



CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS 2012

Why Propose a Resolution for Change?

Every year, parents serving on school councils discuss educational issues they want to see addressed by the government. They record these ideas in “*statements of intent*” by submitting a resolution for change. Proposed resolutions are reviewed by Manitoba Association of Parent Councils’ (MAPC) membership and voted on at our Annual General Meeting. If passed, these resolutions become part of MAPC policy. New policies are submitted to the Minister of Education for review and used to promote our position with other decision makers in Manitoba’s education system.

Who May Submit a Resolution?

1. Any current MAPC member in good standing (*as per MAPC constitution item 2.4 (c)*)
2. MAPC Board of Directors

How Does My Group Prepare a Resolution?

1. Choose an issue affecting students in Manitoba that you believe should be changed.
2. Discuss the issue with your Parent Council to ensure support.
3. Follow the format on the “*Simplified Resolution Format*” page on the back of this form.
4. Include thorough and accurate background information.
5. Use easy to understand wording for clear and concise meaning.

MAPC deals with Parent Councils’ resolutions only.

What’s Next...

1. February 17, 2012: Draft resolutions must be submitted to the MAPC office.
2. March 2012: Each relevant proposed resolution is included in the Annual Book of Reports and distributed to members in good standing for discussion at the MAPC Annual General Meeting on April 27 & 28, 2012.
3. Pre-AGM: At your Parent Group meeting, review the Annual Book of Reports and discuss how your group wants to vote on each proposed resolution at the Annual General Meeting.
4. April 27 & 28: Attend the MAPC Annual General Meeting as the voting delegate for your Parent Group.

*If no one can attend from your Parent Group, please use your proxy vote to make your vote count.
(See the “What are Credentials and Proxies?” brochure that will be included in your voting package next month).*

Resolution Format

1. Title of the Proposed Resolution (Identify the main ISSUE)

Example: Equal Status for All Formally Recognized Parent Advisory Councils in Manitoba

2. Background (Provide INFORMATION leading up to the reason for your proposal)

Example: In 1996, Manitoba Education and Training established the Advisory Councils for School Leadership regulation as a means of formally recognizing the role of parents in a governance related group within school communities. Formal guidelines were laid out to ensure that the operation of - and inclusion of - parent groups operating in a school community would be formally recognized and respected as an essential part of the learning system. Groups operating under these guidelines would be recognized within the province as an Advisory Council for School Leadership. This legislation allows for growth in its partnership strengths and standings within its school community, allowing for greater participation and involvement.

3. Introduction Statement (Tell why this NEEDS to be addressed)

Example: Many parent groups throughout the province continue to struggle with building and maintaining sound governance groups within their school communities. The challenges may range from geographic to low numbers of actively involved parents. Each group must ensure its continuity by developing best practices within their respective school communities. These practices may meet the guiding principles outlined within the ACSL regulation, even though the group itself may not be recognized as an ACSL.

4. Action Requests (Describe what ACTION needs to be taken, by whom, where, and when.)

Example: That Manitoba Association of Parent Councils request of the Minister of Education to revisit the 1996 ACSL legislation to recognize and support the importance and authority of all recognized Parent Advisory Councils in the province to provide a level and consistent playing field for all forms of parental involvement in Manitoba's public school system.

Submitted by (Name of Parent Advisory Group): _____

Contact Name: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to the MAPC office by February 17, 2012

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