

## MHPAC President's Report

- Spoke to Georgina (President of SPEAC) regarding parent education seminars being paid for by them; we would need to be active members which means we would have to pay their \$50 membership fee. I questioned her as to why we have to pay a fee. I had heard that legislation stated they were not supposed to limit membership by charging fees. She informed me that they established their organization before those rules were put in place and therefore they may be grandfathered. She says nobody has ever challenged it before. As for the parent education seminars being covered for us; SPEAC is not mandated to send parents to conference, they only send parents when their budget allows for it. Each year as they establish their budget they decide how many parents they will be able to send to seminars. Each PAC that wishes to receive funds from SPEAC to attend seminars must apply. If more people want to go than the money allotted allows they will decide lottery style.
- Mrs Baty & myself have made arrangements to meet twice a month to ensure that any issues that arise are dealt with in a timely manner
- I am happy to announce that Gord Swanson has agreed to take on the role of Member at Large. Gord helped a great deal at our family BBQ, has attended all of the PAC meetings thus far and in October he took on a position as a Fresh Fruit volunteer. I believe he will be a great addition to the PAC.
- Trudy and I have discussed the survey regarding presentation topics for the year. We have received a good response and will be drawing up a schedule to be printed in the newsletter. The presentations that will be scheduled were chosen based on the responses we received from parents. If you did not complete your survey she will be accepting them until Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.