

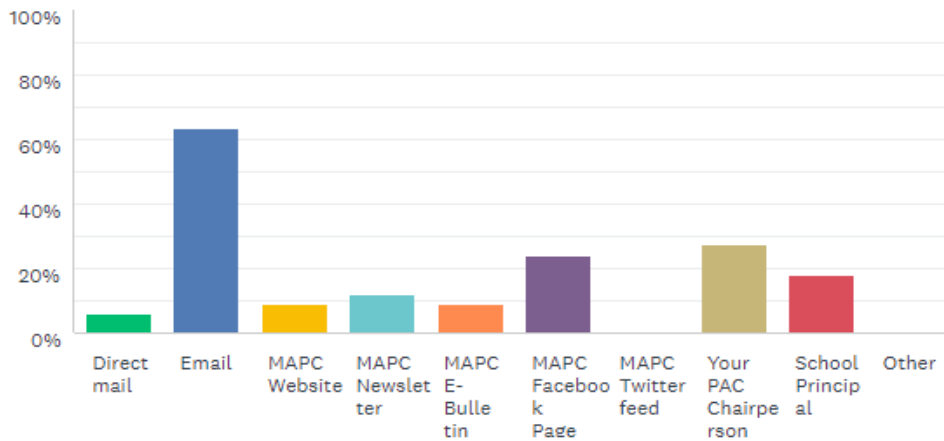
Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

Chairpersons' Breakfast, Winnipeg 2018

Evaluation Feedback - a Summary



1. How did you find out about the MAPC 2018 Chairpersons' Breakfast?



2. How can we improve the promotion/communication of today's event?

The majority of attendees thought there was good promotion of the event. Here are some of the comments:

I believe MAPC does a great job getting the word out. I actually thought there would be more people in attendance and was surprised by the numbers.

The reminders were helpful.

I thought the communication/promotion of the event was good (14X)

Could improve the promotion/communication of today's event by tweeting it on Twitter.

My only thought would be to send the information directly to the chair/co-chair's of each school, if possible. Otherwise, I think it is generally promoted well. :)

Send out agenda earlier.

I think the promotion was great, I knew about the event was able to register and was reminded.

I feel like it is advertised in a variety of ways which is great.

Send the information to the schools directly so they can forward onto the PACs.

I don't think it needs improvement.

Maybe through school divisions who know all the PAC chairs.

MAPC'S RESPONSE

MAPC utilizes a variety of methods to promote all MAPC events, including: direct mail and email to PAC Chairs, co-chairs, school office, and school divisions; Facebook; Twitter; and the MAPC website, newsletters and E-Bulletins.

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

Round table discussions, networking and group discussion topped the list! Here's what else you had to say:

Round table discussions (10x)

Most useful thing about today's event was that we communicated to people who we usually don't communicate to.

Getting ideas from other people who are facing similar challenges in their schools (6x)

Hearing about how other school PACs work and their experiences in different areas like fundraising, hot lunch etc.

All the new and fantastic information and ideas I left the meeting with.

How to better run our PAC, and hopefully get more parents involved.

The discussion of all the different topics.

Specific topics to discuss with other PAC members.

Round table and networking were fantastic!

The chance to talk with other PAC's to share experiences and ideas.

I enjoyed meeting with other PAC members.

Communicating ideas about what works (or didn't work) on issues we raised.

Not much for our PAC

Networking (10x)

Group discussion (6x)

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

While some of you enjoyed selecting the topics to discuss on the spot, many of you would have preferred selecting the topics ahead of time. We'll keep that in mind!

Send out potential topics ahead of time so we can ruminate before the discussion. (9x)

Perhaps if a letter went directly to PACs before the meeting to ask what they would like to see for round table discussions as I got the feeling some people had ideas but did not wish to stand up to say; I also felt other people kind of repeated the same ideas that were already on the table.

Continue to include topics that help us.

Be a more inclusive culture and ability, the school is ability accessible but not necessarily inviting to PACs that experience the economic class difference and were drastically reminded of that when attending the school.

Unsure at this time.

Really enjoyed as is.

In my opinion, It was really relevant and useful for me and PAC.

Share more best practices of each PAC to help others.

For round table discussion maybe ask for topics when we register so that there are a number of different options to discuss. You could even ask if they would feel comfortable leading the tables. I felt like our first round of topics were mostly "communication" based. Most PACs have similar roles so dividing typical role topics like hot lunch, fundraising, special events, volunteer with more specific ones like cultural diversity, community development, the future of our PAC, communication, Project development for large financial projects etc. would maybe balance better. There were definitely some well experienced PAC leaders there who had lots to offer! Loved the round tables!

Survey the PAC chairpersons in advance for the 6 most pressing topics (or however many you want), then jump right in to discussion at the breakfast, rather than waste 30 minutes thinking about topics. An electronic survey in advance would make the day flow a bit better.

I liked how you came up with the topics for the groups from within

Personally, for our PAC because we are a high school, it would be great if it were geared equally towards high school and elementary/jr. high schools.

Maybe have PAC's submit topic ideas ahead of time, As much as I loved all the topics I found that I wanted to be involved in all them, so if we knew what was going to be discussed we could decide as a PAC what is most important to us.

I think it was extremely relevant. I appreciated being able to come up with topics that we are having issues with.

