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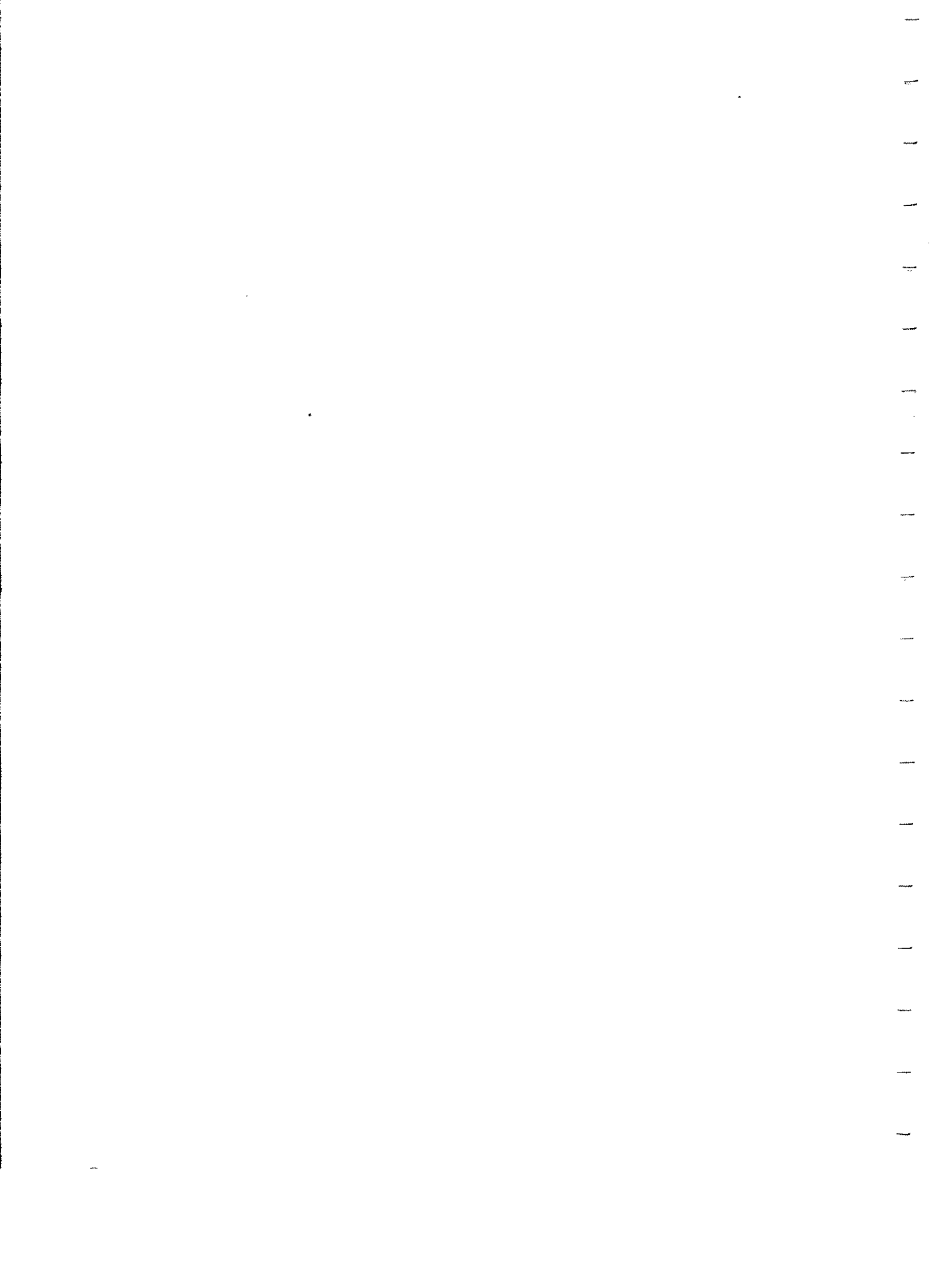
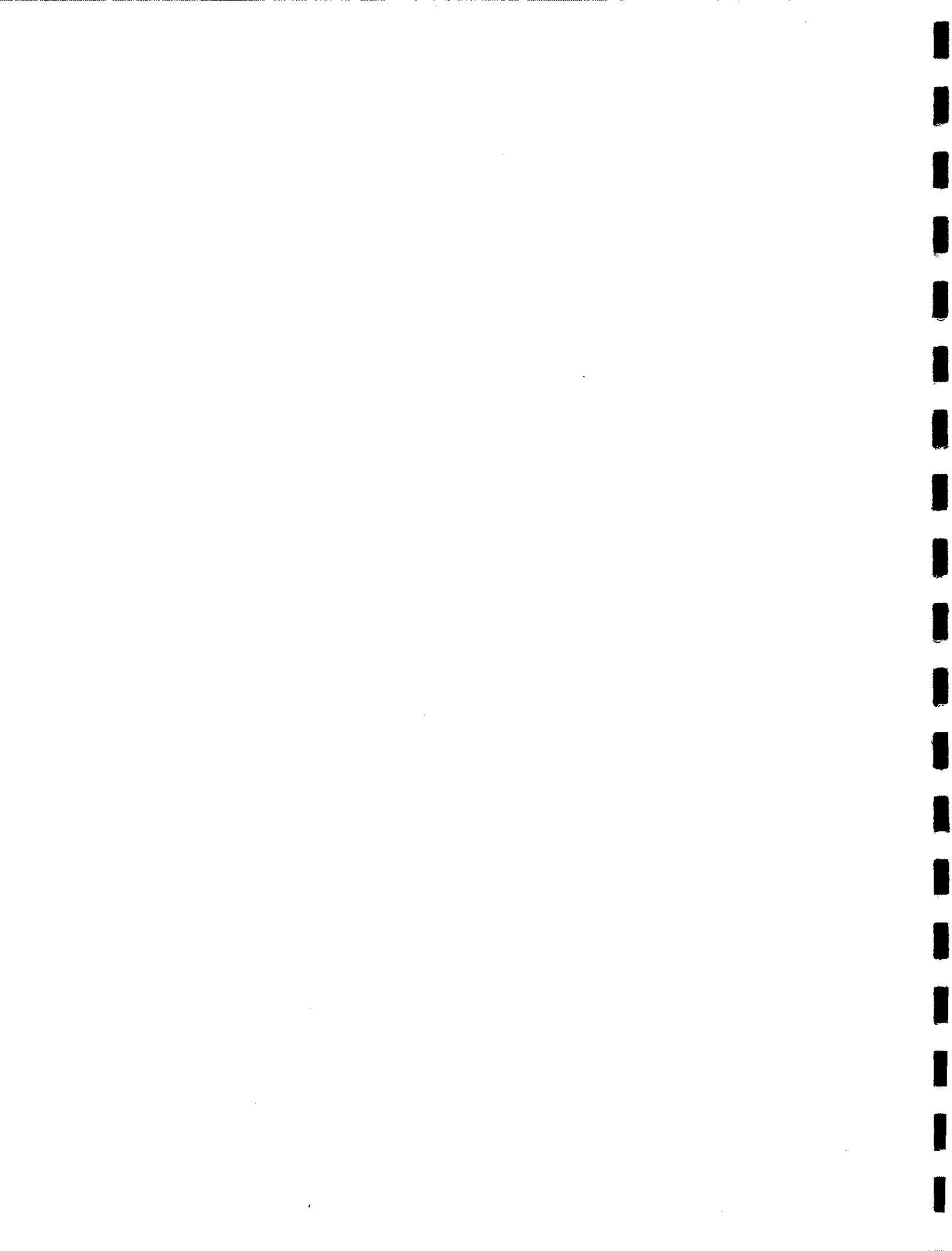


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MINUTES OF THE 45TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
HELD APRIL 29, 1989, IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF THE PSBGM

Registered and present during the one-day Annual General Meeting (AGM) were 79 delegates from 30 local Home & School Associations; 17 members of the Board of Directors, QFHSA; 12 invited guests; 9 workshop leaders; 15 observers from our Group Affiliate Members and/or Individual Supporting Members. Total attendance 132. (There were 9 displayers).

At the Awards Presentations Banquet, held Friday, April 29, guests and delegates were entertained by the Lindsay Place High School Jazz Band, consisting of 22 students and 2 leaders.

Conference was officially opened on Saturday morning, April 29, 1989, by the President, Helen Koeppe (9:30 am).

1. Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed the delegates and visitors present at our 45th AGM. Also welcomed three new local Home & School Associations - Emmanuel Christian, Ecole Primaire Harwood and Westmount High School. Those present from out-of-town were thanked for coming.

Mrs. Koeppe then introduced the head table. Barbara Milne-Smith, Resolutions Chairman; Caspar Esselaar, Treasurer; and Jon Percy, Recording Secretary.

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Lacey (Board of Directors) to appoint Al Locke as parliamentarian. CARRIED

Credentials Committee

Val Carpenter, registration coordinator, reported that 28 associations, with voting delegates, were present, sufficient for a quorum.

Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION: Buchanan (Board of Directors)/Stirling (Valois Park School) that Ken Cooke (PAPT) and Paul-Emile Fortin (from Thetford Mines) be appointed. CARRIED

3. Adoption of Agenda

The following were added to the Agenda:

- 10.1 CHSPTF Literacy in the Information Age project.
- 10.2 CHSPTF Sale of Records to Augment Trustee funds.
- 10.3 Installation of Officers.

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Tertoole (Board of Directors) that the agenda be adopted, with additions. CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes of 44th Annual General Meeting (1988)

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Fortin (Thetford Mines) to adopt the 1988 Minutes. CARRIED



5. Business Arising from 1988 AGM Minutes

Resolution 88\3 - SCHOOL BUS SAFETY - FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS - (pp. 5-6 of 1988 Minutes). A 'blind zone' on buses was referred to. Was this given to Don Smith, Chairman, QFHSA Safety/Transportation Committee, for consideration? It was suggested that a note be sent to him regarding this.

Resolution 88\2 - ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS - (p.5 of 1988 Minutes). Pat Lewis asked if anything further had come from this resolution. It was stated that the chairman of this committee, Marion Daigle, would report later on it; it is also listed under Disposition of Resolutions.

6. President's Report (pp. 1-3, Book of Reports)

President spoke briefly. Asked that recommendation, to renew our commitment to equality of opportunity to best education and social services for all children, be accepted.

MOTION: Koepp (Board of Directors)/Brodkin (Board of Directors) to accept the recommendation. CARRIED

President mentioned videos available from QFHSA office: "Open Flame" on drugs; Framing Resolutions, How to Start a Home & School and How Home & School Works in the Community (from Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations); QFHSA Meech Lake presentation to the New Brunswick legislative committee.

