



Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

**Le Fédération Québécoise des Associations Écoles
74th Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet**



AGM 2018 COMMITTEES

AGM Arrangements: Carol Meindl, Marlyn Brownrigg, Sheila Desormeaux

Nominations: Rosemary Murphy, Chair

Awards and Prizes: Carol Meindl, Marlyn Brownrigg, Sheila Desormeaux

List of 2018 Awards and Prizes: CHSF Lifetime Membership Award
Gordon Paterson Award
Pat Lewis Environmental Award
Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award

Membership Awards: Marlyn Brownrigg

Newsletter Awards: Tanima Ghosh

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Saturday, April 28, 2018

Novotel Hotel 2599 Alfred Nobel, Ville St Laurent, Quebec

2017- 2018 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AS MEMBERS



Evergreen Elementary (LBPSB)
Genesis Elementary (SWLSB)

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP from 2016-2017

Maple Grove Elementary (LBPSB) Membership Chair ~ Jennifer Deslauriers

Shawinigan High School (CQSB) President ~ Stephane Roy
Greater Gatineau Elementary (WQSB) President ~ Isabelle Richard

HONORABLE MENTION

Beacon Hill Elementary (LBPSB) **Beurling Academy (LBPSB)**
Eardley Elementary (WQSB) **Edgewater Elementary (LBPSB)**

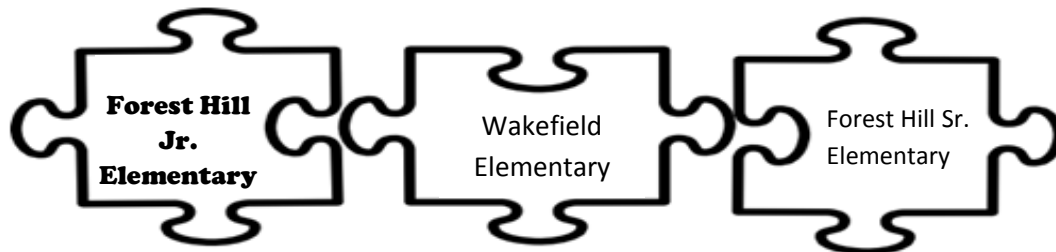
2017-2018 NEWSLETTER PRIZES

St John Fisher Elementary
Newsletter Coordinator: Sandra Gesualdi

Cedarcrest Elementary
Newsletter Coordinator: Nadia Piluso



WELCOME TO NEW HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS



GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS 2018



This award is intended to recognize a Home & School Association executive or committee member who has demonstrated active leadership, organizational skills and has encouraged the participation of all volunteers. Their dedication merits recognition locally and provincially.

Beacon Hill Elementary School
Jennifer Hewitson
Emmanuelle Dagenais
Birchwood Elementary
Nancy Amaral
Chelsea Elementary
Tricia Steeves
Dorset Elementary
Stacey Lazare Powell
Cari Deyell Wurst
Dorval Elementary
Andria Riti
Tammy Van Doran
Edgewater Elementary
Tara Cheevers
Edinburgh Elementary
Tanya Radhakrishna
Christine Downey
Robert Barnes
Patty Semeniuk
Forest Hill Junior Elementary
Geneviève Haines

Forest Hill Senior Elementary
Ana Zamora
Gardenview Elementary
Marla Di Monte
Teresa Scarano
Lucy Pugliese
Genesis Elementary
Tina Rosato
Patty Marinelli
John Rennie High School
Elisabeth Tosi
Lakeside Academy
Jennifer Park
Lindsay Place High School
Diana Donnelly
Lord Aylmer Elementary
Angèle Duval-Bélanger
Pamela Birkett
Julie Laverdure
Ambra Dickie
Macdonald High School
Casey Stilwell

Merton Elementary
Shaun Callender
Brian Van Frank
Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary
Kim Warren
Anne-Marie Hastings
Royal West Academy
Arzine Abbas-Brochu
Sherbrooke Academy
Lori Barrett
St. Charles Elementary
Julianne Read
St John Fisher Elementary
Sandra Gesualdi
Amanda Pelletier
St. Thomas High School
Monica Bourgeois
Westwood High School
Gisela Kramell
Wilder Penfield
Heather Martin

Congratulations!

UNSUNG HERO AWARDS 2018



Recognizes a volunteer or volunteers who are actively involved in every day school life, who has proven to be helpful, is reliable and courteous, who honours his/her commitments throughout the school year and who has been willing to take on additional responsibilities when the need arose. Their dedication merits recognition locally and provincially.

