

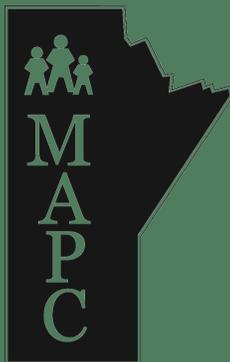


Healthy Minds,
Healthy Futures:
Keeping Our Kids Safe
in an Addictive World

Manitoba Association of Parent Councils
Annual General Meeting &
Conference
Saturday, May 4

2019

Niakwa Country Club, 620 Niakwa Road



Featuring
Keynote Speaker

**Michael
Redhead
Champagne**

Award-Winning Community
Leader & Public Speaker

Message From the Minister of Education and Training



As Manitoba's Minister of Education and Training, I am pleased to welcome delegates to the annual general meeting and conference of the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC).

The engagement of parents in the education system is of critical importance. Your active participation in support of our school system contributes to educational excellence, while also setting a great example for our youth about the value of community service.

I commend the conference organizers for their choice of this year's theme, "Healthy Minds, Healthy Futures: Keeping Our Kids Safe in an Addictive World." This topic is very timely and the related discussion and networking is bound to strengthen our efforts to promote mental health

and healthy choices in our schools.

Thank you for making a positive difference in our neighbourhoods and in the education of young Manitobans across the province. I wish you an interesting and productive meeting.

Honourable Kelvin Goertzen

Minister of Education and Training

Special Thanks to our Supporters

MAPC wishes to thank all of our supporters for their generosity and sponsorship of the 2019 Annual General Meeting and Conference as well as for their continued support of meaningful parental involvement in Manitoba's Education System:

Manitoba Education & Training

For its continued support of Manitoba Association of Parent Councils.

The 27 School Divisions Representing Over 318 MAPC Member Schools and the Parents

For your encouragement and belief in the importance of an active parental voice in schools and divisions throughout Manitoba.

2019 PREMIER SPONSORS



The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils operates on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Inineu, Anishiniw, Dene and Dakota peoples, and on the homeland of the Metis nation. MAPC would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather today is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Inineu and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. MAPC respects the Treaties that were made on this territory.

Greetings from our Educational Partners

Manitoba School Boards Association

On behalf of all school boards, we would like to thank all parent councils for their important contributions to the cause of public education in Manitoba. Of all the voices in our communities, those of the parents and guardians of our students are held especially close to the heart of every trustee. We truly cannot extend enough gratitude for the significant input, advisement, fundraising and special events that our parent councils provide in support of our public education each school year.

The Manitoba School Boards Association is proud to remain a close partner of the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils. Together, we shall confront every challenge and together, we shall always strive to remain worthy of the privilege of providing the very best in educational opportunities for every student in Manitoba. Thank you, merci beaucoup and meegwetch to all parents and guardians who invest of themselves in the life of every school community through their local Parent Council!

Alan M. Campbell,

MSBA President

Manitoba Association of School Superintendents

As you gather for your AGM and Conference, I would like to acknowledge the important role provided by the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils and the parents who provide support and guidance to the public schools in Manitoba.

A great education starts with parents. To quote the philosopher George Santayana; “A child educated only at school is an uneducated child.” You are a child’s first teacher; you instill a sense of wonder and curiosity in your children and engage your children in stimulating activities that spark joy in exploration and learning. Most importantly, you convey that you value education and expect others to as well. On behalf of the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents thank you for everything you do.

Cyndy Kutzner

MASS President

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Alan M. Campbell, MSBA



Greetings from our Educational Partners

Manitoba Association of School Business Officials

On behalf of the Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (MASBO), I am honoured to send greeting and congratulate the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) on their 2019 Annual General Meeting and Conference. MASBO, like MAPC, is on the “support side” of the education sector - playing an important role working in the background to assist students, teachers and schools to be successful. MASBO is privileged to work collaboratively and cooperatively with MAPC and other educational partners to promote excellence in the public education of Manitoba students.

Students learn best in a healthy and safe environment and the MAPC conference theme of *Healthy Minds, Healthy Futures: Keeping Our Kids Safe in an Addictive World* is timely and relevant. With the recently announced Province of Manitoba -Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Review Commission, there is no better time to become involved and share your knowledge and perspective as parents within and outside MAPC. Your involvement and voice are not only important – but critical to the upcoming review!

Best wishes for a successful conference!

Kathlyn McNabb

MASBO President

The Manitoba Teachers' Society

The Manitoba Teachers' Society and the Manitoba Association of Parent Council have a rich history of working together to ensure that the voices of parents are well represented in our education system.