Greetings from Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation Sylvia Adams, President, brought greetings to the QFHSA delegates. Said it had been a busy year with many representations made to the federal government on issues that will affect children in the classroom. Had spoken to the Council of Ministers of Education Canada and had emphasized the "parent factor"; felt they only talked about it but did not put it into practice. Canadian had received \$47,000 from the Secretary of State for an exciting project on literacy aimed at prevention. Illiterate means functioning at grade 9 level (according to the Southam News report, "Broken Words"). Also working with Secretary of State's office on a Strategic Development Model - the rights and obligations as a volunteer. Health & Welfare programs must contain a volunteer and community component. Said dialogue with these different groups was so important.

MOTION: Minto (Beaconsfield High School)/Esselaar (Board of Directors) to show our appreciation to Sylvia Adams and Maybelle Durkin (Executive Director, CHSPTF) for their tremendous efforts during the past year. CARRIED

7. Treasurer's Report

7.1 Recommendation re Membership Fee (1989/90) (Book of Reports, p.19)

MOTION: Esselaar (Board of Directors)/Brodkin (Board of Directors) that the Family Membership Fee remain at \$9.00. CARRIED

7.2 Proposed Budget 1989/90 (Book of Reports, p.18)

MOTION: Esselaar (Board of Directors)/Daigle (Board of Directors) to adopt the budget.

Discussion. Treasurer said we had tried to keep the budget in line with previous ones. Update on grant application to Secretary of State

(Official Languages in Education) re off-island development. We are uncertain of the status of our grant since there has been a 1.5 million dollar cutback overall. Executive Secretary said that Mary Farrell, of the Montreal office of the Secretary of State, called our office just yesterday and said any cut to QFHSA would be minor. President mentioned that we are grateful for her support over the past years. Perhaps we should add capital items to next year's application Received grant of \$15,000 during the past year from the MEQ, plus a one-time grant of \$4,500; received \$22,000 from Secty of State. Vote on budget. CARRIED

- 7.3 Auditor's Statement (for year ending Aug 31, 1988)
Copies of the statement were circulated to Home & School Associations prior to the AGM. Indicated we are holding our own financially.

8. Reports - Standing Committees, Liaisons

8.1 Nominations (Book of Reports, p.20)

Vi Minto, Chairman, Nominations Committee, read the names of those willing to stand for office: As vice-presidents (two year term) - David Brodtkin (Lakeshore), Frances McKinnon (Gaspé), Vi Minto (Lakeshore), Jessica Tertoolle (Lakeshore); as Executive Vice-President (two year term) - Diane Lacey (South Shore).

MOTION: Minto (Board of Directors)/Allan (Beacon Hill) to adopt the slate as presented. CARRIED

Chairman mentioned the committee's inability to find a President but said that Helen Koepe was willing to stay on as interim president.

MOTION: Potter (Board of Directors)/Brown (Keith) to nominate Helen Koepe as interim President. CARRIED

Chairman further stated that since Diane Lacey has moved from Vice-President to Executive Vice-President (and the slate has been accepted) there is a one-year vacancy for a Vice-President.

MOTION: Kalman (Board of Directors)/F. Kalman (Lindsay Place High) to nominate Marcus Tabachnick (Sunnydale) to fill this position. CARRIED

MOTION: Koepe (Board of Directors)/J. Tertoolle (Board of Directors) a vote of thanks to Vi Minto for doing such a good job as Chairman of the Nominations Committee. CARRIED

8.2 Constitution, Resolutions

8.2.1 Disposition of 1988 Resolutions (Book of Reports, p.24)
88/2 - Accountability for the Use of Federal Grants for Official Language Programs

The Committee is still working on this difficult problem. The Council of Ministers of Education Canada, to whom the resolution was addressed, had replied that accountability should be directed to provincial governments!

88,3 - School Bus Safety - Flashing Warning Lights

Reply received from the Minister of Transport. Appreciates interest shown by QFHSA in traffic safety.

Margaret Funnell, Commissioner, Lakeshore School Board, said that in the United States they do have yellow warning lights. We should write them and ask if they found these lights caused

any problems (Minister said they would cause accidents).

8.2.2 1989 Resolutions

89/1E - Goals for Quality Education to Adhere to During Implementation of Law 107

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Tertoole (Board of Directors) to adopt this resolution.

Discussion. Marion Daigle, Chairman, School Reorganization Committee, spoke to the resolution. Under the "background" to this resolution, the second recommendation re Bill 107, had not been included in our brief to the provincial government. This should be passed.

The Committee is concerned that while 80% of Bill 107 has been passed, with the remaining 20% to be approved by the courts, it is very likely that this 20% will have implications for the 80% already in place. Law 107 is very serious from our point of view. The education of our children should not be jeopardized while we await the courts' decision on parts of the law. We should endeavour to make the law work for us.

Expressions of concern from the delegates: about the impact of Law 107 on Protestant Boards in this province; they will be severely weakened even before the remaining 20% (language boards as opposed to denominational boards) is implemented. Whatever we do we are in a catch-22 situation but we do have the power to try to make the law work for us by working with other educational groups.

Vote on motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2.3 QFHSA Statement of Policy

Barbara Milne-Smith, Chairman, Resolutions Committee, described what the Statement is. We should review it and use it. Let the Committee know your comments and thoughts - suggestions for up-dating.

Plea for local associations to think about issues that might form subject of resolutions for 1990 meeting. It is important that we make statements to school boards, government(s), etc., reflecting our concerns. We need parent input. We should be proactive not reactive; should try to be ahead of government. If we are not making these statements to the MEQ they will assume that we are in favour of everything they are doing. For example, concern has been expressed at Lakeshore Regional Council of Home & School Associations meetings regarding library services. We should pressure government for library staff.

We haven't said anything yet, as parents, about AIDS, the curriculum in general, arts in the school program (like the band from Lindsay Place High School that we all enjoyed so much last night), etc. There are many issues out there (see our Social Affairs Committee report (Book of Reports, pp.28-29) for examples. A new sub-committee has recently been set up by Pat Lewis, Chairman, Social Affairs/Support Services Committee, re

an AIDS policy. Any input from the locals would be welcomed. Concern expressed that "core" programs in schools (like math) are being pushed out by variety of other programs on less "academic" subjects. One answer: Education is not just for earning a living; arts teach you how to live. If you do have concerns then they should be expressed in resolutions.

Angelika Redahl, Chairman, AGM Program Committee, mentioned afternoon workshops; they will be concerned with "issues".

8.3 School Reorganization (Book of Reports, pp.26-27)

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Esselaar (Board of Directors) to adopt this report.

Discussion. Marion Daigle spoke to this report. Asked that date of Bill 107 becoming law be corrected from Dec 23, 1988, to Dec 22, 1988. Mentioned CELE - the Committee for English Language Education - and spoke about their proposal to change to a new group - the Council for English Language Education - which would have a more formal structure and a constitution. The QFHSA Board of Directors is against the establishment of a Council but are in favour of present CELE structure as vehicle for information, exchange and dialogue.

The second recommendation, included in the background to our 1989 resolution on School Reorganization [Bill 107], has been approved by the Board of Directors, QFHSA, for inclusion in our brief on Bill 107. Would like this AGMs approval for its inclusion.

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Lacey (Board of Directors) that the second recommendation be included as part of our brief on Bill 107. This recommendation reads: As a second step, in the light of the uncertainties of the intent of Bill 107 and the presence of constitutional constraints, QFHSA recommends that the Bill be referred, in its entirety, to the Quebec Court of Appeal after second reading, for a ruling on its constitutionality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vote on report.

CARRIED

Coffee/Nutrition Break.

8.4 Rights (Book of Reports, pp.30-31)

Calvin Potter, Co-chairman, Rights Committee, spoke on our court action re Bill 101, still underway after 12 years. The recent Supreme Court decision with regard to the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards (QAPSB) case re the Regime Pedagogique (Quebec government was ruled to have control over curriculum. You require authority over curriculum in order to have authority over language.) was a setback for us when we were just ready to proceed in court. We had five good plaintiffs lined up. QAPSB will likely ask for a re-hearing. Until this is resolved it presents a roadblock to one of our court challenges (Article 72 - language of instruction). Toys and Games (Article 54) deals with

freedom of speech. Article 1, French as the official language of Quebec, is a symbolic issue.

The Rights Committee is also concerned with the Meech Lake Accord. Have prepared, and presented, briefs on this issue to the Senate and both Ontario and New Brunswick legislatures. We are seeking equality of minority official language rights across Canada.

Law 107 "nationalizes" the school system in Quebec. The school system in our province has roots established over 140 years ago. A brief history of the protestant system in Quebec, from 1760 to the present, has been commissioned. Dr. Simms, Chairman, QAPSB, has agreed to write a foreword. The "history" will also appear as an insert in our newspaper. Hope parents will develop an appreciation of an "alternative" system in Quebec, with a different philosophy of education, that meets their needs.

Further discussion regarding rehearing of QAPSB court case and ours. There is an article in delegates' kits by David Wadsworth, Executive Director, QAPSB, on issues of their court case. If we tried to have our case heard now in Superior Court of Quebec it would be thrown out because of Supreme Court decision. Even if the QAPSB asks for a rehearing (have 60 days in which to do so) it is possible that Supreme Court will deny it. We require individual efforts (letters to MPs, etc.) to demonstrate our concern.

RECOMMENDATION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Fortin (Thetford Mines) that the Rights Committee consider circulation of a draft letter to go out to local associations for sending to their MPs.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Student Accident Insurance (Book of Reports, p.33)

This recommendation was included in delegates' kits, that we continue with Reliable Life Insurance Company for the school year 1990/91 and that the proposal recommended for 1990/91 is Option A (\$5.50/student, \$3,000 Life Insurance, \$500 dental work/tooth) and Option B (\$10.50/student, \$3,000 Life Insurance, unlimited dental expenses/tooth for five years and \$500/tooth until age 20). The present accepted proposal, for 1989/90, covers Option A (as above) and an Option B, covering less benefits, for \$8.00/student.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Tertoole (Board of Directors) to accept the recommendation for 1990/91.

CARRIED

MOTION: Lacey (Board of Directors)/Brodkin (Board of Directors) to approve the improved Option B in this plan for the 1989/90 school year as well.

CARRIED

8.6 Membership (Book of Reports, p.19)

Norma Rennie, Chairman, QFHSA Membership Committee, mentioned that Membership Awards were based on percent of student enrollment. She

explained why this was so. Some delegates expressed concern that it was not based on families. Chairman requested input on this issue. Also said that this year's Membership/Publicity/Newsletter workshop would be held in our office the first week of June. Mentioned that our latest Group Affiliate Member was Kanestake Education Council, who had joined today.

