PAC is floundering and we are trying to re-energize our parents so this inspired a lot of ideas
- More networking/sharing of experiences among PACs; content specific to parent advisory groups v. PACs
- More engaging topics that school PACs are asking you about, so this can be shared
- Focus on topics that are relevant to all PACs, such as hot topics currently seeing
- This was very applicable to some of the issues that I have been questioning this year. Now it is a matter of finding solutions and making a plan
- Themed small group discussions: playground, agendas, fundraising, hotlunch – to hear practical advice from other PACs

- I found this very relevant and useful, however, one suggestion would be to solicit feedback from the PACs on issues they'd like to see discussed
- Loved this year's conversations. Learned lots and are looking forward to implement some
- You did a great job touching on something we struggle with
- How to do...
- More actual paper to take back to our PAC
- Start at 9:00 a.m. and be done by 12:00 p.m.
- Meetings early in the school year as new chairs are getting their roles figured out
- Maybe hold one for elementary and one for high school
- Have Powerpoint handouts available for notes, electronic or paper ahead of time
- Q and A at the end of the meeting. Any big issues you are having and find 1 to 2 other people that can help to discuss after the fact. ie. I have one questions regarding Facebook and PAC
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## 5. Did you enjoy having a member school host the MAPC Chairpersons' Breakfast?



### *Additional comments:*

- Enhance communication between stakeholders (Admin/teachers/parents...)
- Would have no reason to come to this school otherwise – our school has exact same layout. So cool to see
- The host school always brings new ideas for PACs (schools)
- Don't change this – I think there is great value in getting to see other schools
- I love visiting other schools, seeing their artwork / displays, etc.
- I love seeing the different schools each year
- This is my first MAPC meeting so I don't experience with the event at a hotel venue but I think either is fine
- It makes things seem more personal

- It was my first time and it was good with me
- Great to see other schools and keep costs down
- Close to home

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

YES: 8

NO or didn't answer: 20

**7. Do you have any suggestions for future topics of discussion or presentations? Any additional comments would be most welcome.**

- Pyramidal presentation – A. What school divisions expect from principals/teachers. B. How PAC can contribute to those expectations (educational/budget/goals)
- Q & A or even email in advance 1-2 problems you have @ PAC and find someone to match you up with to help resolve it
- Lunch programs (LOL)
- Opportunity to hear where everyone is from and what challenges you are facing
- Other schools that are in my area attending would be awesome but I know that you can't control that
- Volunteers
- Programs – hot lunch
- Personality wheel and how to work with all groups
- What is something new and innovative your schools is doing?
- How to work with principals who are resistant to new ideas or things that were tried years ago, failed and want to try again
- Parent Advisory Groups – expectations, practices etc. how to evolve to PAC
- Immigration; special needs; educational issues
- PAC constitutions; PAC functions; getting communities involved. PACs and social media; communicating with parents
- Dealing with government – build bus loops, over-crowding

**8. Do you plan on attending the 2017 MAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference on May 5 & 6, 2017? Why or why not?**

YES: 6

NO or didn't answer: 14

UNSURE: 9

*Additional comments:*

- No, exams
- No, too big a time commitment for me. I have 3 kids in variety of events; running non-stop
- Yes, informative
- No, scheduling conflicts (5x)
- No, I wish this was held 1 week later each year
- Yes, hopefully – and get more of my PAC attending as well
- Yes, hoping to – last year we could only do the second day (hoping to do both)
- Maybe – will check agenda for relevance, and time availability
- Yes, I think networking and collaborating only makes us all stronger!
- Hope to but May is a very busy time of year