

If your child attends classes with the Centre for Learning Alternatives – READ THIS!!

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Information Sheet for Parents

What is the Centre for Learning Alternatives (CLA)?

The CLA is a whole bunch of schools (many located at the John McInnis Centre) which accommodate many types of learning. CLA provides schooling in different programs in order to meet the needs of students who vary greatly in age, experience, and educational needs.

What do you mean – a whole bunch of different schools?

Well, there's **Distance Education** (we used to call this "correspondence courses" but it's really more than that). Then, there's the **Alternate Community Programs**, which are for students who have encountered difficulties in regular schools. Some of these programs are **Youth Around Prince**, **Teen Mothers Alternate Program (TMAP)**, **Concept Education**, **Connections**, **Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)**, **Transitional Alternative Program Secondary (TAPS)**, **Storefront**, **Intersect**, and **Summit**. Finally, there are programs to meet the academic needs of youth at the **Youth Custody Centre** and **Camp Trapping**.



What is a Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?

A Parent Advisory Council is a group of people who are interested in helping the principal and staff make the school a great place for students to learn.

Who belongs to the PAC?

Every parent, guardian, or adult learner associated with CLA can belong to the PAC.

What does a PAC do?

Our job is to support students enrolled in our school. Just like other schools, we receive Gaming Funds from the provincial government which can be spent on projects that benefit our students.

Is this group like other PAC?

Nope – **we don't do any fundraising!** No chocolate bars, no magazine subscriptions, no cookie dough ...

What do you want?

We want you!! The PAC meets once a month for 1 hour. We consider funding requests from the teachers for activities that reward and encourage our kids. The PAC has spent money on year end field trips, ball tournaments, the Music Café, books, car seats, musical instruments, supplies for the sewing club, cooking club, art club and fitness club, graduation ceremonies, Christmas party supplies, Tim Horton's gift certificates, writing contest prizes, school supplies, gingerbread house kits.....and a whole lot more.

Can you help for one hour every month?

*If you are interested, contact your student's teacher, phone the CLA office at 250.564.6574,
or phone Gayle at 250.962.1001*