

# MEC Sunday School Parent Survey Results

Dates conducted: 11/23/2019-2/9/2020

School Demographics: 185 families, 299 students

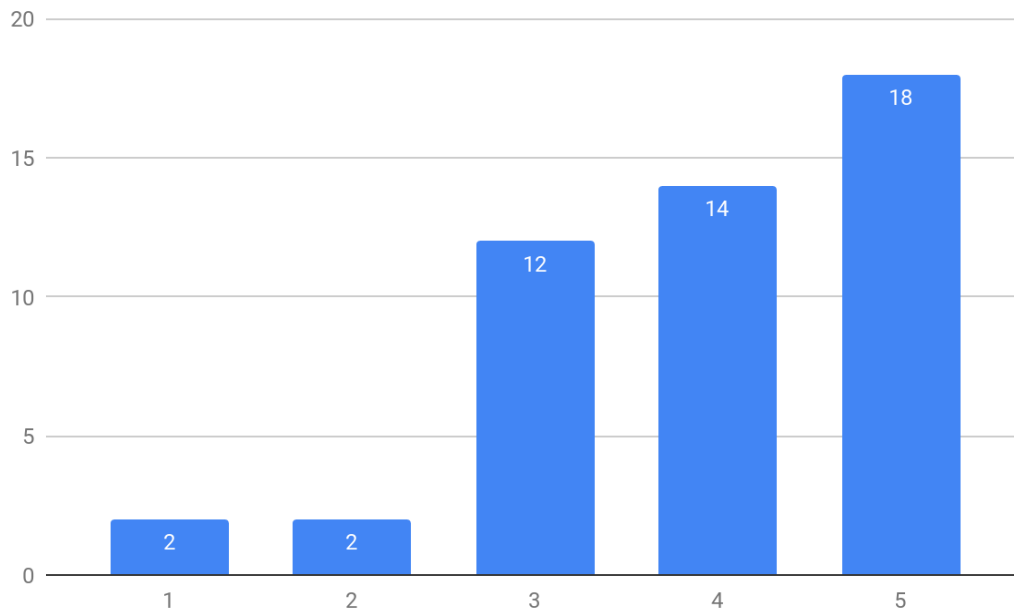
Responses: 48 or **26%** of families assuming only one person per family filled out survey

## Family Data:

1. How many of your children attend MEC Sunday school?  
**1(62.5%)**, 2(27.1%), 3(10.4%)
2. How long have you been at MEC Sunday school?  
 1st year(33.3%), **1-5(35.4%)**, 5-10(18.8%), 10+(12.5%)
3. If you provide Islamic education outside of MEC Sunday School, please provide details.  
**54% had no response** implying MEC SS is their only islamic education  
**Online or with quran teacher (29.2%)**, at home (14.6%), other masjid (2.1%)
4. What are your motivations for sending your children to MEC Sunday School?  
**(100%) Children gaining islamic knowledge**  
**(75.1%) Community engagement**  
 (37.5%) Believe in the sunday school's vision  
 (20.8%) I like the staff and administration  
 (10.4%) Children love it and tell you to take them

## PTO:

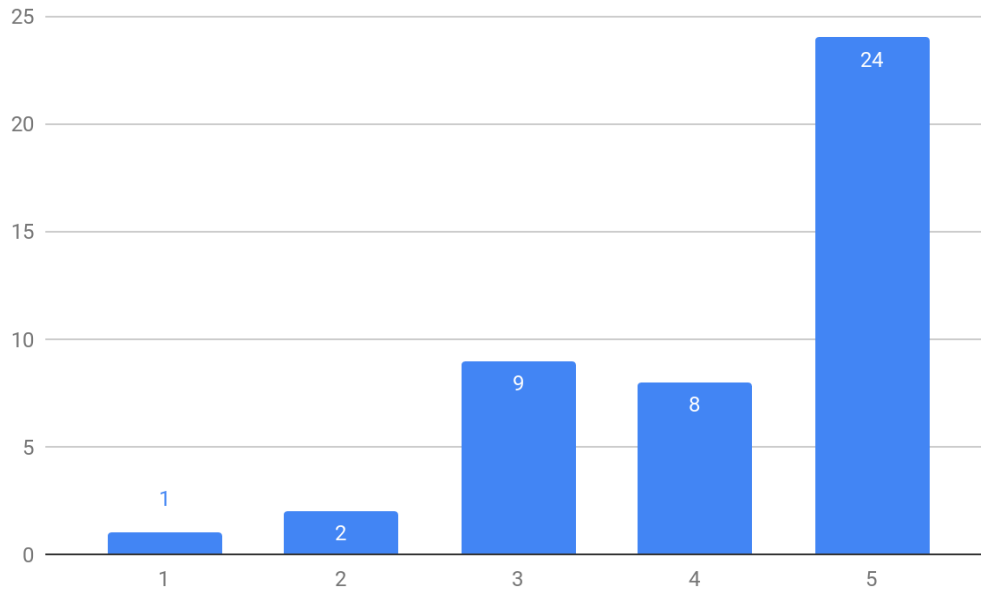
1. Rate how well you understand the role of the PTO: Scale of 1-5 with 1 being "Not at All" and 5 being "Very Well"



