



What is MAPC?

MAPC and its volunteer Board of Directors act as a resource and support for parents and parent groups to better understand the importance and relevance of the parental voice in education.

MAPC is recognized and respected as the parental voice within the public education system in Manitoba. We invest in educational partnerships to strive to continually improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.

MAPC has developed workshops, conferences and resources to make available to parents and parent groups to support the work they do in the school and with children.

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils has over 325 members throughout Manitoba, consisting of Advisory Councils for School Leadership, Parent Advisory Councils, Parent Committees and several others.

IT MATTERS.

“Parents, families and community members play a very important role in the education system. It is important for them to realize how much influence they can have over students and schools, especially when they become involved in school matters”.

(Working Together: A Guide to Positive Problem Solving for Schools, Families and Communities, Manitoba Citizenship and Youth, 2004)

For school divisions and school districts other than the francophone school division, the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils, Inc. ("MAPC") is recognized as the representative of school-based parent groups, including parent advisory councils and parent councils."

Section 4.1(1) The Education Administration Act, Manitoba

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MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF PARENT COUNCILS Presentations for Parent Advisory Councils

Helping Parents Find a Voice in Education

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Roles & Responsibilities of Parent Advisory Councils

Defining roles and responsibilities of PACs includes understanding the following:

- the role of PACs as defined by Manitoba Education and Training
- the role of the PAC within a school and/or division
- the responsibilities for operating a PAC
- ACSL Legislation
- the responsibilities of individuals serving on a PAC

Effective Meetings for Parent Advisory Councils

It's important to have productive sessions and meaningful discussions. Part of this includes having a solid agenda and the tools you need to ensure dynamic sessions.

Ingredients for effective meetings include:

- knowing the role of the PAC executive and members
- meeting preparations
- creating minutes & agendas
- voting and making motions
- managing conflict

Parent Volunteers

How to get individuals to sign on, show up and stay engaged. MAPC can help provide information on:

- ideas you can put into action to increase participation of parents in your school
- why volunteers are important
- why parents want to volunteer
- why some parents are not willing to help
- where to find volunteers
- your responsibilities to volunteers
- showing volunteer appreciation

To book a presentation for your PAC, contact MAPC at 204- 956- 1770 or info@mapc.mb.ca.

MAPC works to empower parents by supporting, promoting and enhancing meaningful involvement and participation of parents in order to improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.



MAPC provides professional development for Parent Advisory Councils and provides a platform for parents' voices to be heard. We offer support to parents when facing a challenge. We also provide resources, ideas, and suggestions related to parent councils.



MAPC supports educators by promoting collaborative relationships between home and school. We also advise administration teams on fostering solid parent advisory council practices.



MAPC consults with other educational partners and collaborates on various educational committees throughout the year.