Involved parents lead to more engaged students, which results in improved student outcomes. Parental involvement is also crucial for teachers, as it gives teachers valuable insight about students' needs and home environment. The more parents and teachers share relevant information with each other about a student, the better equipped both will be to help that student reach their full potential.

We look forward to continuing in the spirit of cooperation by advocating for improved resources and supports for Manitoba's students as we both celebrate our 100th anniversary milestone year in 2019.

All the very best to you and success at your Conference.

Norm Gould, MTS President

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Kathlyn McNabb, MASBO



AGM & Conference Agenda

Saturday, May 4, 2019

7:00 a.m.	MAPC and Displayer set-up
8:00 a.m.	Welcome! Registration opens; breakfast; and visit Displayers Ballroom
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	MAPC Annual General Meeting (members only) Elder blessing, Linda Brazeau Ballroom
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Networking and visit Displayers Ballroom
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Keynote Presentation: Michael Redhead Champagne, <i>Award Winning Community Leader & Public Speaker</i> Ballroom
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Network lunch; awards presentations, and visit Displayers Ballroom
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	A conversation with Ian Wishart, Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Education and Training Ballroom
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Information Sessions
2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	Refreshment Break
2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Information Sessions
3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Closing remarks and prize draws (must be in attendance to win) Ballroom
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Tear down

Presentations & Workshops



PRESENTING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Michael Redhead Champagne

Award-Winning Community Leader & Public Speaker

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. *Ballroom*

Michael Redhead Champagne has spent over two decades speaking out and leading by example. He takes a hopeful and solution oriented approach to youth engagement, facilitation & community organizing. He enjoys writing, listening to revolution music and volunteering in Winnipeg's North End. Michael is known for his straight up and heartfelt style that will leave you moved, inspired and ready for action.

Information Sessions

1:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

SESSION 1

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Dealing With it: Supporting Youth & Yourself When Drugs are Involved

Myles Hildebrand

Fine Dining Room

Why do young children swear they will never use drugs, but then end up using in junior high? What can parents do to influence independent young people in a good way?

Drug Awareness and Prevention

Cst. Shawn Smith

Hazleton Room

Parents will increase their awareness of drugs and prevention, and information will be provided on the drug culture, drug effects, and drugs being used.

SESSION 2

2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Gang Awareness and Prevention

Cst. Shawn Smith

Fine Dining Room

Parents will receive insight into the history of Winnipeg street gangs, identifiers, why gangs are spreading, influences and drug culture.

Empowering Today's Youth

Ryan Wood

Hazleton Room

Come and hear the inspiring story of one of Canada's leading youth empowerment organizations! Combining stories, videos, and thought-provoking insights into youth development and mental health, this presentation will embolden and encourage you to make a difference for our youth.

About the Presenters

Myles Hildebrand

After finishing his Psychology degree at U of M, Myles Hildebrand worked in a resource program until 1995, when he began counselling in rural schools for the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba. In 2001, he became the intake worker in Winnipeg for AFM Youth Services, spending most of his time supporting concerned parents. Recently, he has also taken on intake duties for the live-in program Compass. He has two teenagers at home who don't listen to him.



Shawn Smith

was born and raised in northern Manitoba and began his policing career with the RCMP in 2006. Upon graduating from Depot Division he was assigned to Thompson Detachment Rural Section, Poplar River Detachment, and Selkirk Detachment Rural Section. Cst. Smith completed a lateral transfer to the Winnipeg Police Service in 2012 where he was assigned to Division 13, North End for 3 years and is currently assigned to Division 51, Community Support as a member of the Indigenous Partnerships Section.



Ryan Wood

is the Director of Canadian Programs at Live Different. He has spoken to thousands of high school students across Canada, given leadership to Live Different's school presentation teams since 2004, and has led Live Different's programs in many Indigenous and international communities. Ryan brings a wealth of experience and knowledge around positive youth development and mental health.

Originally from Saskatchewan, Ryan now lives in Hamilton ON with his wife Michelle and his children Amelia, Gracie and Keaton.



Congratulations!

2019 Award Recipients

Recipient of the Judy Aiken Memorial Award

Shannon Hiebert

Sun Valley School Parent Advisory Council

Recipient of the Parent Council Recognition Award

John de Graff School Parent Advisory Council

Recipient of the MAPC President's Award

To be Announced

Recipient of the Friend of MAPC Award

Tony Tavares

Manitoba Education & Training

Congratulations to all the individuals and groups who were nominated for the outstanding contributions they make to their school communities:

PARENT COUNCIL RECOGNITION AWARD

Centennial School Parent Advisory Council

Oak Lake Community School Parent Advisory Council

École Stanley Knowles School Parent Council

JUDY AIKEN MEMORIAL AWARD

Kimberly Craig, Angus McKay Community School

Heather Pachet, JB Mitchell School



Thank you for your support!