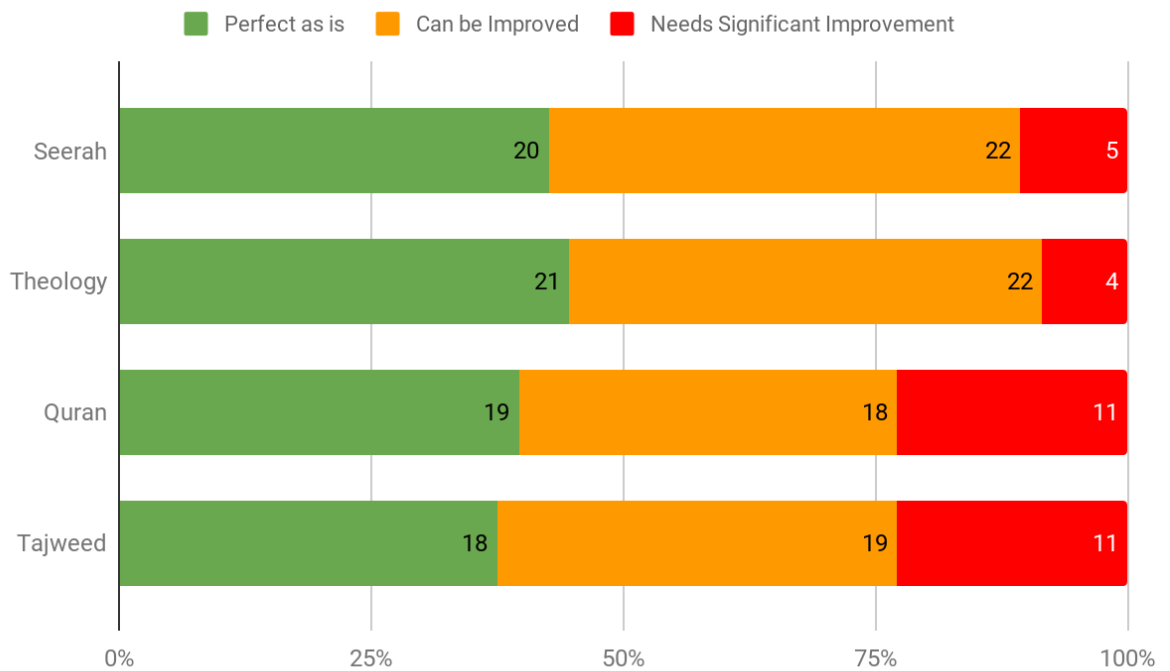
2. What can the PTO do to improve your and/or your child's experience at the school?
  - Family friendly activities
  - Change teachers who cannot connect with kids and yell all the time
  - Participate in curriculum development and teaching.
  - Arrange out of the class educational opportunities for students
  - First year here but would be good for the new parents to understand what has or has not worked in the past. This will give us a better appreciation of the current set up and organization.
  - I love the enrichment field trips & maybe we can provide more of those opportunities
  - Sounds very well as is
  - Nothing else, we appreciate the volunteering.
  - They are doing there best
  - Have more oftem PTO meetings
  - Maybe some more Islamic themed fun activities
  - They are doing good .we are improving our self.
  - Participate in teachers training and parents involvement.
  - Fundraisers
  - Very good
  - Have more often meeting
3. How often do you feel the PTO should have a general meeting with all parents?  
**(35.4%) Monthly**, (29.2%) Quarterly, (29.2%) Fine as is, (4.2%) Each semester, (2.1%) Not needed
4. Provide any other suggestions you have for the PTO.
  - Create fun activities for students
  - Less heating in my child's class on the main floor
  - - All books seems interesting and engaging except Tajweed books. - Tajweed books should include the Arabic translation as well for the Arabic speaking families or clear English translation.
  - Provide guidance on how to steer kids away from Christmas
  - Guide parents with resources such that we can supplement learnings in Sunday school - learning aids to introduce to the kids, events to take kids to, etc.
  - Not sure if its related to PTO but Im so disappointed with teachers communication. None of Mec teachers reply back the emails since the school year has started. Please work on this matter. Teachers should answer the concern parents have about classwork, homework, quiz etc.
  - Keep doing good work
  - Always attend PTO and provide feedback
  - Open to ideas and trying new ideas.
  - PTO should help more parents get involved not just few parents
  - when are the regular meetings?

