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Parent Volunteer Honoured

(Winnipeg, May 05, 2018) – *Niakwa Place Parent Advisory Council* volunteer, Grant Lindgren, was awarded the *Judy Aiken Memorial Award* by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) at its Annual Conference on May 05, 2018 at the Victoria Inn and Conference Centre in Winnipeg.

Since 2014, Mr. Lindgren has served as a volunteer on the Niakwa Place Parent Advisory Council, which is located in the Louis Riel School Division. His volunteer work includes:

- Providing leadership and guidance to the PAC
- Overseeing and encouraging fundraising efforts to install a new playground, filtered water system, music and audio equipment, library equipment, school uniforms, and landscaping
- Establishing a scholarship fund
- Coordinating the school and community to address the lack of sidewalks and school drop off area safety concerns

“Grant works extremely hard to help the kids at Niakwa Place have the best experience possible during the school year,” states nominator Richard Hiller. “It’s great to see some formal recognition for his efforts.”

Nominations were also received for Rhonda Boileau (*Highbury School, Louis Riel School Division*), Stephanie Cruickshanks (*Meadows School, Brandon School Division*), Pam Glutek (*Riverview School, Winnipeg School Division*), and Christine Persoage (*Ecole RW Bobby Bend School Interlake School Division*). Each nominee was commended for their exemplary service, contributions, and volunteerism in their respective school communities.

The Judy Aiken Memorial Award was established in 2004 to honour the memory of Judy Aiken - a long standing member of the Manitoba Home and School Parent Teacher Federation which later became MAPC. Ms. Aiken’s family and MAPC established the award to recognize exceptional individuals who, through their actions and efforts on behalf of their school parent associations, have made a significant contribution to their school community.

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils is dedicated to supporting, promoting, and enhancing meaningful involvement of parents and caregivers within school communities, representing their voice to all educational stakeholders to improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.

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