MOTION: Rennie (Windermere School)/Fortin (Thetford Mines) to accept this report. CARRIED

8.7 Awards (Book of Reports, p.16)

RECOMMENDATION: Adams (Board of Directors)/Esselaar (Board of Directors recommends that all members be present at the meeting to choose the Award Winner. In the event of the absence of a member, a substitute (in the same category) shall be appointed. CARRIED

The award winners for this year, Pat Lewis, teacher par excellence, and Jon Percy, Home & Schooler and after-dinner-speaker par excellence, were introduced.

8.8 Official Languages in Education (Book of Reports, p.21)

RECOMMENDATION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Tertoolle (Board of Directors) that the committee study and prepare a report on the new protocol as it relates to accountability.

Discussion. The government of Quebec does not give this extra money to French immersion; Mr. Ryan, Minister of Education, has no problem with how the department spends the money. Chairman of Committee, Marion Daigle, encouraged local associations to request a copy of the OLE document from Mr. Farley, Secty of State's office in Ottawa. Some of the stated objectives of this program were read out to delegates. Vote on adoption of report and recommendation. CARRIED

8.9 Education (Book of Reports, p.17)

Ann Cumyn, Chairman, spoke to last year's QFHSA Literary Project; feeling that topic may have been a little restrictive, only six schools participated. Copies of "book" circulated to schools that participated - Edgewater, Hopetown, Shigawake & Port Daniel, Seigniory, Thorndale and Windermere - and to President of QFHSA. President expressed thanks to chairman on behalf of the Board of Directors for her efforts in producing the book. Hope that next year it will be bigger and better.

8.10 PAPT/PACT Curriculum Council - liaison Marguerite Dunlop

Report not presently in Book of Reports; will be included as p.34. Our liaison outlined activities of the Council during the past year.

9. Adoption of Remaining Reports

MOTION: Brodtkin (Board of Directors)/Minto (Beaconsfield High) to adopt remaining reports en bloc.

10. Additions to Agenda

10.2 CHSPTF Record

Record costs \$3.00 (\$1 to produce, \$1 to CHSPTF Trust Fund, 50¢ to

local association selling record); promotes Canadian spirit; children singing the songs are from Summerhill, Nova Scotia. Before CHSPTF can proceed they need an agreement from each provincial federation to take 275 records for their province. Discussion. Delegates felt a cassette would be a better vehicle than a 45. What was quality like? After further discussion it was agreed by all that this did not seem like a marketable item and we would need to know more about the end product before making a commitment.

10.1 CHSPTF Literacy in the Information Age project

Marion Daigle, Chairman, CHSPTF Education Committee, spoke to the project. Felt this was a very exciting undertaking with appeal at local, provincial and national levels. 1990 is United Nations' International Year of Literacy. We are now living in a different kind of literate environment. Before, a person who was literate would read and write. Now, need computer, maths and science skills to be literate. 24% of adults in Canada are functionally illiterate (28% in Quebec) but, based on GNP, Canada spends more on education than other industrialized nations. CHSPTF program will try to prevent our children from becoming part of the illiterate population; would train adults to work with children. Asked, where is reading regarded as a 7 days a week activity the way sports are? A full day of workshops on topic will be held at CHSPTF annual meeting this June. Our Quebec facilitator is Heather McBride, past president of Edgewater Home & School and an educator by profession. Thorndale Home & School mentioned that they have a reading corner set up. Marion Daigle stressed that this was a continuing program; would welcome suggestions from schools - to share activities and ideas across Canada.

Lucien Rossaert

Allan Locke, incoming President of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education, spoke of the recent death of Lucien Rossaert - a good friend of Home & School and of the Protestant education community. Lucien was Vice-Chairman of the Superior Council and Secretary-General of the Richelieu Valley School Board; was awarded the QFHSA Paterson Award (for an outstanding educator) in 1985. Our sincere sympathies to his family.

Betty Hermo, Hospitality Chm., and Angelika Redahl, Program Chm.

President thanked them for all their work. Reminded delegates to fill out and hand in their Evaluation Forms in their kits.

10.3 Installation of Officers

Done by Sylvia Adams, President, CHSPTF. Asked both new, incoming officers and old officers to come forward and be installed. Paid tribute to Helen Koeppe and her two year term of office as our President. QFHSA has been fortunate to have someone like her. She has been an exceptional President; generous of spirit, quiet, discrete, with sense of humour, showed the power of positive thinking. Outlined the many tasks undertaken by the President on our behalf.

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Motion to adjourn (12:45)

Esselaar (Board of Directors)/Brown (Keith School).

CARRIED

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 5, 1990
 Highlights of the Year 1989-90
Helen Koeppel, President

New Decade & New Directions QFHSA 1989 Annual General Meeting set the theme for the year that has passed. The science workshop featuring a panel of science educators "Somebody better start loving the sciences" earned QFHSA front page headlines and a follow-up story later as well. Science literacy is the theme of the 1990 conference with Dr. J. Schwarcz of Vanier College and McGill, speaker.

Literacy Project 4th Phase. QFHSA has undertaken to organize community literacy exchanges aimed at heightening awareness of the resources that already exist within communities and where some more action is needed. QFHSA representatives to the CHSPTF midterm meeting in Ottawa last Nov. (89) heard firsthand reports of the pilot projects which had been undertaken in Manitoba (rural), NFLD (urban center) and New Brunswick. Additional copies of the reports have been obtained to facilitate the setting up of exchanges in Quebec.

Marion Daigle, CHSPTF Education Chairman, along with others has held numerous sessions titled "Literacy in the Information Age" within Quebec to help formulate a network of organizations all striving to decrease the provincial illiteracy rate.

Outreach Workshops By applying for and receiving a grant again this year under the Official Languages Communities Program of the Secretary of State Department (Ottawa) Quebec Federation has been able to sponsor workshops in areas off-island such as the Gaspé Coast, Three Rivers and Howick. Nomad Scientists for instance have presented very entertaining yet scientifically educational workshops to both parents and students in some schools with the program funds.

Fall Conference Held October 21, 1989 at Beaconsfield High School in Beaconsfield, Quebec enabled Home & Schoolers and others including school commissioners and affiliated school committee members to have a replay of the Literacy Exchange that took place in June 1989 at the Univ. of B.C. (Vancouver). The morning plenary session "Literacy in the Information Age - Our Children - Their World - Their Future" was modelled on the Vancouver session featuring a panel with speakers from academia, science, business and the media. Additional afternoon workshops rounded out the program by offering "give & take" sessions during which leadership skill could be enhanced.

Sharing and Training Newsletter/Publicity/Membership workshop was held June 8th at the QFHSA offices on Cavendish Blvd. New and old, or incoming and retiring presidents also met in June.

Mid-term local presidents meeting was held Saturday, February 10th, and as this was a second annual winter meeting perhaps it will become a regular fixture and permit discussion of common areas of concern.

Highlights Cont'd

Another get-together for presidents of local associations and members of the Board of Directors now takes place in late August (instead of June) in order to set the mood for the upcoming school year. This rah-rah session is meant to strengthen the "networking" aspect between locals and does so by combining informal setting, dinner groups of no more than six or seven each and a minimum of structure.

Networking QFHSA has been invited to attend special sessions of the Superior Council of Education and this year sent representatives on at least two occasions.

In the fall the president attended consultations with the other Que. organizations interested and both Ottawa and Montreal officials of the Dept. of the Secretary of State. QFHSA received a grant from the Dept. under the Official Languages Communities Program and has been again invited to a second consultation to take place shortly.

QFHSA representatives attended the official unveiling of protocols signed between Ottawa and the provincial government regarding Minority-Language and Second-Language Instruction earlier this year at Ste-Anne de Bellevue.

At all of these presentations Quebec Federation representatives have been able to meet and greet others in the educational milieu in Quebec.

Liaisons Quebec Federation regularly attends meetings of the Board of Directors of the Que. Association of Protestant School Boards and they in turn are represented by Mrs. Grace Hone at QFHSA meetings. The Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers also is represented at QFHSA meetings regularly by Mr. Ken Cooke. Mr. Al Locke, Chairman of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education also attends QFHSA B/D meetings.

QFHSA is one of the groups which form the Council of English Language Education and hosted one of the meetings this year.

Fall Teachers Conference usually held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal again was the opportunity for QFHSA to present a workshop and to "man" an information table on the convention floor. Mrs. Marion Daigle presented the "Literacy in the Information Age" package to the conference delegates this year. In past years QFHSA has presented a successful workshop from the preceding years spring conference.

CHSPTF Quebec Federation takes an active interest in the National group, and is sending delegates to the Annual Meeting to be held in Saskatchewan in early June.

Recommendation: that QFHSA continue to network and liaize with the groups interested in the education and well-being of children and further that members of local associations make their particular interest known to the Federation office so that this consultation can continue.

CANADIAN HOME & SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER FEDERATION
Report to the Annual General Meeting, QFHSA May 5, 1990
Helen Koeppel, President

Quebec Federation will send delegates to the Annual Meeting being held in Saskatoon May 30, 31 and June 1, 2. A shorter format was proposed last June at the Vancouver meeting. Technological and scientific literacy will be emphasized during the Literacy project portion and guest speakers include Dr. Pearl Francoeur one of the speakers at the A.G.M. of QFHSA.

New Brunswick Federation The two sections, French and English are in the process of a "divorce" and will be applying separately to remain a part of the National Federation.

Drug Dialogue an excellent video available in both official languages from the QFHSA office has been previewed and used by several associations to date for parent meetings. The film combines parenting skills and basic information about smoking, drinking, and drug abuse by teens.

Aids Video and Parent Brochure Promised in the new year for distribution but was held up at the national level because a French version was not ready. It is hoped that a training session for use of the materials can be held in conjunction with the Fall Conference, October 20, 1990.

Literacy Project Reporting is underway for the events which have taken place to date. QFHSA has benefitted from the presence in the province of the CHSPTF Education Chairman, Marion Daigle. A committee has been formed to act in the absence of a provincial (Quebec) coordinator of this project funded by the Secretary of State - Literacy Secretariat.

Advisory Council CHSPTF sends a representative to this council which is charged with reviewing grant requests received by the Information Council on Beverage Alcohol. Projects are aimed at promoting the responsible use of alcohol.

Teacher Appreciation Week QFHSA has several recommendations to bring to the CHSPTF Annual Meeting. Several Associations have complained about the lack of French materials, which in former years have been widely used. We hope also to make clear that participation in the project is on a voluntary basis. Associations can use all, a part of the guidelines in the Idea File or dream up their own promotion.

Resolutions Among those submitted by provincial federations are those dealing with very topical subjects: GST, Aids Policy, Copyright legislation, Adequate nutrition for school children. Resolutions having been adopted become part of the policy of CHSPTF and serve as guidelines for spokesmen for CHSPTF and assist when they are advocating on behalf of our greatest national resource - our children and youth.

QUEBEC HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS
Report to the Annual General Meeting, May, 1990
Charlene de Conde, Editor

The NEWS keeps moving along as though it has a will of its own, even when the editor has little time to give.

