

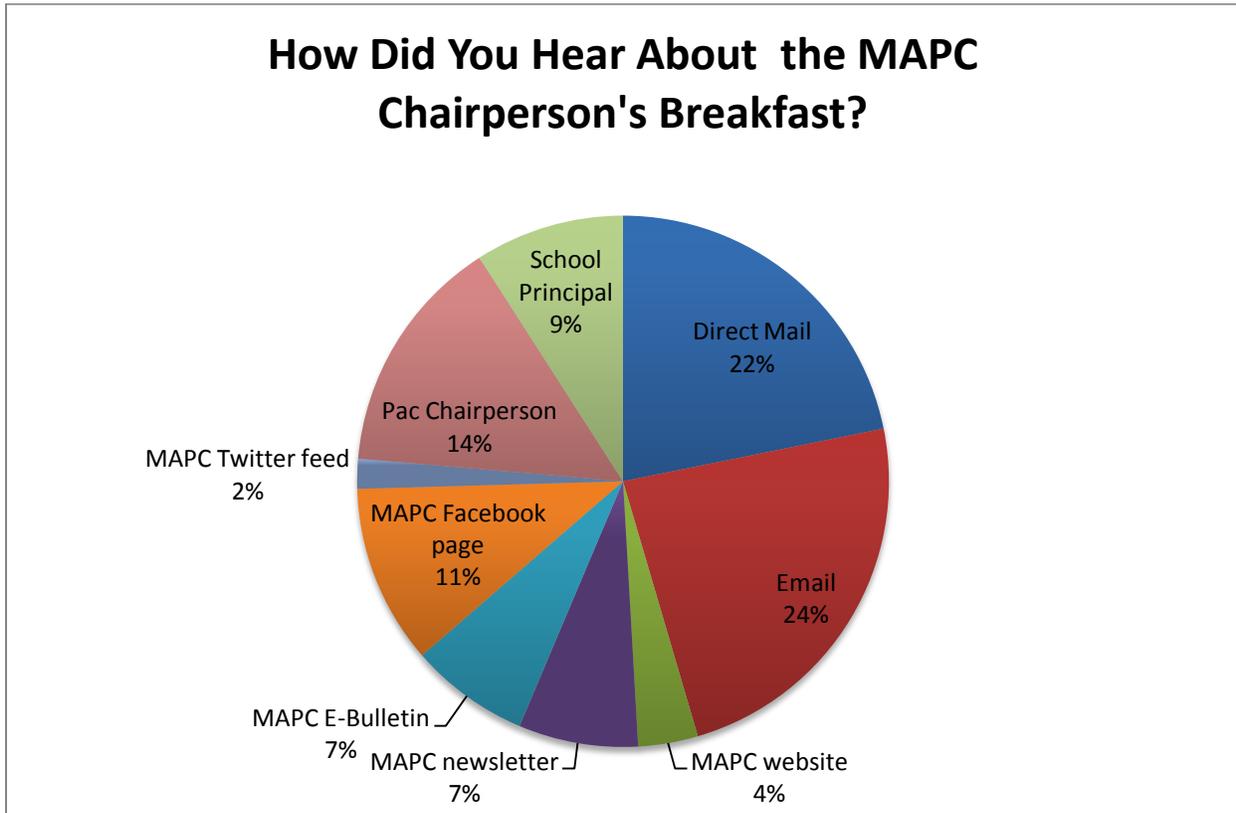
Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

Chairpersons' Breakfast, Winnipeg 2013

Evaluation Feedback - a Summary



1.



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

- *Fabulous response to my inquiry about lack of communication to me (my school) about breakfast*
- More information very early on of today, email/Facebook/mail
- Well promoted - saw on Facebook, Twitter, email as well
- It would be helpful to have the agenda sent ahead of time

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

- The opportunity to network and discuss
- Learning about what MAPC is and what it does
- Networking
- Speaker was amazing and very inspiring
- Struggling with issues on parent / teacher / resource funding for level 2 learning difficulties
- Networking with other PACs
- Contacts at MAPC
- Resources offered via website

- It really was all very useful and am so pleased that I was able to attend
- I really liked the discussion and group questions from all the different PACs
- Questions during MAPC info time
- Networking
- The inclusion in schools (presentation)
- What MAPC is
- That everyone should work together to make children with disabilities to feel more like they are involved and not singling them out
- Having a daughter with even a minor learning disability, the discussion / information on formula based funding, classroom inclusion options was very useful
- Love the networking as well as the speaker!
- I was most intrigued by the presentation by Edie Wilde. Very interesting. A lot of great info to pass along to my fellow PAC members
- Networking and getting to hear ideas of what other PACs are doing
- Information on contacting MAPC to help our PAC function properly
- I was very happy to find out our step we can take when there is little support for our association
- Networking
- The networking was great
- Networking the last hour. Having a teacher at our table, who teaches in our school division discussing issues we do not know about was good
- MAPC history / goals etc.
- The lecture is helpful
- Always good information – thanks
- The MAPC discussion. Questions and comments raised by the various PAC members was very useful
- Networking
- Networking and talking to other schools
- Learning about MAPC supports and services; networking
- The presentation was excellent
- Helpful to learn more about MAPC and your mandate
- The discussion with the other PAC members
- Key presentation-had some good information; networking session more time