**ADMIN & CURRICULUM:**

1. How often would you like to see communication from your child(ren)'s class teacher?  
**(47.9%)Once a week, (37.5%)As needed, (12.5%)Once a month, (2.1%)Never**
2. Do you feel the weekly communication provided by administration and PTO is adequate? Scale of 1-5 with 1 being “Not at All” and 5 being “Excellent”



3. Please rate the quality of education your child receives in each of the following subjects:



4. If you could do one thing to make Sunday School better, what would it be?

- Get more organized
- The education is excellent
- - Better quality and younger teacher
- - Better books.
- - Shorter day
- - Combine Theology and Quran or Quran and Tajweed
- Shut it down then restart from the beginning
- Have more qualified and mature staff.
- Donate money for a good cause
- Better teachers, better teachers, and better teachers.  
Teachers who are qualified, fluent in english language, and can actually relate to the youth.
- Professional teachers and curriculum
- Improve the Tajweed program with the choice of more engaging books and more explanations for the families
- I would teach Arabic as a language first
- Experience teachers
- More focus on the Quran recitations / memorization
- learning should be more fun especially for the younger children. Less testing. Children have a lot of testing/homework in regular school and I feel Sunday school should be more about fun learning and encouraging them to enjoy being a part of the community. Learning is of course very important but they should also learn how to be good Muslims in today's world. I feel some of the teachers are too strict with the children and it makes children not want to go. I know many parents that have stopped sending their children because of this reason. Kids should not be upset going to Sunday school but rather they should look forward to going and seeing their friends.
- Revise curriculum, do board standardized exams in 5th & 10th where passing the board exam would be a requirement for graduation (this at least give one purpose for the standardized exam, as currently we don't do anything with the exam besides grade them. PTSC doesn't do anything with the data. Making it a graduation requirement will provide at least one solid purpose for the exam). 4th graders are too young to take such an exam. & even if we do it in 5th grade, it needs to be somewhat watered down from its current format. 5th grade is a mid-point over the span of the Sunday school, so that makes some sense.
- The teacher communication for parents in terms of replying email.  
Also plz use the assigned colored folders for sending classwork to home. I see my child's backpack has tons of classwork and homework papers, dont know which subject they belong to and the colored folders are usually empty. Please Advise teachers to mention in the class which folder children suppose to put that particular class's classwork. Hope to see improvement. Thank you
- It's perfect as it is.

- I appreciate the strong vision, passion and efforts of the administration! Definitely going in the right direction.
- Tell people that there are two different shoe rack rooms in the men's area. If the prayer is done before 2:10 pm, I would want my son to sit somewhere/wait somewhere. Tell people about the 2 lost and found areas. Also send out an email for people to claim things in a month (as there is also winter break) and that after that all the stuff will be donated to charity. But if there are any names written on the items, the stuff can be given to those kids/can be asked to their parents.  
Thank you.
- Involve parents as much u can
- Better and more standardized teaching practices.
- Extra help for kids who are struggling
- More involvement of parents
- I don't see any suggestions for sunday school.because this is my first year here.
- Change curriculum and remove board exam
- For 1st grade (A) memorizing surah is very difficult, and especially for those who are not starting quran reading, I'm fine if you started with little surah but surah Fatiha and surah nas seriously. My suggestion is for 1st grade teacher teach child on a kindergarten level  
Thanks
- Provide more "fun" activities which makes kids excited to go to Sunday School. I feel like we are trying to cram too much information into a 4 hour day which burns kids out. Especially the younger ones because we want to keep them wanting to come back to Sunday School as they get older.
- Enhancing learning for students who are ahead of others because they are becoming bored and don't want to attend Sunday school anymore.
- Have teachers trained in class management skills
- more parent/teacher interaction
- 1- the curriculum needs to be more kids friendly. 2- Reduce the number of book the kids need as the back-bag is very heavy.
- Assign kids for an appropriate grade level based on their knowledge and age.
- Not satisfied with the education he is getting.