Beacon Hill Elementary

Tracey Blouin
Helen Stathakos

Birchwood Elementary

Rylan Wadsworth
Manal Hassib
Anita Singh
Cheryl Barrett
Krista Boyer

Chelsea Elementary

Loralie Brown
Dave MacLachlan
Maggie Holmes

Dorset Elementary

Valerie Desmarais

Dorval Elementary

Christina Del Zingaro
Edgewater Elementary

Edinburgh Elementary

Maureen Forrester
Hearthier Bordo
Theresa Skoda
Jenn Udvarhelyi

Evergreen Elementary

Jennifer Gilligan
Melissa Bindon
Georgia Kollias
Pam Gareau
Susan Nowak
Christina Ambert
Sarah Simunic
Suzie Costa
Rachel Mattson
Jo-Anna Bevan

Evergreen Elementary

Fatima Markakis
Claire Atkin

Anne Holyoke-Bernard

Monique Szabo
Melinda Paradis

Forest Hill Jr. Elementary

Carolyn Barras

Forest Hill Sr. Elementary

Tracey Fenech
Melanie Gelinas

Gardenvue Elementary

Sally Mendis
Roula Athanasatos
Shirley Benoudiz
Maria Karabatsos
Kathy Chronopoulos
Maria Marinis
Mary-Ann Di Iorio
Tina Galluccio

Genesis

Tracy Marak
Anita Catalani
Lydia Tawil
Gina Greco
Sandra Pisegna
Gina Mori

Hillcrest Academy

Carmela Furfaro
Leslie Andradi
Nancy Carbone

John Rennie High School

Taryn Burns

Lindsay Place High School

Maureen Whalen

Lord Aylmer Elementary

Karren Mercer
Jen Ouellette
Lynn Ladouceur
Natalie Filiou

Macdonald High School

Karelle Bouffard

Merton Elementary

Annie Craft
Jason Bowen
Jessica Tobman
Lisa Kunitzky
Lisa Gruenberg
Dalia Giorgi
Libby Cohen
Samantha Patel

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary

Jessica Rawlings
Christiane Callary
Joan Andres
Jamie-Lynn Noiles
Amy Patrick
Liza Bisailon

St Charles Elementary

Nola Mak

St John Fisher Elementary

Daphne Daifas

Westwood High School

Donna Graham
Dan Rassi

Wilder Penfield Elementary

Adriana Di Valerio
Jessica Di Pierro

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Annual General Meeting and the Awards Banquet. The 2017-2018 school year has been an especially dynamic one for the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations and our local associations as well.

We have continued to be involved as one of the leading volunteer organizations of the education sector providing an important voice of parents and families on issues of

We continue our leadership role with the Committee for the Enhancement of the Curriculum of the History of Québec. It has been one of the main issues addressed by our QFHSA Rights, and Resolutions Committee.

My sincere appreciation goes out to our QFHSA Executive Committee, the QFHSA Board of Directors, the local association Presidents, Executive Members, and volunteer members who are so dedicated to making our schools better places in which to learn for our children. A final thank you for the excellent work accomplished by our Executive Director Carol Meindl, Membership Coordinator Marlyn Brownrigg, Administrative Assistant Sheila Desormeaux, and to Marion Daigle and Carol Ohlin of the Archives Project.

Yours in education,
Brian Rock, President

Lifetime Membership Award Canadian Home and School Federation



RICKHEY MARGOLESE

Throughout the years, education has greatly benefited from those dedicated parents who became involved in their children's schools and then took the next step forward to the provincial and national levels, where all children are beneficiaries.

Rickhey Margolese has generously shared her time and talents with her children's and now granddaughter's schools, the QFHSA Board of Directors, QFHSA committees and the Canadian Home and School Federation.

She has served on our Executive Committee for many years, on and off, from 1992 to 2016. She also served on numerous QFHSA committees: Education, Rights and Resolutions and Constitution and By-Laws.

From 2011-2017 Rickhey served at the national level as the QFHSA Representative to the Canadian Home and School Federation.

All of this volunteer service was accomplished while parenting four children, working full-time and more recently, enjoying the pleasure of grandchildren.

Thank you, Rickhey, for all you have done in service to education, the QFHSA, at various levels, and finally at the Canadian Home and School Federation.

The QFHSA Board of Directors is delighted to see Rickhey Margolese receive this 2018 Lifetime Membership Award

PAT LEWIS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

An award meant to honor efforts by a group or an individual for their outstanding efforts towards a humanitarian cause.



RHIANNON SPARKES

Mrs. Sparkes, Grade 5 teacher at Dorset Elementary, has been raising awareness in her students to the world at large. In her role as Educator, she brings passion to the classroom and creates life lessons in very hands-on ways. Last year, she led her Grade 5 students in a water awareness lesson plan which came to life when she engaged to students to fundraise for improved access to clean water in Manac, Haiti.