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

- Allow more time to network. Talk with other PACs and get to know that kind of things/events they are doing. Sharing of ideas
- More time for networking. Would have liked more time discussing our questions vs. the questions you provided us with. E.g. what are the roles and challenges of various PACs?
- Provide an agenda

- All topics were relevant. Perhaps feedback from surveys to see what is concerning PACs
- It is great as is. Would be informative to have the whole PAC invited to a meeting like this as well. Great ideas!
- Help us include a better cross section of parents in our PAC
- How to get more parents involved in parent council
- It's all great
- More networking time
- More in-depth overview of workshops; what MAPC offers
- It's fine – you can't hit on a topic that is relevant to everyone all the time
- Very good
- A little more focus on PAC stuff. First session a little too long
- Join in more activity
- It's nice to hear from people in different divisions to see what people are doing differently and what is working or not working for them
- Less time with a main speaker and more time discussing various PACs (questions, comments, concerns, fundraising, what works or doesn't, etc.). More practical info. While Edie's presentation was interesting, it was something that I can take back to my group with practical suggestions
- Survey topics prior – choose top selections, post agenda on facebook prior so we come prepared
- Agenda available in advance. Have PAC executive member who should have been here for presentation
- Do a survey ahead of time about presentation topics
- More info on how PACs can be ran, experiences from other PACs

4. Do you plan on attending the 2013 MAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference on May 3rd & 4th, 2013? Why or why not?

- It depends on the time and agenda (wasn't on poster)
- I would like to, depends on timing, cannot attend daytime Friday
- Maybe. I always feel bad about using money from PAC
- I was not aware of the dates and will need to check my schedule
- Yes, last year was great
- No, not available those dates
- Yes, someone from our committee usually attends. It is in our budget and has always been a great source of information
- Yes (5x)
- Not sure
- Have no ideas, have not discussed
- Yes most definitely. It was my first time last year and I really learned a lot and loved it.

- Yes – great event
- Not sure – have family plans around then
- Yes, attended last year and found the workshops to be very informative
- Haven't yet decided
- I would like to go. It all depends on my daughter's soccer games
- Yes, I thoroughly enjoy the MAPC AGM every year!
- I think so
- No, I will be out of town
- If another PAC member cannot attend would be willing
- I will be as a result of my attendance here today!
- Definitely one or two of our members will there (we try to get different executives involved)
- I'm not sure but I would like to gain more information about MAPC
- Yes, networking with other PAC members
- May have other commitments
- Yes, very interested to meet and network with PACs
- No, topic interest isn't there as I am unable to hunt for another babysitter
- Yes, interested in presentations

5. Do you have any suggestions for future topic of discussion or presentations?

- How to work with and engage school trustees
- Advocating strategically so you will be heard
- How to engage multicultural parents with your PAC
- Strategic planning and how to do so effectively within our mandate
- Engaging school division and school administration to work together
- Lunch programs – the role PAC plays or doesn't play
- Specific group gatherings i.e. lunch program; constitution
- I would not have a speaker or at least not for so long. The discussions in the 2nd half were so valuable
- Cultural integration; how to help asia newcomer to integrate the Canadian and contribute to the community
- PAC recruitment; PAC interaction with school administration; PAC resource lists/sites etc.
- How to get more parents out to meetings
- Safety
- PAC related issues – meetings, "rogue" members, fund-raising issues, funds in general (what to do with funds)
- How to involve parents / community members who do not speak much English or read English
- Setting up a PAC from scratch; brand new PACs

- A seminar re: roles and responsibilities of PACs. I'm a new chairperson and maybe a seminar specific to chairpersons and their roles. And maybe a seminar specific to the treasurers, and the paperwork involved in their role
- Transitional preparation: getting kids through the transitions (to Jr. High, High School, post-secondary)
- Library content – parent awareness
- Conflict resolution within PACs and between administration and parents
- Table/small group discussions around what are your best practices/successes and what are your challenges
- Team building amongst councils
- Love education in any manner all topics great

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

- It would be nice to have a list of topics
- More interaction involvement
- Great job organizing Marilyn and office staff
- I think community / parents should also know not only about the university programs but the trades program to let everyone know they give opportunities for all learning types. E.g. Glenlawn – great program
- Handbook given to each PAC outlining basic guidelines for running a PAC. How to function as a small PAC
- None. Very good!
- Thanks so much. I appreciate your work for all of us.
- It was great! Thank you!
- The room is a little crowded with the tables too close together. Quite cold.
- Thank you for a wonderful morning!
- AGM idea – breakout sessions on topics such as: roles of PAC and best practices; effective meetings. Looking forward to it!
- I enjoyed the presentation very much!
- Excellent presentation about inclusion and the evolution of “including”
- Presentation was great
- Very informative
- This is my fourth year attending this event. I always walk away with new ideas. I also enjoy hearing other challenges and discussing them