

E-BULLETIN

Helping Parents Find a Voice in Education



Networking a Favorite at Chairpersons' Breakfast



MAPC President Boris Minkevich thanks École Sage Creek PAC

The result was lively discussion, and valuable takeaways for members to take back to their respective parent council groups.

Attendees of the breakfast also had the opportunity to learn more about MAPC and the many resources, advocacy and professional development that is available to member parent council groups. Several MAPC directors were also on hand to answer questions and engage with PACs from several school divisions, representing both urban and rural communities.

The next chance to attend a MAPC Chairpersons' Breakfast is Saturday, **March 17, 2018**, when we bring the event to **Dauphin, MB**.

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"Enjoyed the group discussions and all the new, fantastic information and ideas I left with..."

~ Attendee

Once again, the attendees of this year's Chairpersons' Breakfast in Winnipeg have told us that it was the conversations they engaged in with other PACs that brought them the most value. The breakfast, hosted this year by [École Sage Creek PAC](#), proved once again that sharing our struggles and successes makes this such a relevant event for parents.

Succession planning, staff appreciation, and PAC challenges were just a few of the topics that had the room abuzz (after all, attendees got to *choose* their topics to discuss this year).

What are you Doing Saturday, May 5, 2018?

Save the date for the **MAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference** which will take place at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre.

MAPC is excited to try a slightly new approach to the 2018 conference by changing to a **ONE DAY** format! PACs registering for the event will start off the day with a hot breakfast and the AGM, followed by a Q & A session with the Minister of Education (to be confirmed), lunch, a keynote speaker, vendors and workshops in the afternoon.

An optional part of the conference program will be a MAPC hosted "Hospitality" chat night on the Friday evening (May 4th) where

parents can stop by to say hello to MAPC Directors and Staff and enjoy conversation with other PAC members.

Registration packages will be sent to all member parent advisory councils in the coming weeks. The conference rate is \$100 per person and includes the hot breakfast, lunch, and all presentations. The optional Hospitality evening is included for those interested in joining us (please note that there is no charge for members who are interested in attending the AGM meeting **only**).

Keep reading to Page 2 for more details pertaining to the 2018 AGM and Conference! [Follow us on Twitter](#) to get regular updates.

Upcoming Events

[Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week](#)
Feb 11 - 17, 2018

[Snapshots of Canada](#)
Now until Apr 2, 2018

MAPC [Chairpersons' Breakfast](#)
Mar 17, 2018 (Dauphin)

[MAPC AGM and Conference](#)
May 5, 2018

Other Important Dates

Feb 16, 2018
[Call for Resolutions](#) close

Feb 23, 2018
MAPC [Board Director Applications](#) due

Mar 23, 2018
Nominations due for [Judy Aiken Memorial award](#) and [Parent Council Recognition Award](#)



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The MAPC Call for Resolutions

closes on Friday, February 16th.

Do you have a concern you would like brought to
Manitoba Education and Training?

Proposed resolutions are reviewed by MAPC members and voted on at the Annual General Meeting. If passed, these resolutions become part of MAPC direction. Resolutions are submitted to the Minister of Education and Training for review and used to promote our position with other decision makers in Manitoba's education system. [Click here for more info.](#)

The legalization of Cannabis is coming - are you ready for the conversation?

Get a little help from the
**Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to
Talk With Your Teen**

[Access it here.](#)

Manitoba  **Manitoba Education**

Click on the links below for the latest news and/or offerings from our provincial government!

- [Learning for Life: Charting the Future through Literacy and Numeracy](#)
- [Early Years Enhancement Grant](#)
- [Mathematics Activities and Games](#)

MAPC Board of Directors for 2017–2018

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Applications Now Being Accepted: MAPC Board Director

Would you like to get more involved with the work of
Parent Advisory Councils at the provincial level?

Do you have PAC experience and expertise
such as strong organizational skills?

MAPC is currently **accepting applications** for the position of
volunteer Board Director. More information and
[Application forms can be downloaded](#) from the MAPC
website.

Deadline to submit your application is Friday, **February 23,
2018.**

Nominations Now Open: Judy Aiken Memorial Award 2018

Celebrate a special parent volunteer in your school
community - nominate them for the
Judy Aiken Memorial award.

One recipient will be selected and celebrated at the
MAPC AGM and Conference dinner banquet on
Friday, May 5, 2017. [Learn about awards here.](#)

Teens Against Drunk Driving: Youth Conference

TADD Manitoba and Manitoba School Boards Association
is hosting a 3-day conference May 10 -12 **for Manitoba
secondary school students** with the goal of educating and
informing students about the dangers of driving impaired,
distracted driving and drugged driving. There will be
special presentations, guest speakers, activities and
more. Talk to your school resource officers and
administration asking them to consider sending some high
school students to this important conference. [See details
and full agenda here.](#)