More accessible for indigenous people, closer to the city centre.

It could be at a more central location next time.

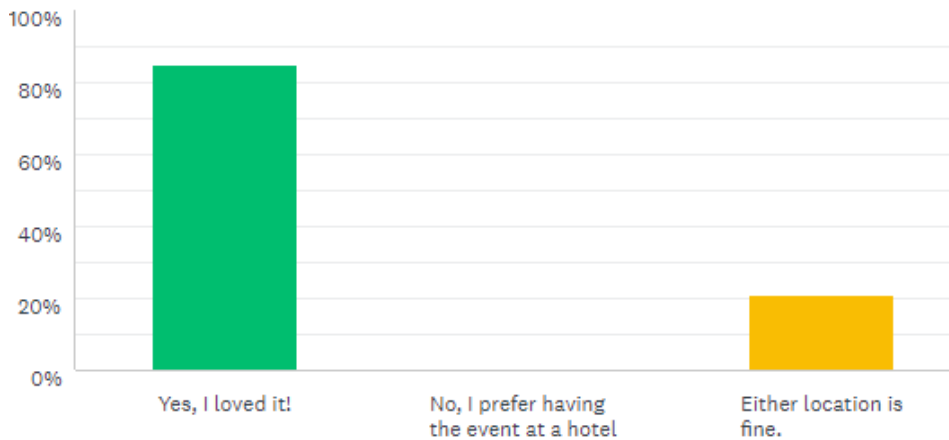
High schools seem to suffer from all parental and PAC involvement - perhaps a high school specific session.

I really enjoyed it.

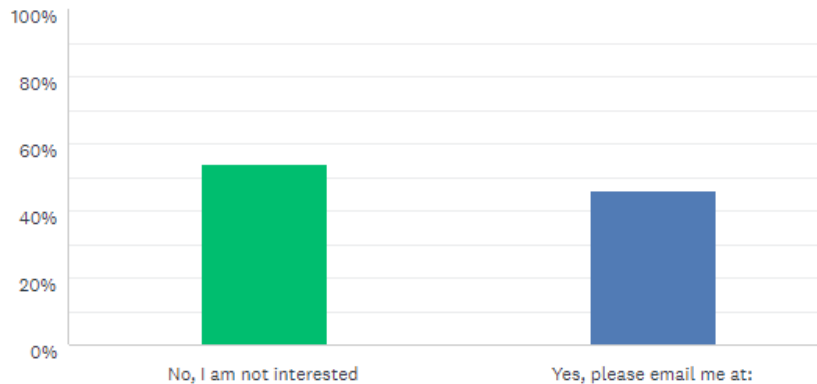
Bit longer time frame - although I understand that it used to be longer, but for those of us who have the time, it would have been nicer for longer discussions on many topics

It was great. No changes. I am taking information back to our group.

5. Did you enjoy having a member school host the MAPC Chairpersons' Breakfast? Please check one.



6. Would your PAC be interested in hosting a future Chairpersons' Breakfast event?



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

Many PAC from our community feel the large gap between the other PACs around the city and feel that such meetings don't address, recognize and even feel intimidating to school PACs in high needs area like the North End.

Perhaps one idea would be for high schools to sit together. They have much different needs/issues than an elementary school.

I really liked the format!

How can other PACs help to connect and support PACs from high needs or isolated schools. Would a mentoring program be beneficial, could a PAC in an affluent area help fund raise on behalf of schools in areas that can't fundraiser because of the socioeconomic needs of the community.

Everything was just perfect.

I loved learning about resources available from government and businesses such as the free booster juice.

I really like the group sharing.

Great event! Another suggestion would be to encourage round tables to introduce the participants with who they are where they are from and their PAC experience.

Project grants, fundraising and community engagement.

This was my first meeting and I really enjoyed it. I would like to say a special thank you to Renee for providing gluten free breakfast bar options. As a Celiac, I really appreciated that and all the lovely fruit and yogurt options too. :)

For our PAC it is parent involvement that we struggle with the most.

Understanding the legislation for schools/school boards, divisional policies, rights of parents & PACs.

It would be nice to include a speaker.

Working with the school to focus on common goals and how to encourage more people.

How to deal/communicate effectively with a resistant Administration.

I really enjoyed that the topics were chosen by the members.

I think that often PAC involvement is not representative of school demographics - I think it would be beneficial to have a greater voice for the underrepresented demographics such as lower income and immigrant. These students face a completely different set of challenges that many are unaware of.

I liked the free-flow approach. I felt I got what I needed as a result.

Advertising - i know we all talk about social media, but what about the old fashioned stuff? TV or radio - especially a morning show i.e. CTV morning or evening news, they are always doing segments or interviews with people in the community.

Playgrounds, lunches and fundraisers were my favorite topics

Maybe a fundraising professional. Janice Lukes (City Councillor) holds workshops on this point as she was a fundraiser before politics. May provide some helpful hints. Or a communication strategist, volunteer "expert" from some of the larger charities (Cancer Care, etc.).

MAPC'S RESPONSE

Thank you for your thoughtful suggestions! MAPC reviews and considers all ideas submitted when planning PAC events and forums.

8. Do you plan on attending the 2018 MAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference on May 5 2018? Why or why not?

YES: 40%	NO: 10%	UNSURE: 50%
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