The biggest project this year had to be the November issue when we printed an abridged version of Cal Potter's "Whither the Protestant School Board". He did a terrific job condensing it and also found a book filled with photos that we could use. That issue had 20 pages instead of the usual 16 because we had so much other information that needed to be in the paper.

Unfortunately, constraints on my time meant I didn't get out the February issue until the first of April, so that pushes the April issue back to the end of May.

As usual there are many people to acknowledge. Donna Sauriol is the person who collects all the material, gets it to the right people and proofreads everything several times. It's a demanding job and she does it anyway. The paper wouldn't get done without her and her input about materials is invaluable.

Diane Radu does a splendid job with Focus on Locals and Ken Radu helps us all choose books for our children through his "Books on Review" column.

Don Smith gives us the Safety Scene, Mary Gurekas contributes to the Peace Page along with Pat Lewis's Kids for Peace at Beacon Hill and Helen Koeppe keeps us up-to-date with her President's Column.

I have to also acknowledge those people who have contributed editorials this year. Their topics were timely and thought-provoking.

As you can see, this is not a one-person band. It requires the input of many and the help of all, including the locals, to make it work. Thanks to everyone for their efforts.

AGM 1989
 Report to the Annual General Meeting 1990
Submitted by Carol Ohlin

The 45th Annual General Meeting and Conference was held on April 28th and 29th, 1989, at the Administration Building of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. Participants included approximately 80 delegates from local Home & School Associations, 22 members of the Board of Directors, 9 Group Affiliate members, 5 Individual Supporting members, 9 workshop leaders, 11 guests, and 9 displayers.

The theme for this year's Fall Conference and the AGM program was "New Decade - New Directions." Angelika Redahl of MacDonald High School served as chairman of the Program Committee and Betty Hermo of Edinburgh Elementary was the chairman of the Hospitality Committee. Entertainment for the Friday evening banquet was provided by the Lindsay Place High School Jazz Band under the direction of George Doxas and Dave Findlay.

Receiving the 1989 Gordon Paterson Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the education of children was Patricia Lewis, a teacher with the Lakeshore School Board and chairman of the QFHSA Social Affairs Committee. The Leslie N. Buzzell Award was presented to Dr. Jon Percy, Secretary of QFHSA and President of the Lakeshore Regional Council, for his outstanding volunteer service to QFHSA.

The schedule for the conference was as follows:

Friday, April 28:	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Social Time
	7:00 - 9:30 pm	Awards Banquet/Jazz Band
Saturday, April 29:	8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration
	9:00 - 10:30 am	Annual Business Meeting
	10:30 - 11:00 am	Nutrition Break/Displays
	11:00 - 12:30 pm	Business Meeting cont'd
	12:30 - 1:30 pm	Buffet Lunch
	1:30 - 3:00 pm	Workshops
	3:00 - 3:30 pm	Nutrition Break
	3:30 - 5:00 pm	Workshops
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	Wrap-Up

The program consisted of the following four workshop topics:

- 1) "Hook Kids on Books - 'Read' Canada"
 Speaker: John O'Leary, Frontier College, Toronto
- 2) "Environmental Education - Nature Studies 90's Style"
 Speaker: Linda Redmond, Ecomuseum, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue
- 3) "Somebody Better Start Loving the Sciences!"
 Speakers: Dr. Pearl Francoeur, Mrs. Colleen Carter, & students
 Department of Education, McGill University
- 4) "Mile Zero - The SAGE Tour"
 Speakers: Georgia Carpenter, Nat'l Coordinator, SAGE, & student

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1989 AGM

	Receipts	Expenditures
Awards		
Books & Plaques	\$	\$ 59.17
Certificates		10.00
Buzzell & Paterson Awards (endowed funds)		313.50
Conference Fees*	945.00*	25.00
Displays**	560.00	25.00
Facilities (PSBGM)		696.46
Hospitality		
Luncheon & Dinner	1,636.00	2,350.00
Lunch 100 @ \$7.00 = \$ 700.00		
Dinner 90 @ 15.00 = \$1,375.00		
Band 22 @ 12.50 = \$ 275.00		
Bar supplies, permit	110.00	120.00
Coffee		180.00
Juice		25.65
Floral arrangements		77.93
Gifts		314.77
Tablecloths, china cups, misc.		133.15
Registration		
Kits (125 @ \$1.25)		125.00
Badges (200)		57.00
SUBTOTAL	\$3,251.00	\$ 4,654.33
Book of Reports (325 copies x 50 pages)		
Ink		25.00
Paper		150.00
Stencils		50.00
Envelopes & postage (est.)		100.00
Preview Flyer (1400 copies)		
Paper		206.23
Cover		13.78
Postage		100.00
Program Book (200 copies)		
Layout		95.00
Paper		50.00
Photocopy		50.00
Printing & Postage (est.)***		1,000.00***
SUBTOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,840.01
TOTALS	\$3,251.00	\$ 6,494.34

*As of June 1st, fees had not been received from 14 local associations.

**Non-commercial displayers (paying a lower fee) were given preference.

***This estimated expense is included to give a more accurate picture of the total conference costs. In addition to the items already listed, there have been at least a dozen mailings of information relating to the AGM. These included: Constitution (1); Resolutions (2); Auditor's Report (1); Nomination Reports (3); Federation Awards; Conference Fee notification (2). This does not include other expenses such as telephone, transportation, and volunteer services so generously given by our Executive Committee, Board of Directors, membership and our Executive Secretary extraordinaire, Donna Sauriol.

FALL CONFERENCE, October 21, 1989
Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 5, 1990
Submitted by Jessica Tertoolle, Coordinator

Program:

A plenary session was held all morning and after lunch four (4) workshops were held. The focus of the conference was Literacy. The committee met two times in the summer of 1989. The program flyer was designed by M. Daigle and H. McBride provided the logo.

Publicity:

Local newspapers were provided with the appropriate information before the conference by Charlene de Conde.

Displays:

W. Buchanan contacted various displayers from previous years and a list of displayers is in the file.

Physical Resources:

Beaconsfield High School was provided free of charge by the Lakeshore School Board. The free rental was arranged early in June, to avoid conflicts with other groups. The LSB also provided the janitor of BHS to help with set-up on Saturday morning. W. Buchanan arranged with LSB for the equipment needed.

Kits:

QFHSA office ordered all material needed for kits and W. Charlevoix and G. Rowles of Willingdon Home and School spent one morning in office preparing folders.

Telephoning:

G. Robertson and J. Baker (Valois Park) phoned locals as reminders about conference.

Registration:

B. Milne-Smith with the help of B. McDonald (Cedar Park) and A. Gill (Seigniory) did the preparatory work at home and C. de Conde assisted them at the registration table. Approximately 120 people participated; about the same as last year.

Hospitality:

F. Kalman (Lindsay Place High) with V. Minto and K. Kalman set up the food provided by St. Genevieve Church Women. Nutrition breaks (2) were provided by Windermere and Seigniory Schools.

Gifts:

Bell (anniversary) pins were presented to plenary speakers and T-shirts were given to workshop leaders in the afternoon.

Evaluation:

A draw for a library book was held after the afternoon workshops from the returned evaluation sheets. A look at the evaluation sheets suggests good choices for future programs; topics very current and related to present day concerns.

Recommendation:

An envelope, already addressed and stamped, should be provided by office to all recorders to ensure prompt deliveries of newspaper articles concerning Fall Conference.

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER WORKSHOP 1989
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, April or May 1990
 Submitted by Norma Rennie

The Membership/Publicity/Newsletter Workshop was held on the evening of Thursday, June 8, 1989 in the office of the QFHSA. Twenty-three people representing thirteen local associations attended.

David Brodtkin, Vice-President, QFHSA, welcomed everyone and said a few words emphasizing the role and aims of Home and School, after which he made the introductions. Following this were presentations on:

Membership by Norma Rennie (Windermere & Bcfd. High)
 QFHSA Membership Chairman

Publicity & Newsletters by Charlene de Conde (Dorset)
 Editor, QFHSA NEWS

For these presentations, the assembly broke into two groups, each in a separate room. After each presentation, resource persons from locals shared their expertise, facilitating discussion and a lively exchange of ideas. Jeannette Tabah, Dunrae Gardens Home and School, and Judy Starway, Courtland Park Home and School, promoted the discussion regarding membership, while Lynn Huber, Allancroft Home and School, and Helen Murphy, Hudson/Mount Pleasant Home and School, contributed immeasurably to the Publicity/Newsletter part of the workshop. Marcus Tabachnick, Vice-President, QFHSA, assisted in the dialogue by an explanation of how H&S and School Committee can and should work in close collaboration, in the common goal of striving to ensure the best in education and welfare for the children of Quebec.

The "split" format worked well. Despite a rather small attendance, the discussion following each presentation was animated, with questions and comments flowing freely and without inhibition.

Recommendations:

1. That the 1990 workshop be held again early in June, in order to attract as many attendees as possible, before "end of year" activities claim everyone's time.
2. That the "split" format be utilized again after the welcome and introductions. This results in more open discussion than in a "combined" situation.

MID-TERM PRESIDENTS' MEETING - February 10, 1990
Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 05, 1990
Submitted by Vi Minto, Co-ordinator

On Saturday morning, February 10, 1990, the QFHSA hosted a mid-term Presidents' networking meeting at the Federation offices.

The group spent a most productive morning, discussing various topics of mutual interest to all. Among these topics were the Annual General Meeting, to be held May 5th in Montreal. Resolutions and nominations for both the Executive of QFHSA and the Buzzell and Paterson awards were discussed as a general reminder.

Discussions re Teacher Appreciation Week produced some interesting insights. Many locals expressed their concerns that this might be better served as a designated Teacher Appreciation Day, and on a date other than February 14th. The reasons presented were that it was easier to organize volunteers for a one-day effort. The date of February 14th was perceived as a family-oriented day of appreciation for those we love, and therefore not appropriate as a day of appreciation for teachers. It was determined that a date designated later in February or March would be more appropriate and would permit CHSPTF to organize themselves to provide resource material.

Helen Koepp, QFHSA President, provided us with information regarding a VHS film called "Dialogue on Drugs", which has been prepared in both English and French and made available to CHSPTF from Health & Welfare Canada. This particular film is aimed at information for parent groups, and each local is encouraged to borrow the QFHSA copy and show it to their local parent groups.

The next topic was a heated discussion regarding liability insurance for programs provided by Home & School within the schools. It would appear that the PSBGM chooses to interpret the Island Council umbrella policy in a different manner than the LSB does, and therefore does not feel it can offer liability coverage for volunteer parental programs. It was strongly recommended that a resolution be put forth at the AGM in this regard, and that approaches be made to the insurance broker concerned in order to clarify for all concerned, particularly in view of the extremely valuable enrichment that Home & School provides for the quality of life for all the students in our schools.

