

MAPC Board of Directors

Executive Directors

Judith Cameron	President (Evergreen School Division)
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Martin Simmons	(Independent)
Doug Zintel	(Louis Riel School Division)

If you are interested in becoming a Board Director and representing your division, contact our office for more information.

Administration

Naomi Kruse	Executive Director/Advocacy Coordinator
Jill Miner	Administrative Assistant

What is MAPC?

MAPC supports, promotes, and enhances meaningful involvement and participation of parents in order to improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.

MAPC Purpose

- To bring together education partners
- To provide the opportunity for parents, teachers and all who are interested, to work together to improve the education and welfare of children at the local, provincial, and national levels.

What is the MAPC Advocacy Project?

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils' Advocacy Project (MAPCAP) defines advocacy as "speaking up for yourself and others".

Advocacy is a process that can be used to resolve an issue that involves a student, a student's parents, a group of parents, and the school.

Volunteer advocates are available upon request to assist you in resolving individual issues.

For further information, please contact:

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Manitoba Association of Parent Councils



**Helping Parents
Find a Voice in
Education**

Helping Parent Advisory Councils to Achieve Excellence

Our volunteer Board of Directors are parents, like you, and are available to meet with your Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to address specific challenges that your PAC may be experiencing.

MAPC's goal is to help parents and parent advisory councils by educating them, through workshops and presentations on how to be as effective as possible in their schools.

An Independent Voice

Our volunteer Board of Directors represents parents in Manitoba by sitting on a number of education related committees such as:

- Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth Steering Committees and Curriculum Advisory Committees (e.g. Phys Ed/Health, Technical Vocational Initiative, Math)
- Education Finance Advisory Committee
- Healthy Schools Advisory Committee

Working with Provincial Organizations

MAPC also represents the parental voice in Manitoba by working with educational partners to communicate MAPC's perspective. These partners include:

- Manitoba Association of School Trustees
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- Manitoba Teachers' Society
- Council of School Leaders

Benefits of Membership

- Newsletters & mailings
- Annual conferences
- Annual General Meeting
- Workshops/Speakers
- Access to resources
- Customized presentations for your PAC to address your specific needs
- Representing your voice on current educational issues in the province

Workshops and Presentations

We are available to address our member schools on topics such as:

What is MAPC?

A brief introduction to your PAC on the benefits and services MAPC provides.

Roles and Responsibilities of the PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

A brief overview on the roles and responsibilities of the PAC - what you can and cannot do. It's important for you to understand the difference.

Effective Meetings

Chairing a meeting can be an intimidating experience for many people. We are here to help our members learn how to run an effective meeting.

The MAPC Advocacy Project

Navigating Manitoba's education system can be an overwhelming experience for parents. Find out how the MAPC Advocacy Project helps parents to learn how to successfully advocate for their child by working together with the education system to achieve resolution.

MAPC is also available to address specific challenges your PAC may be experiencing. Call the MAPC office for more information!

How Can My Parent Advisory Council Become a Member?

There are a variety of ways of activating your membership including:

- Annual membership packages are sent to every school in the province in September
- Contact our office directly
- Visit our website to download a form

2009 –2010 Events

Northern Tour

Dates TBA

Rural Tour

Dates TBA

Winnipeg Tour

Dates TBA

AGM/Spring Conference

Annual General Meeting and Spring Conference

Friday April 23, and Saturday April 24, 2010
The Victoria Inn & Conference Centre, Winnipeg

With Keynote Speaker Dr. Gabor Maté.

***Our Children—Their Challenges
Their challenges become our
challenges***