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Brenda Brazeau, MAPC

Maria Fernandes, MAPC

Arlene Reid, MAPC



Special Thanks

Thanks to all of the organizations and companies that participated in the 2019 Displayer's Market. MAPC is also grateful for the generosity of our prize donors. You have all helped make this event a memorable one!

2019 Displayers

The Attachment Network of Manitoba

Farm to School Healthy Choice Fundraiser

Green Action Centre - Active & Safe Routes to School

Healthy Child Manitoba, Triple P

Henderson Equipment Recreation Ltd.

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Manitoba Healthy Foods in Schools - Dieticians of Canada

Playgrounds-R-Us

Playquest Recreation

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Heartland Archery

Jack Pott's Thrill Zone

Manitoba Egg Farmers

Manitoba Stampede and Exhibition

Manitoba Theatre for Young People

Oak Hammock Marsh

Rainbow Stage

Red River Exhibition Association

Royal Canadian Mint

The Portal

Thunder Rapids Family Fun Park

Tinkertown

Valhalla Automated Spa



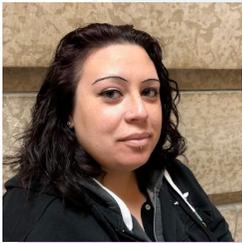
About the MAPC Board of Directors & Staff



Judith Cameron, Acting President, resides in Gimli, MB with her husband of 26 years, and has three children and one grandchild. She is a board governance specialist, a human resources consultant and volunteers as the Executive Director, Interlake Adult Learning Association. Judith continues to also work with a number of First Nation organizations. Judith has twenty years of Parent Advisory Council involvement and fifteen years involvement with MAPC, currently serving as Acting President. She has also served as a trustee in Evergreen School Division.

Judith's special areas of interest in education include career options and supports for high school students, inclusion issues and challenges, developing a strong Indigenous parental voice and empowering parents to be their child's champion.

Judith's future goals with MAPC include providing leadership to expand services and programs, providing stronger supports and professional development opportunities to parents and Parent Advisory Councils and increasing awareness in advocacy. She strives to continue nurturing and defining strong partnerships within the school community, encouraging and supporting the MAPC mission and vision to all school divisions and establishing greater ties to our educational partners and stakeholders at every level of government.



Sandra Bernard, Treasurer, Sandra Bernard resides close to the town of Stony Mountain, MB with her daughter and has lived there since moving from Winnipeg in 2009. Her daughter is 10 years old and is in grade 4 in the Interlake School Division. Sandra has been active on the Parent Advisory Council for the last 4 years and has been dedicating her time to several volunteer activities.

Sandra's completed her first year serving as a Director with Manitoba Association of Parent Councils and was recently elected as the MAPC Treasurer. She continues to be actively involved in several MAPC initiatives. She enjoys the various aspects of education and is keen on learning new skills. Sandra has a keen desire to share her ideas and to gain relevant experience and knowledge that she can apply in other capacities. An area of educational interest that Sandra has is in learning how to support parents and their children who are experiencing mental health concerns.



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Maria Fernandes, Secretary, is a resident of Winnipeg and has one daughter in high school in the Winnipeg School division. She has been a member of PAC for nine years, at different times holding the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer and volunteering with various sub-committees. She has been involved with MAPC for several years and is currently serving in the Secretary executive position.

Maria sits on the Safe and Active Routes to School group as MAPC's representative. She has a special interest in higher needs and supports in high school and believes every child deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential, no matter what their abilities are or the manner in which they learn.

Maria's future goals with MAPC include learning more about high school supports, empowering parents and providing them with the tools they need to support their children in the school environment.



Precious Gauthier, Director, resides in Winnipeg and has a child who attends grade 2 at an independent school. She has been involved with her Parent Advisory Council and currently serves as the PAC Chairperson. This is her second year of involvement with MAPC.

Precious is an Early Childhood Educator and is passionate about children receiving a great education that will equip them well for the future. She believes in community and that, as parents, we have a responsibility to support one another in raising and educating children.

Assisting parents to become involved in their children's education is a goal Precious has. As a MAPC Director, she is also interested in increasing awareness of the importance of early childhood education. Precious is excited to support the goals of Manitoba Association of Parent Councils and contribute to initiatives as needed.

Other volunteer activities that keep Precious busy include volunteering at her church and baking for Cakes for Kids. She is also a gluten-free baker and a part-time student at Assiniboine Community College for Early Childhood Education.

"When parents are involved in the decision-making process, they are more likely to support the decisions that are made. Parents, families, and community members provide valuable perspectives that enhance the decision-making process."