The final topic, Literacy Exchange Projects, was presented by Marion Daigle, who presented many examples of projects which were underway at local community groups.

The evaluation forms were collected and Judy Owen won the draw for a book for her school, Dunrae Gardens. Sandi Nolan from Edinburgh was the second prize winner of a poster.

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PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP, June 12, 1989
Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 5, 1990
Submitted by Vi Minto, Coordinator

An informal workshop was held at the offices of QFHSA, in which a discussion of the purpose of a constitution, QFHSA, fall workshops, the AGM, and other varia were presented by Vi Minto. this was followed by a discussion of "survival skills", networking, and working with volunteers presented in her own inimitable way by Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti of Christmas Park.

The participants completed a questionnaire in which they stated that they had enjoyed a productive exchange of ideas and information. The June date was preferred by all, with the exception of one participant who would have preferred an August date. Two hours were felt to be adequate time for the workshop in an evening. All the participants found the workshop helpful, and would recommend this again. Discussion groups and information exchange, augmented by printed material was much appreciated.

"It was useful to pick up printed sheets and ideas to read over the summer, also good to hear other people's problems and answers!!"

Telephone numbers were exchanged by some of the PSBGM participants in hopes of establishing a local regional council for the purposes of information exchange and support.

My personal thanks to Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti for helping to initiate this project.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK, Feb 11-17, 1990
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 06, 1990
Submitted by office

Two mailings were done in conjunction with Teacher Appreciation Week. The first one was the Idea File, which included an order sheet form, a copy of the Teacher Appreciation Certificate and a Participation Form [which gets sent to CHSPTF coordinator for ideas, along with any news clippings re TAW]. The first mailing went out to the Home & School Associations in late December and to the Group Affiliate Members up to the middle of January. Besides the TAW information, the mailings contained other information of an educational nature that might be of interest to these groups.

The second mailing was done from mid January onward and included a free poster plus letters of support from educational groups (Canadian Teachers' Federation, Canadian Association of School Administrators, Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, plus one from the CHSPTF Honorary President, The Governor General, Madame Jeanne Sauvé). This mailing also contained additional educational information.

TAW orders 1990

26 Home & Schools, School Committees, and Indian Schools,
 2 School Boards participated, plus
 1 Other (wanted 2 posters).

Materials ordered by schools

(figure in round bracket our order with CHSPTF)

[figure in square bracket, orders not filled]

Certificates - French	94 (75) [10];
English	189 (200) [50]
We Love buttons - French	217 (350) [20];
English	590 (1,500)
Teachers #1 buttons	396 (1,000)
Posters	42 (250)
Balloons	860 (1,500)
Bookmarks	357 (1,000)

The unfilled orders is not a true picture (it's actually larger) since people knew when they ordered that we didn't have any of that item so they didn't place an original order.

No French "We Love our Teachers" buttons were printed by CHSPTF (we used what we had left from 1989); no additional French Teacher Appreciation certificates were printed either; all we obtained was the stock left over from 1989.

As you can see, we were way off on our original order (which we based on 1988 orders) for English buttons, balloons and bookmarks. Partly this is lack of French materials; schools want to order "x" French + "y" English of an item and we were unable to deliver. Materials arrive too late for us to do a good "selling" job (schools have to see what the item looks like), or for us to get them out to schools in time. (File: AGM\BkRpts90)

THINK TANK, August 29, 1989 (Held at RSLYC)
Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 5, 1990
Submitted by Vi Minto and David Brodtkin, Coordinators

An invitation was extended by the executive of the Quebec Federation of Home and School to the members of the Board of Directors, to incoming Presidents of locals, as well as past Presidents, to join together in a "rendez vous" to get the coming year off to a felicitous beginning.

In keeping with the suggestions and requests expressed in the evaluations of last year's get-together, the format for the evening was to be one of informality with lots of opportunity for "networking". To this end forty-four persons gathered for preprandial introductions in the cosy atmosphere of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club and "Networking" began in earnest.

Helen Koeppel bid a welcome to one and all on behalf of QFHSA. Marion Daigle, QFHSA's most recent Life Member in Canadian Home and School, brought greetings from "Canadian" to us, and spoke about the Literacy project for the coming year, which will also be featured at our Fall Leadership workshop.

Jon Percy gave a summary at the end of the evening of the highlights of some of the discussions which had taken place at the various tables.

A great deal of interest revolved around the question of literacy, triggered no doubt by the Press Release - Literacy in the Information Age : A Matter of Urgency that was circulated to all participants prior to the dinner. Particular concern was expressed for the fact that in many cases literacy is being defined in an unduly restrictive way.....merely the ability to read and write. It is far more important to read and write critically. It is not just a matter of deciphering the symbols, but of comprehending and evaluating the message that they convey. Only those who can see beyond the symbols will be able to cope in our increasingly technological and information rich society.

A wide variety of practical problems related to the operation of a successful Home and School local were also discussed in detail at many of the tables. Good ideas for reinvigorating locals were exchanged and many stories of fund raising and programming successes were related. At one school the principal gets together with the school council, school committee and Home and School; for a whole Saturday morning they have an open, no-holds-barred discussion of the way things are going in the school and how things can be improved. It is a simple but effective way of resolving problems.

All persons were asked to complete an evaluation form at the end of the evening, and from these a draw was made for a book for the school library of the lucky winner, who was Susan Rawlings of Elizabeth Ballantyne School. The evaluations stated that the date at the end of August was a suitable one, with overwhelming preference for a mid-week evening, and to return to the same locale. Thirty-five of the forty-one evaluations indicated a preference for the unstructured format of the evening, which contributed to the relaxed atmosphere of the discussions. Six respondents felt they would have preferred more structured discussions on specific topics.

Suggestions for 1990 would be to retain the name of "Rendezvous", fix the date for a mid-week evening in late August (preferably not the night before, or the night of school starting). The same location, with the same arrangement of table seating; ie, six to eight persons per table, and no head table. Evaluations should also be completed at the end of the evening in order to obtain impressions of the proceedings.

LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 5, 1990

Submitted by Betty Shotton and Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti, Co-Presidents

The Lakeshore Regional Council, as an independent parent organization comprising local Home & School Associations within the Lakeshore School Board, is visualized as having a two-fold function: 1) an on-going President's Forum providing access to resource information, updates on educational issues, liaison with member schools and other educational organizations and support. 2) a voice in the area of education providing an opportunity for local Home & School Associations to form and present an informed cohesive consensus of opinion on topics of interest and concern in regard to education and the welfare of children and youth. The Lakeshore School Board, recognizing the value of parent participation, provides LRC with a seat at Council meetings. LRC also has a seat on the board of Québec Federation of Home & School Associations.

Lakeshore Regional Council schedules meetings approximately every six weeks ; this year in October, November, January, March, May. The meetings have been well-attended by Home & School Presidents or their designated representatives who also submit written reports. In addition to the LRC Executive and representatives from member schools, members of Lakeshore Teachers' Association, Lakeshore School Board Council of Commissioners and Québec Federation of Home & School Associations regularly attend the meetings keeping LRC well-informed regarding the activities of their respective organizations. A particular focus of each meeting has centered around the Local Exchange which allows local H & S presidents to share information and concerns regarding school activities, upcoming events, problems and solutions. This networking has proven to be a great value.

Lakeshore Regional Council was pleased to have John Killingbeck, Assistant Director General of the Lakeshore School Board as guest speaker at the first meeting to discuss the procedures relating to the appointment of in-school administrators. LRC was invited to send a representative to the Calendar Committee; another area of concern was the Minister of Education's letter requiring nominative information. Additional topics included the LSB noontime bussing/supervision policy; library cataloguing; insurance & liability coverage; implementation of Law 106/107 dealing with Orientation Committees; and literacy. Lakeshore Regional Council was represented at the QFHSA Fall Conference, the Student Leadership Conference and the QFHSA Annual General Meeting.

Resource information from the West Island community is made available to Lakeshore Regional Council members at each meeting to enable them to inform their own membership of the vast array of services and resources currently existing.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 5, 1990

Submitted by Gisela Amarica, Chairman

No suggestion for changes of the constitution have been put forward. The constitution stays the same.

Each local Home and School Association should have a copy of the Québec Federation of Home and School constitution. If your association does not have a copy, please ask the office for one.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE HOME AND SCHOOL FROM LASALLE AREA
REPRESENTATIVE - submitted by Judy Cloutte

Because of a tremendous number of parents who have given so generously of their time, Keith School has been able to provide many activities for their students.

In September, a very successful Terry Fox Run was held with the students raising over \$2000. A special visit was made to the school by Terry's mother who presented the children with a special gift. Many parents also ran in the race. November saw the annual bazaar draw numerous people to the school to participate in the various events. Over \$4000 was raised for the students.

December was the month parents treated the teachers to a luncheon which was much appreciated.

The Home and school funded the Snow days held in February. Children were allowed to have hot chocolate in the teacher's room. Students thought this was a very special privilege. Teacher Appreciation week was celebrated with muffins and other goodies at recess.

March was the month of the Book Fair and the Chocolate Bar Drive. Once again parents were in the school to make sure everything ran smoothly.

Parents also help out with the library and the school field trips.

During the past year we have had a weekly column appearing in both our local newspapers to help keep people informed about the life of the school.

Submitted by Frances McKinnon, Vice-President
Gaspé Area Report
Report to the Annual General Meeting - May 5, 1990.

A mini conference was held on the coast from September 26 to October 6, starting in Escuminac school for students and parents, followed by New Richmond, Murdochville, Gaspé, Barachois, New Carlisle, Hopetown, Shigawake-Port Daniel School. Marion Daigle, co-ordinator of the tour gave workshops on Hook Kids on Books - Read Canada. The Nomad Scientists', Steve Rosenstein and Harold Spanier informed and entertained with science demonstrations.

Hopetown, Shigawake-Port Daniel Home and School report on a successful year. Among their many activities was a book fair and a drug abuse workshop was held for students and parents.

New Carlisle Home and School report on their well attended monthly meetings. On different occasions the choir performed. They held their annual casserole supper and Xmas bazaar along with a book fair. A video was shown on their French Immersion program, leaving parents and teachers very satisfied with the results.

New Richmond Home and School is alive starting the year off with a citrus fruit sale and book fair. A day to the sugar camp is planned for March 29, in which we will finance the busing and driver. There will be open house on March 30, and our volunteers will be there with the coffee pot and muffins. We are now preparing for Public Speaking, to be held in April at our school. The Regional competition will be in Port Daniel in May with all schools participating.

All schools took part in Teacher Appreciation Week - a time to say "thank-you" in many different ways. Flowers were given and dinners served.

Although we are a small school and community population, our French colleagues are amazed by our input and participation in school affairs.