Together, the students raised \$3000 donating the funds to the WE organization. Through a matching program, a total of \$6000 was raised. Not only do the students raise a substantial amount of money, but this lesson is brought outside of the classroom walls when the students walk to the lake with empty jugs, and once filled, walk back to the school, making the connection to many less fortunate countries where this is a way of life.

Above and beyond this specific lesson, Mrs. Sparkes engages students to learn about kindness through class readings and group discussions.

QFHSA is pleased to present the Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award to Rhiannon Sparkes for the work she has been doing with the students of Dorset Elementary School.

PAT LEWIS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

An award meant to honor efforts by a group or an individual for their outstanding efforts towards an environmental cause.



WILLINGDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Willingdon Home and School, administration and students have been active in environmental awareness. A few initiatives: Two years ago the Home and School started using biodegradable plates for pizza lunch and the Santa and holiday breakfasts. The Home and School has also invested in 5-gallon water jugs to eradicate the use of plastic water bottles at events. This past year, they have been partnering with *Eco Quartier* to have recycling and composting at the Home and School's public events. Willingdon Home and School and the Willingdon community are demonstrating an ongoing commitment to create a better planet for all.

QFHSA is pleased to present the 2018 Pat Lewis Environmental Award to Willingdon Elementary School staff, students and parents.

2018 GORDON PATERSON AWARD

In 1973, thanks to the initiative and generosity of past president Doreen Richter, a new award

was created to recognize an outstanding educator who had given long service to Quebec education and had encouraged the participation of parents.



-STEVEN DUBINSKY-

QFHSA Gordon Paterson award is presented to Steven Dubinsky for his contributions to the field of education and his encouragement of the involvement of parents at the high school level.

Steven Dubinsky connects with parents of the students at open houses, concerts and curriculum nights to encourage them to be as involved as possible. Forever encouraging to his students, Mr. Dubinsky has been the fearless leader of the Westwood Senior High School band since 1996 and this year the Westwood Junior students as well. Steven has already received awards for his outstanding contribution to band, his strong musical leadership and his consistent promotion of access to musical experience through band.

Steven encourages parents and grandparents to accompany the young musicians on their performance trips to Ottawa, the LBPSB school board and anywhere else they may play such as at local elementary schools. At school concerts parents are encouraged to bake, sell concession items and collect non-perishables for a food bank. A favorite time at concerts for parents is when Steven invites them up to stand beside their mortified teen playing in the band during a number! Of course, pictures are always strongly encouraged, especially close-ups.

As a fundraising activity for the yearly band trips, Steven coordinates weekends of bagging groceries with the students. He has given up a few weekends of his own personal time to get students and parents out in the community. In the past, Steven has been a Co-Director of a student musical camp in Asbestos for 4 years during the summer. He is a graduate of Concordia and McGill Universities in the field of Music and Fine Arts, and completed his Masters of Education in June 2017. The parents of Westwood are immensely appreciative of the efforts that Steven gives to the Senior and Junior Music departments and thankful to him for the volunteer opportunities provided to parents and grandparents.

74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Novotel Hotel

10:00 - 10:30 am **Registration & Coffee**
10:30 - 11:55 am **Welcome and Greetings from Guests**
11:55 -12:00 pm **Canadian Parent for French- FSL presentation**
11:00- 12:00 pm **Keynote speaker: William Floch,**
Assistant Secretary General to Kathleen Weil, Minister
responsible for relations with English Speaking

Quebecers

12:00 - 12:45 pm **LUNCH**
12:45 - 2:00 pm **AGM Business Session I**
Installation of Board of Directors for 2018-2019
2:00- 2:15 pm **Nutrition Break**
2:15 - 4:00 pm **AGM Business Session II**
Door prize draw
4:00 - 5:00 pm **Regional Councils**

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74th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Novotel Hotel

5:30 - 6:00 pm **Cocktail hour ~ Grand Salon Foyer**
Cash bar- Relax and mingle
6:00 - 9:30 pm **Awards Banquet ~ Grand Salon Ballroom**
Master of Ceremonies: Tanima Ghosh

Award Presentations

Canadian Home and School Federation
Lifetime membership award
Rickhey Margoese
Gordon Paterson Award
Steven Dubinsky, Westwood Junior High School
Pat Lewis Environmental Award
Willingdon Elementary School
Students, Staff & Parents
Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award
Rhiannon Sparkes, Dorset Elementary
Membership Awards
Newsletter Awards
Unsung Hero Awards
Golden Torch Awards

9:30 - 11:00 pm **Dance**



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