Learn more at www.edu.gov.mb.ca.



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Khalid Mahmood, Director, resides in Winnipeg and has four children and one grandchild. Khalid has been involved with Parent Advisory Councils for many years and MAPC for several years. He has served in executive positions as Secretary and Treasurer for the organization.

His special areas of interest in education include establishing an effective way of evaluating student's educational progress and providing early intervention to correct shortcomings, more detail in academic and social progress reporting and building strong foundations in reading and writing at all levels of schooling. Khalid also strongly believes in educational and professional development for parents in order for them to fulfil their role effectively in Parent Advisory Councils and at the school and divisional level.



Arlene Reid, Director, joined the MAPC board in May 2016. Arlene is a member of MAPC's Awards, Membership and Modules Internal Committees. Arlene is the MAPC representative on the Children's Coalition Committee. Arlene is a School Trustee in the Winnipeg School Division where she sits on numerous committees, including the Inclusive Education Committee. In September 2017 Arlene joined the Starbucks Coffee Company as a Barista because she enjoys interacting with people.

Arlene strongly believes in being active in the community. In addition to being involved with MAPC, she is a parent representative with the Elmwood High School Parent Council, she is the chairperson of Together in Elmwood- a Parent Child Coalition, is very involved with her church Kildonan United, and is involved in Glenelm Neighbourhood Association (GeNA). Arlene was also a driving force of Parents of Autistic Children Everywhere Inc. both as Chair of the Board and as Events Coordinator until her resignation in September 2016.

Arlene is also a "hobby" cake and cookie baker with goals of opening a café/bakery to help employ those with Special Needs. Arlene resides in Winnipeg with her husband and 3 boys. One son is in grade 10 at Elmwood, two in early years - one in grade 4 and the youngest in grade 1, both at Glenelm. As a parent of two children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Arlene believes that all children, especially those with special needs, need to be treated fairly and evenly within the school system.

*Did you know that in 2013, Manitoba Education and Training approved Bill 14 - Parent Groups for Schools - to amend the Education Administration Act, recognizing MAPC as the representative of Parent Advisory Councils in Manitoba?
Learn more at www.edu.gov.mb.ca.*



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Brenda Brazeau, Interim Executive Director, resides in Winnipeg in the River East Transcona School Division. Brenda has sat on many Parent Advisory Councils throughout the years and is the proud “Mama Bear” to 6 children ranging in ages from 14 to 35. Brenda’s youngest daughter is currently in her final year at Ecole John Henderson and is looking forward to attending high school in the fall.

She has worked in non-profit and social services for many years and is an advocate for children and families living in poverty and women of domestic violence. The effects of poverty on children are wide-reaching and can lead to lifelong struggles, especially when young people don’t receive full educations.

Brenda has had the privilege of being her school parent advisory chair for the last two years, as well as sitting on the Board of Directors for MAPC. Sitting on her school council and MAPC has given her an opportunity to be more involved in her community, to actually participate in her child’s school activities more and to give a representative voice to our School Administration. She believes as a parent we are all deeply vested in the future of our schools, neighbourhoods and communities so that our children can have a safe and nurturing environment to grow and thrive.

As a parent, she feels it is of the utmost importance that we bring together the different perspectives of parents and educators, and build a collaborative understanding of how to enrich our learning environment.



Renee Ritchot, Administrative Assistant, has been working with MAPC since September 2010 as the Administrative Assistant. She resides in River Park South with her family. Renee has a daughter who is in the Bachelor of Nursing program at the University of Manitoba and a son, who is currently in the work force. Renee served on her Parent Council for several years while her children were young and also served for five years as a Director on an independent school board in a communications and marketing capacity.

Renee has completed a Digital and Social Media course through the University of Winnipeg’s Professional, Applied and Continuing Education (P.A.C.E.) and continues to be passionate about communication for the organization. This past year saw Renee intricately involved in the MAPC website redevelopment project, identifying new and improved ways of providing members with better accessibility to the resources they need. Renee holds an Instructional Assistant Certificate and has extensive administrative training and experience, having worked in the insurance, call centre and human resources industries. Renee enjoys travel, camping, snowmobiling and spending time with family and friends.





Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

Helping Parents Find a Voice in Education

Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) 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.

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils has over 318 members throughout the province, consisting of Advisory Councils for School Leadership, Parent Advisory Councils, Parent Councils, Parent Committees, Home & School Associations and several others.

Joining MAPC is one way to be involved in your child's education. By showing an interest, you are telling your child that education is important. When parents are

involved with their child's education at an early age, the beneficial effects persist throughout the child's academic career. A school's overall level of achievement increases when parents are actively involved in the school.



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