AWARDS COMMITTEES

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1990
Submitted by Helen Koeppe, chairman

The Paterson and Buzzell Award Committees met and the following recipients were chosen:

Gordon Paterson Award - given to an outstanding educator who has given long service to the education of children and has encouraged parent participation in the educational scene. This year's award is being given to Bertha Hayes, who retired in June 1989 as Head Teacher at Hopetown School in the Gaspé.

Leslie N. Buzzell Award - given for outstanding volunteer service to Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations (QFHSA) and in recognition of efforts to promote Home & School and education. This year's award goes to Anne MacWhirter who lives in Paspébiac and is a teacher at New Carlisle High School in the Gaspé. As well Anne has been an active member of both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of QFHSA.

NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1990
Submitted by Charlene De Conde, editor, Home & School NEWS

The judging of local Home & School Associations' newsletters was done by myself and Diane Radu, Editor, "Focus on the Locals". The calibre of the locals' newsletters continues to impress us and the choice of picking the best is very difficult. We do try to recognize different types of newsletters.

The 1990 winners are:-

Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield - "Contact" - Sheila Staton, ed.
 For a fine example of an informative bilingual newsletter.

Valois Park School - "Valois Ventures" - Sheri Lynch, ed.
 As well, Valois Park receives a Special Mention for their children's edition of the newsletter.

Aylmer Elementary - "Simon Says" - John Sauvé and Gus Louch, eds.
 This off-island newsletter is chock full of information.

Lindsay Place High School - "The Lindsay Place Herald" - Vivien Dagher, ed.

High schools really have a problem with delivery of their newsletters, plus the sheer number of copies involved.

Honorary Mention to:

Beacon Hill School - "School Scoops" - Toni Carson, ed.

Cedar Park School - "Cedar Park Reader" - Carol Manger and Nancy Walsh, eds.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1990

Submitted by Ann Cumyn, Chairman

The QFHSA Literary booklet is in its second year. To emphasize the International Year of Literacy students were asked to write on the following topics : My Favourite Book; my Favourite Story; Why I Like to Read; Literacy is Submissions were received from twelve schools, twice the number that participated last year, and at the time of writing this report the selection process is underway. It is hard to guess the reason for the continuing low, even if improved, participation in this enterprise; however there is evidence of active cooperation, on this matter, between the local Home and School and the individual teachers among those schools which have submitted writings and drawings. Pat Lewis and Ken Kalman continue to be involved with the QFHSA literary booklet.

The Education Committee is also involved in QFHSA's part in the CHSPTF project "Literacy in the Information Age". The Chairman represented QFHSA at a colloque, organized by SCIM entitled "Alphabétiser aujourd'hui...pour demain!" There was a strong message to those of us involved with schools. It was that, rather than focussing on the social or economic causes of poor literacy, the school should concentrate on actions within the educational services it provides. The school should make the identifying and helping those at risk the responsibility of all its partners, and this including nurturing a relationship of cooperation between the teacher, parent and child.

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1990

Submitted by Ann Cumyn, Chairman

The members of the committee were Marion Daigle, Calvin Potter, Rod Weiner, Gordon Robertson. Helen Koepe (ex officio)

The coming into effect of Law 107 (excepting those areas now before the courts) and the resolution presented to the 1989 AGM urging all the school groups to work together for the benefit of the students and the maintenance of quality education has left the School Reorganization Committee with the role of "being there" to be available when needed and to act if necessary.

Action was needed when the proposed regulations for consultation by the School Board with the school community concerning the recognition or withdrawal of recognition as a Protestant or Catholic school were published in the official Gazette. QFHSA took up the invitation for comments on these proposed regulations and sent a letter to the Minister to the effect (i) that this proposal was premature as the question of confessionality was before the courts, and (ii) that to propose regulations which permitted a school, under the jurisdiction of a school board for Protestants, to become Catholic or vice-versa was to preempt the courts. A reply was received from Mr. Ryan in which it appeared that he had not understood our message. However, the final version of these regulations takes our second concern into account and, while the courts deliberate, the confessional schools under a school board may only have the same confession as the school board.

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
Proposed Budget for the Year ending August 31, 1991
 (with comparative Budget Figures to August 31, 1990)

<u>Incomes</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
1990/91 M'ships, Family - 4,550 @ \$9.	\$ 40,950	
M'ships, Groups - 120 @ \$40.	4,800	
1989/90 M'ships, Family - 4,500 @ \$9.		\$ 40,500
M'ships, Groups, - 110 @ \$40.		4,400
Interest	3,500	1,000
Miscellaneous		2,150
Conferences	2,500	
Materials	2,000	
Donations	500	
Other	2,500	2,150
Membership Development Contribution	<u>3,000</u>	<u>---</u>
 <u>Total Incomes, Revenues</u>	 \$ 59,750 =====	 \$ 48,050 =====
 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Affiliation Fees	\$ 5,030	\$ 4,940
Meetings, Conferences	3,000	2,000
Administration & Insurance	2,750	2,750
Committees, expenses	1,000	1,000
Computer & Copier Expenses	2,000	1,500
Miscellaneous Expense	2,000	1,000
NEWS, Home & School [newspaper] (net)	18,000	17,500
Postage & Courier	4,000	4,000
Office Expenses & Supplies	2,000	1,000
Printing & Stationery	3,000	3,500
Rental & Taxes - office	9,500	9,500
Salary - Secretarial	25,000	21,000
" - Temporary	7,500	7,500
Employee Benefits	3,000	2,500
Telephone & Telegrams	3,000	2,500
Travelling Expenses	1,500	500
Office Equipment, Maintenance	1,000	1,000
Capital Equipment	4,000	---
Contingency Expenditures	<u>2,470</u>	<u>-----</u>
 <u>Total Expenditures</u>	 \$ 99,750 =====	 \$ 85,205 =====
 <u>Excess Expenditures over Revenues</u>	 \$ 40,000 =====	 \$ 37,155 =====

LITERACY IN THE INFORMATION AGE PROJECT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 5, 1990

Submitted by Marion Daigle, member of Literacy Committee

Members of Committee: Helen Koeppe, Charlene du Conde, Barbara Milne-Smith, Donna Sauriol, Celia Davids, Ann Cumyn and Marion Daigle.

1. CHSPTF Annual Meeting - June 1989 - U.B.C. Vancouver
Under the guidance of Maybelle Durkin, Executive Director, delegates to the Annual Meeting were given direction on organizing Phases 1 - 5 of the project. Literacy Project Director for Québec was Heather McBride.
2. Gaspé Tour
QFHSA and the Gaspé community cooperated on having the Nomad Scientists and the Read Canada program introduced to students, teachers, parents and community volunteers. Nomad Scientists were Steve Rosenstein and Harold Spanier. Marion Daigle presented the Read Canada program and John O'Leary, Frontier College, introduced the Read Canada program at the Rural Schools Educational Conference.
3. QFHSA Fall Conference - October 1, 1989
This featured a Plenary session on the Literacy in the Information Age Phase 1 aspect. An afternoon workshop highlighting activities and resources related to literacy for children and youth was presented by Heather McBride, Québec project director.
4. PACT-PAPT Conference - Nov. 9, 1989
Marion Daigle presented workshop on the project.
5. National Consensus Conference - Nov. 15, 1989 - Ottawa
This conference featured Phase 3 of the Project. this included special speakers, reports of the Phase 2 Pilot projects held in Manitoba, N.B. and Newfoundland. Maybelle Durkin, National Project Director and Marion Daigle, Education Chairman, held workshops on implementing the Phase 4 Literacy Exchanges across Canada.
6. Québec Literacy Director
Unfortunately, as of Nov. 1989, Heather McBride was unable to continue as project director. Since then Literacy Committee has been coordinating activities.
7. Literacy Project Presentations - Dec. 89 - May 90
Members of the Committee have given talks, workshops, presentations, etc. to a variety of individuals, as well as educational and community organizations, to outline the scope of the project and to encourage literacy exchanges. These have included kits of information including resource materials organized by both provincial and national offices.
8. Donations
QFHSA is grateful to Southam News Montreal Gazette film benefit "Stanley and Iris" from which \$7,000 was donated to our project.

In addition QFHSA appreciates the donation of \$400 raised through a Bake Sale by students of the John Abbott College Documentation and Library Systems.
9. Recommendations
a) Resolution : Literacy in the Information Age - in order to have a QFHSA policy related to this very important project, the Education Committee is recommending the passage of this resolution. This Committee is asking Home and School to become involved.

LITERACY IN THE INFORMATION AGE PROJECT (Continued)

9. Recommendations (Continued)

b) Partners in Literacy - a loosely knit network of educators, and community organizations interested in literacy for adults, children and youth within the English language community. It is recommended that QFHSA maintain a close liaison with these organizations. they are Concordia University, Quebec Literacy Working Group, RECLAIM, Laubach Literacy Canada, PSBGM, CECM, Quebec Association Adult Learning and Fraser Hickson Institute.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

November 1989 - May 1990

1. November 7, 1989 - Three Rivers High School
Student workshop: "Rock n'Roll and Reading" - Grades 7-11, by Marion Daigle
Awareness, Phase I: Evening program for school committee and community
2. November 9, 1990 - PACT-PAPT Teachers Convention
Workshop: "The Home, The School, The Community: A Partnership" - given by Marion Daigle
Presider: Helen Koepppe, President, QFHSA
3. November 16-17, 1989 - National Consensus Conference, Ottawa
Excellent presentations relating to Phase III, Implementing the Project, held at CHSPTF mid-term meeting. A complete summary entitled Creating a Literate Environment is available through QFHSA office. The conference was attended by Helen Koepppe, Marion Daigle, Barbara Milne-Smith, Sylvia Adams, and Harold Spanier of Nomad Scientists.
4. November - May, 1989-90 - Partners in Literacy
Marion Daigle is an active member of this network. Meetings to plan community activities are held regularly.
5. December 10, 1989 - Alliance Quebec Education Committee
Marion Daigle gave a presentation on the Phase I Literacy project to group of educators and community organizations interested in English language education. It was well received.
6. January 23, 1990 - Alliance Quebec, Three Rivers Chapter
Marion Daigle, guest speaker, introduced the project to this community-based organization.
7. February 7, 1990 - PAPT Board of Directors
Barbara Milne-Smith and Marion Daigle attended. Barbara brought greetings from CHSPTF and QFHSA re Teacher Appreciation Week, and presented President Judy Newman with Home and School Bell pin. Marion addressed the Board on the literacy project; it was well-received. (The PAPT magazine, Sentinel, has entire issue - Feb./90 - devoted to literacy. Recommended reading.)

8. February 8, 1990 - "Stanley and Iris"
The film benefit was a sell-out evening.

9. February 21, 1990 - Youtheatre
Youtheatre launched "Inside Out", a literacy play, which was attended by Ann Cumyn, Charlene de Condé and Marion Daigle.

10. February 28, 1990 - Edgewater Home and School Association
Marion Daigle was the guest speaker on the Phase I aspect.

11. February 28, 1990 - Dawson Community Centre
Charlene de Condé and Marion Daigle met with John Britton, Centre Director, and Darlene Gargul, Community Animator. This centre, affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada, has many activities and programs for children and youth. This was a productive meeting as they are very interested in our project, and we will be in contact again. They already have a Reading Circle in place. Referred them to Nomad Scientists re a summer activity program on the environment.

12. March 7, 1990 - Dunrae Gardens Elementary School
Marion Daigle gave a workshop on the project. Good evaluations and newspaper coverage in the T.M.R. Weekly Post.

13. March 8, 1990 - Council for English Language Education
Helen Koeppé and Marion Daigle attended. Presentation on the project was well-received.

14. March 13, 1990 - West Island Black Community Association
Helen Koeppé, Marilyn Ashby, Chairman, CHSPTF Health Issues Committee, and Marion Daigle attended a workshop on the project organized by Norma Heitner, their community animator and a former home and schooler at Greendale. This was a very successful evening and a good resource for a literacy exchange. Good evaluations. Will be doing a follow-up here.

15. March 14, 1990 - The Gazette
Meeting with Christine Tutt, "Newspapers in Education" column, and Art Chesmer, Director of Promotion; organized by Charlene de Condé. Marion Daigle explained focus of the project.

16. March 19, 1990 - Howick Elementary School
Presentation by Nomad Scientists to school children during the day, and to parents and students during the evening. Helen Koeppé represented QFHSA.

17. March 21, 1990 - Forum for Partners in Education
A small but very interested group of Lakeshore School Board educators and parents held a stimulating discussion on the literacy topic introduced by Marion Daigle. There was interest expressed by the educators re the need for opening greater liaison between the home and the school. Increasing social problems among children requires this partnership. Marion Daigle and Ann Cumyn met with John Killingbeck, Assistant Director General, on March 30, to further discuss literacy exchanges.

18. March 23, 1990 - School Council of Island of Montreal Symposium on Literacy
Ann Cumyn attended. Overview given of areas where illiteracy is prevalent; older adults have greatest illiteracy problem.
19. March 27, 1990 - John Abbott College - Students in Documentation and Library Systems Program
Organized by Diane Radu. Marion Daigle outlined the project, Phases I and IV. Excellent response; interested in animation. Also presented a cheque for \$400 to QFHSA for the project, funds earned from a Literary Bake Sale. Two young students expressed an interest in doing community work. Will follow up.
20. April 25, 1990 - Partners in Literacy - An Evening to Celebrate Literacy
Invitations to all members of Board of Directors and an invited list from other liaison organizations.
21. April 27, 1990 - Quebec Association of School Administrators (QASA) - Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards (QAPSB) - Spring Conference, Quebec City
Marion Daigle gave workshop on the project - "The Home, The School, The Community: A Partnership".
22. April 27, 1990 - Women's Institute, Ormstown
Charlene de Condé presented program on activities and resources re the project.
23. April 28, 1990 - Quebec Council of Parent Participation Pre-Schools (QCPPP) Annual Meeting
Charlene de Condé lead workshop on the project - "Our Children - Their World - Their Future".
24. May 5, 1990 - QFHSA AGM
Theme - "Science: A Bright Idea!" - 1990 International Literacy Year. Featured speaker was Dr. Joe Schwarcz, Chemistry Professor at Vanier College and McGill University - Science and the Media. Resolutions re literacy were presented.

MEMBERSHIP

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1990
Submitted by Marcus Tabachnick, Acting Chairman

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Mar 31/89</u>	<u>Mar 31/90</u>
Associations submitting membership lists	47	43
Associations which have <u>not</u> submitted lists	2	3
Number of Family Memberships through a H&S local	4,614*	4,482*
Supporting Members who have not joined through a H&S local	51	31
Group Affiliate Members	102	95

* This figure indicates paid memberships; it does not include associate members (families who have joined at more than one school).

The final 1989 figure was 4,659; the 1990 figure is 4,577 (as of April 20).

1989/90 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS (based on number of students)

	<u>%</u>	<u>Membership Chairman</u>
<u>On Island Elementary Schools</u>		
Beacon Hill	73.50	Wendy Tonkin
Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield	59.30	Marilyn Tooley
Dorset	51.19	Cathy Watson
Seigniory	49.54	Dolores MacKenzie
Elizabeth Ballantyne	49.03	Catherine Maxham
<u>On Island Secondary Schools</u>		
Macdonald	19.87	Susan Tweddell
Lindsay Place	18.20	Mary Jane de Koos Margo Heron
<u>Off Island Schools</u>		
New Richmond High	28.67	Elaine Cochrane
Andrew S. Johnson Memorial High [Thetford Mines]	21.88	Gerald Bennett
<u>Special Mention</u>		
Ecole Primaire Harwood	46.63	Lynda Mathieson
Dunrae Gardens	46.00	Jeannette Tabah
and		
New Carlisle High	19.38	Brenda Gallan
Hopetown, Shigawake, Port-Daniel	19.20	Barbara Hottot

RECOMMENDATION

That the Family Membership Fee for 1990/91 be \$9.00, as voted upon at the Board of Directors meeting of March 31, 1990.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1990

Submitted by Vi Minto, chairmanCommittee Members were:

for the Board of Directors: Vi Minto, Vice-President (Chairman)
 Jon Percy, Recording Secretary
 Ann Cumyn, Education Committee Chm.
 Marcus Tabachnick, Vice-President
 (alternate)

Non-Board members: Norma Stirling (Valois Park)
 Terry James (Allancroft)
 Tom Lake (Courtland Park)
 Wendy Charlebois (Willingdon)
 Janet Ritchie (Meadowbrook, alt.)

The Nominations Committee, acting in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws, met in March to consider and verify the credentials of those nominated. As all vacant positions were not filled, the committee endeavoured to find further candidates.

The names of those willing to stand for office, as of March 31, 1990, were circulated to all local Home & School Associations and members of the Board of Directors.

Those standing for office are:-

President - 1 year term	-
Vice-Presidents - 4 vacancies (two year term)	- Wendy Buchanan - - -
Vice-President - 1 vacancy (one year term)	-
Treasurer - 2 year term	- Ken Kalman
Recording Secretary - 2 year term	- Jon Percy

As you can readily see, several positions have not been filled.

DISPOSITION OF 1989 RESOLUTION

Report to Annual General Meeting, May, 1990

Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith, Acting Resolution Chairman

The single resolution of 1989 was widely distributed across the province. It was a resolution which asked for cooperation rather than particular answers, but the answers we did receive are noted below.

Noted also is another letter further to our resolution 85/7.

Resolution 89/1 - Goals for Quality Education to Adhere to
During Implementation of Law 107

letter August 21, 1989, from Mr. Claude Ryan, Minister of Educ., saying how pleased he was that we were working to promote harmony during the implementation of Law 107, and stating that they will be very pleased to cooperate with us towards this goal. He was asking one of his aides to contact us in this respect.

letter August 28, 1989, from Mr. David D'Aoust, Associate Deputy Minister of Educ.,

He also was very pleased with our initiatives. He agreed our goals are in the best interest of our students and urged us to contact him if we thought he could be of assistance in achieving our goal.

Resolution 85/7 - Educational Rights and the Constitution

letter November 3, 1989, to Mr. Brian Mulroney, Canadian Prime Minister,

reiterating our concern with Section 59 of the Canadian Constitution, and asking again that, before the Meech Lake Accord is passed, this section be abrogated, thereby establishing a uniformity of minority official language educational rights in Canada.

In view of the coming deadline for the Meech Lake Accord, this resolution has been updated and is being brought forward again this year as Resolution 90/8 and is directed to Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation, again asking for their support for our request.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Report to Annual General Meeting, May, 1990

Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith, Acting Resolution Chairman

Our committee chairmen and Home and School locals were more active this year, resolution wise, and have submitted nine resolutions for your consideration at this year's Annual General Meeting.

As required, the Resolution Committee met to fine tune, with the help of the submitters, the wording of the resolutions. They were then circulated to all our Home and School locals and to all members of our board for study and possible amendments.

Amendments must be received by April 20 and, as soon as possible, these amendments will be circulated. Please watch for them and study them carefully.

The Resolution and Constitution Committees also looked at our Statement of Policy and decided to make no additions or changes this year.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 5, 1990

Submitted by Gisela Amarica, Chairman

No suggestion for changes of the constitution have been put forward. The constitution stays the same.

Each local Home & School Association should have a copy of the Québec Federation of Home and School constitution. If your association does not have a copy, please ask the office for one. All Home & School Presidents were sent a new, up-dated (as of May '88) constitution in January '89.

One of the Committee members worked with a local association - Allancroft - who re-wrote their Constitution during the past year. Any member of the Committee will be glad to help a local association wishing to re-vise or update their Constitution.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1990

Pat Lewis, Chairman; Loretta Danyle; Freyja Fischer; Mary Gurekas; Vi Minto

With 1990 designated as the International Year of Literacy and with the emphasis by Home and School on Science, it would seem appropriate that our locals encourage progress and programs in our schools to use scientific education to help alleviate some of the many problems facing our children.

AIDS is one problem in our society about which students need the best "literacy" available. Most school boards have a policy on AIDS that involves either teacher and/or poor education at the upper elementary and high school levels. Usually these programs are integrated into sex education or in moral and religious classes. It is now estimated that some 50,000 people in Québec alone are infected with the HIV virus that can lead to AIDS. The question is that of future prevention, and, for this purpose, it is recommended that AIDS education on an appropriate level be extended down to Grade 1 and Kindergarten. An AIDS policy for QFHSA is outlined in a resolution presented to the AGM.

Literacy is often an impossible goal for students who live at a poverty level, and there are over a million children in Canada who suffer from undernourishment because of their belonging to poor families. Hungry children cannot learn to read and write as they should. More and more young people are showing up at soup kitchens across the country. The WFHSA resolution on Meals for Undernourished Students which was presented at the 1990 AGM was, therefore, extremely relevant.

The scandalous situation with regard to help from social service agencies for children at risk and in abusive living conditions has been worsened by the cut-back in funds for these facilities. In recent months a number of young people have died as a result of delays in their getting help and being placed on waiting lists for much too lengthy periods. A resolution about this situation was presented at the AGM. Locals could help by following up on these proposals in their areas. Family violence prevention programs have been set up in many school boards, and locals could check to see that these are implemented in their schools.

The Information Council on Beverage Alcohol is providing \$250,000 in seed money to fund hands-on community action programs that will teach responsible attitudes toward alcohol. Community action and education are keys to reducing alcohol misuse. Again, schools can take up this project. The "war" on cigarettes continues. Most young people begin to smoke before age 16. Since smoking kills more Canadians than any other disease, education about the dangers involved is essential.

Peace "literacy" could be the goal for peace education in our schools. The scientists' atomic clock has been set back to six minutes until Doomsday because of all the recent events in Europe and the USSR. But this does not mean that the urgency to educate students about peace on local and global levels has ceased. In view of recent violence involving young people in Canada, it would seem that education for peace is even more important. QFHSA wants our children to know the facts, but also to cultivate attitudes that can lead to peaceful resolution of conflicts on all levels. Again, a resolution on peace education was presented to the AGM this year.

LIAISON WITH QUEBEC ASSO. OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS
Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 5, 1990
 Helen Koeppel, President

Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations is the only parental group which regularly sends a representative to the Board of Directors meetings of the Association. This past year various members of the Board have brought greetings on our behalf; and Mrs. Grace Hone, 2nd Vice President of QAPSB attends QFHSA board meetings.

QAPSB Spring Conference in Quebec City April 1990 will feature the 3 R's of Leadership - Reflect, Renew, Refine. Marion Daigle, Education Chairman of CHSPTF will be presenting a workshop Creating A Literate Environment as part of the ongoing Home & School concern about illiteracy and the need to redefine the meaning of literacy in the Information Age. Mrs. Daigle also presented an information session to one of the regular board meetings of the association (February 16) about the CHSPTF 1990 International Year of Literacy project (launched in Vancouver B.C. at the CHSPTF Annual Meeting, June 1989).

1990 Canadian School Trustees Association Congress hosted by the QAPSB will be held in Montreal, July 5 - 8. Congress theme is Law, Language, Learning.

Technical and Vocational Education Committee Chairman Ron Edwards, produced an excellent report which is still available in QFHSA office upon request. Second annual report will be available shortly.

QAPSB very kindly helped distribute copies of the QFHSA publication Whither the Protestant School System in Quebec to school commissioners through the school boards. The foreword was written by Dr. John Simms, Chairman of QAPSB.

Bill 107 Reference questions have been heard by the court regarding the constitutionality of the legislation. The decision had not been published at printing.

Regime Pedagogique Ruling by the Supreme Court was a setback to the denominational boards in Quebec.

Environmental Education QAPSB has been represented on an advisory committee drafting a teacher's guide and teaching materials. The Federation des Commissions scolaire Catholiques du Quebec has funds for this project and invited participation from the English sector. The Association of Directors General reported at the March meeting that a great deal of environmental education is being carried on in Protestants schools at present and that materials are adequate.

Annual Report from ELACC liaison, Gail Cornell-Rowles

The following were the major topics discussed during the four ELACC meetings held since September 1989:

A Whole Language Booklet for Parents

The committee studied the first draft of the booklet and gave extensive criticism to the members of the sub-committee writing the booklet. The next draft is supposed to be ready for the May meeting. At that time it will be available for other QFHSA members to read and respond to. The final draft is supposed to be in the schools by next fall, before the first set of parent-teacher interviews.

The Committee's Mandate/Lines of Communication

On several occasions this year, concern was expressed about how ELACC members can best serve their respective communities. Established methods of communication between the Ministry and the schools are not always effective. To try to alleviate this problem, Gayle Goodman is going to produce a Calendar of Events for next year. This will list activities of interest to all ELACC-affiliate members. The exact format and method of distribution has not yet been decided.

Summative Evaluation and Report Cards

This was the topic for discussion during the March meeting. It became clear that many school boards and independent schools are having a difficult time developing evaluation methods and report cards that reflect the current language arts programs. It was decided that more time will be spent on this topic.

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1990

From Bonnie Hasan, Liason,
Secondary Language Arts Advisory Council.

This Committee continues to monitor the evaluation process of the Secondary Language Arts 1 - V programme, Cycle One as well as the teacher re-training projects.

They are also interested in keeping our teachers up to date with lists of approved complementary materials for use in the classrooms. Such listings provide a source of information, as well as offering guidance and structure to teachers and school boards, and provide current data on newly-published titles.

One very critical area of concern to this Council continues to be the Copyright issue vis-a-vis the teacher in the classroom. This unresolved problem is seriously affecting many of our teachers and their ability to select classroom material. Parents might begin by asking some of the teachers of their children if and how we are all being affected.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1990
Submitted by the office

At the 1989 Annual General Meeting we accepted Reliable Life Insurance Company's Option A (\$5.50/student, \$3000 Life Insurance, \$500 dental work/tooth) and Option B (\$10.50/student, \$3000 Life Insurance, unlimited dental expenses/tooth¹ for 5 years and \$500/tooth until age 20, plus greater protection for disability and/or loss of limb) for the school year 1990/91.

At that time, the delegates also voted to include the better protection offered by Option B for the current (1989/90) school year.

For the 1991/92 school year, we RECOMMEND: that we continue with Reliable Life Insurance Company for student accident insurance and that we go with Option A and Option B, as presently offered (and outlined above).

For your information the insurance agent for Reliable here in Quebec tells us that most parents choose Option B when taking the plan.

¹ Up to the amount specified in the Dental Association's Schedule of Fees.

THE CANADIAN HOME and SCHOOL & PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
1989-1990 Annual Report

This Committee remained very active with the Comité provincial de concertation sur les programmes de sécurité routière en milieu scolaire. Besides attending the regular meetings of the Comité, an active part was taken in the sub-committee on the preparation of a handbook for school bus drivers. The handbook, published under the title of <Maître à bord>, was distributed to all school bus drivers during the school year. (This was done through the regular channels of the Ministère de l'éducation.) An English version was planned for the autumn, however because of the cost of translation, and the original cost of publication, the version would be a lot less glamorous even though the content would be similar. Fortunately other provinces have indicated their keenness to obtain French versions of the handbook to serve their French-speaking populations. A deal is now being worked out where these provinces will translate the original version and publish it. These provinces would supply us (Quebec) with the required number of English handbooks, and Quebec would supply these provinces with the required number of French handbooks. Following the publication of the handbook, the sub-committee disbanded. Many members of the sub-committee, including the QFHSA member, then joined with the sub-committee, Comité de transport. This Comité has been, and will continue to deal with such areas as bicycle safety, drinking and driving, etc.

The Safety/Transportation Committee kept the members of the QFHSA informed through the <Safety Scene> column in The News.

Last May, a trip to Murdochville to meet with the students and talks about safety, drugs and the career of a policeman followed by a talk with the parents of these children. Une rencontre avec les élèves de l'autre école à Murdochville fût un atout.

New this year - the Safety/Transportation Committee was invited to sit on the Public Safety Advisory Council of the Canada Safety Council. Two meetings have been held so far. Your Safety/Transportation Committee member has opted to sit on the sub-committee dealing with school safety programmes.

Donald Smith
Donald Smith
Chairman, Safety/Transportation Committee

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN EDUCATION Committee
 Report to the Annual General Meeting - May 1990
Submitted by Marion Daigle, Chairman. Member: Calvin Potter

February 2, 1990 - Press conference, Ste Anne de Bellevue. Hon. Gerry Weiner, Secty of State and Claude Ryan, Minister of Education, announced initiatives for 1989/90 under the Canada-Quebec Agreement on Minority Language Education and Second Language Instruction.

New innovations:

Construction Grants - \$27 million in new funding over a four year period for construction of facilities for the English speaking community. Announced was the construction of an English language community school in St. Lazare - \$4 million - will also be a community facility. Expansion of Heritage College (CEGEP) in Hull - cost \$6,818,000. Other capital projects to be announced for the Eastern Townships, the Outaouais and the Magdalen Islands.

Pedagogical Development for English Language Education

Adaptation, translation and printing of teaching guides, particularly for vocational instruction (Note: the vocational sector in English schools is in crisis; there are very few programs available). Purchase and development of English language education software in agreement with Ontario.

Pedagogical Initiatives in Second Language Instruction

Development of teaching materials for French Second-language Instruction, including immersion programs. The plan by the Quebec Department of Education is to develop instruments to be made available to all schools through local initiatives and in cooperation with boards of education.

The Agreement, which covers the period from 1989 to 1993, will result in federal contributions of \$328 million, of which \$290 million was calculated on the basis of enrolments in English-language schools and the volume of English second-language courses.

NOTE: This means that the definition of "additional costs", which is part of the basis of this agreement, incurred by the Quebec government for English language education is based on a language system of education in this province, rather than a confessional system.

For a complete text of the News Release/Communiqué of February 02, 1990, announcing the new agreement, please request from the QFHSA office. Schedule I and II of this release, describing the programs, are also available.

Recommendations to the Annual General Meeting

- 1) That QFHSA consider expanding this committee to include membership from QAPSB, Alliance Quebec, and others in the educational community who are interested in studying these documents and making recommendations on behalf of the English-speaking community.
- 2) That QFHSA Official Languages in Education Committee have a renewed mandate in the 1990/91 school year. It is important that this Board continue to be a watchdog on the issue of official languages in education.

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QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Helen Koeppe, President

Literacy Project As this was the main thrust of our activities at the federation level, in addition to being the focus of our fall leadership conference it takes centre stage for our annual general meeting as well. Marion Daigle, National Education Chairman has done a superb job starting well before school did in September, 89. On behalf of National and Quebec Federation she has been networking, infiltrating, organizing, expanding and expounding about the benefits of LITERACY in all its many forms. We have not yet, as of writing, found a new project coordinator but have formed a committee (small) to meet regularly to facilitate the project.

Liability Insurance It has taken more than a year but we see the light at the end of the tunnel. A survey was undertaken to determine the scope and extent of H & S activities; which are run by a paid instructor; which programs are those for which a fee is necessary and so on. Most activities are covered by local board insurance but there are exceptions.

Quebec School Television We have put some effort into trying to reestablish the recognition of the anglo services (re curriculum support and aids) within Radio Quebec or the Ministry of Education. It has become a poor cousin and the hope is that additional funding can make it viable again.

Canada Volunteer Award of Merit was presented to Mrs. Joan Mansfield as well as the CHSPTF plaque award at a Jan. 14th reception hosted by Quebec Federation. Thanks to the many federations and individuals who sent greetings and messages to Joan on that very festive occasion.

Stanley & Iris Preview screening of this movie about literacy (Jane Fonda and Robert deNiro) was presented by THE GAZETTE, with box-office receipts divided among four literacy groups, of which OFHSA was one. Each group was given a share of the \$10 tickets to sell to supporters.

Mid-term Presidents Meeting 2nd annual opportunity for B/D members and presidents to air (share) common concerns; for instance some of difficulties encountered this year when organizing TAW activities.

Spring Conference SCIENCE is a bright idea presented by Dr. J. Schwarcz university professor and host of a popular science segment on a MTL. radio station.

School Reorganization We are waiting for the results of the court hearings re the New Education Act segments which were referred to the court by the Minister of Education to determine their constitutionality.



