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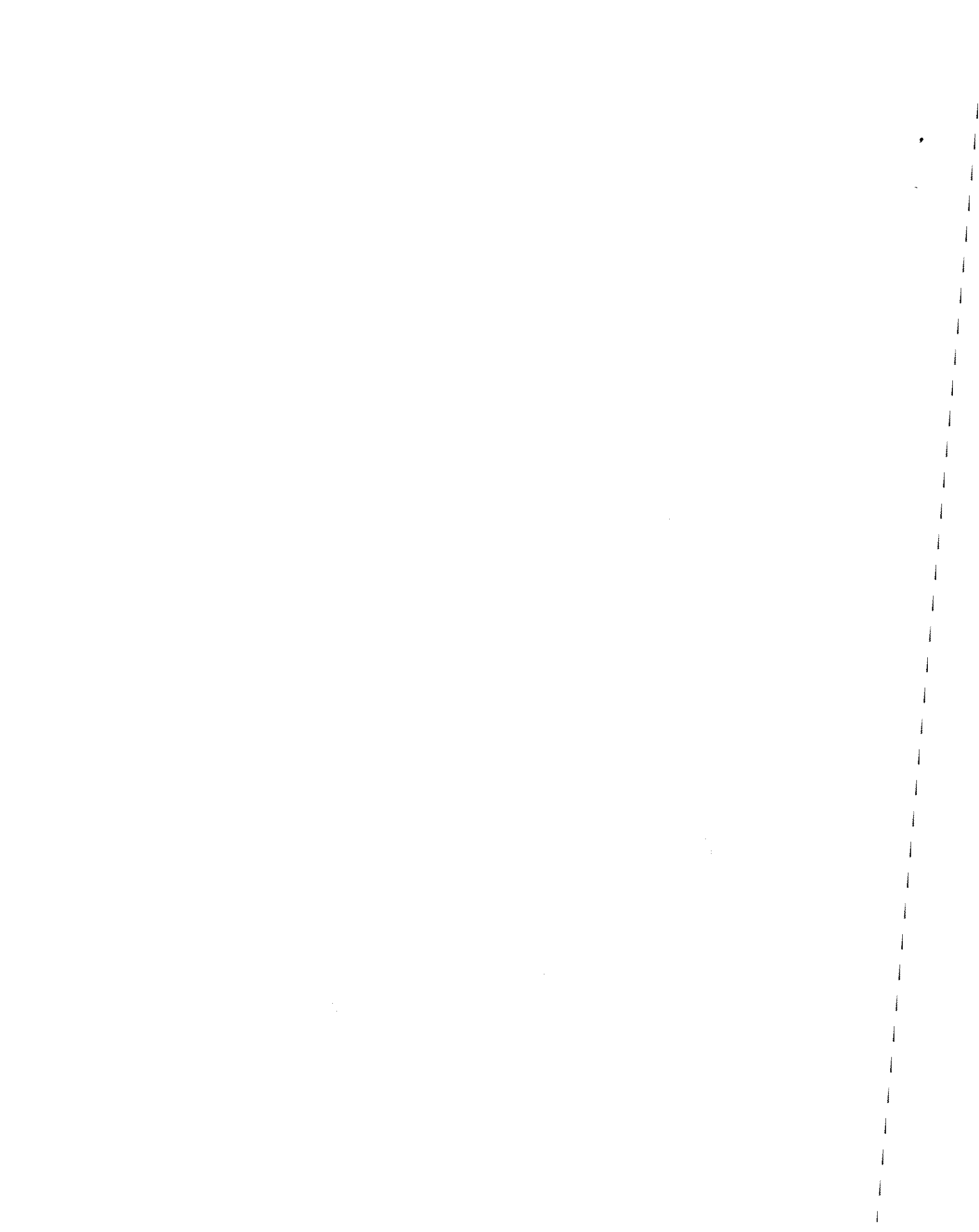
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MINUTES OF THE 42ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS  
HELD MAY 2 AND 3, 1986, ON THE LOYOLA CAMPUS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Registered and present during the two-day Annual General Meeting were 90 delegates from 30 local Home & School Associations (down from 128 delegates/33 local associations in 1985); 24 members of the Board of Directors, QFHSA; 16 invited guests; 8 workshop leaders; 13 observers from our Group Affiliate Members and/or Individual Supporting Members. The president of The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation, Joy Bastness (Saskatchewan), also attended. Total attendance 162 (down 44 from 1985). As well, the Stanstead Journal sent 3 reporters.

The conference was opened on Friday morning, 9:00 a.m. May 2, 1986, by the President, Mrs. Sylvia Adams. The Plenary Session, "Partners in Action" followed; panelists were Sylvia Rankin, a parent at Thorndale Elementary School; Bryden Murray, a teacher at John Rennie High School; Joan Dougherty, MNA and parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Education, Mr. Claude Ryan; and Scott Conrod, Director of Student Services, PSBGM. Their roles on the panel were, respectively, PARENT, PEDAGOGUE, POLITICIAN, PUPIL. Following a mid-morning break, there were three concurrent workshops, "Parents & Pupils", "Parents & Pedagogues", and "Parents & Politicians", each chaired by one of the panelists.

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

The annual business meeting was opened at 1:58 p.m. by the president, Sylvia Adams. The head table was introduced: Joan Mansfield, parliamentarian and past president of The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation; Caspar Esselaar, Treasurer; Helen Koeppe, Executive Vice-President; Jon Percy, Recording Secretary; and Barbara Milne-Smith, Resolutions Chairman.

The president welcomed the delegates and introduced some of the guests present: Maureen Lindsay-Morris, President, Lakeshore Teachers Association; Jan Langelier, Vice-President, LITA and former QFHSA Board of Directors member; Tom Bean, Principal, Ayer's Cliff and Sunnyside Elementary Schools, and 1986 QFHSA Paterson Award Winner; Ann Cumyn, Vice-chairman, Protestant Committee, Superior Council of Education, and QFHSA Vice-President; Hugh Smith, Chairman, Central Parents Committee, PSBGM; Grace Hone, Vice-President, Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards; Margaret Funnell, Commissioner, Lakeshore School Board; Gordon Robertson, former Commissioner, LSB, and Vice-President, Lakeshore Regional Council of Home & School Associations; Peggy MacArthur, former Program Chairman for the AGM, now residing in Toronto; and Joy Bastness, the president of CHSPITF.

President mentioned the Strategic Planning Session held in February; read out the Mission Statement formulated and the Guiding Principles for the Work of the Federation.

## 2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

MOTION: M. Daigle (Board of Directors)/R. Wiener (Board of Directors) that  
Joan Mansfield be appointed as parliamentarian. CARRIED



Credentials Committee

Ann Trzcienski, registration coordinator, reported that 23 schools were represented; sufficient for a quorum.

Scrutineers

Appointment of scrutineers, for balloting purposes, deferred.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Item 8.3.3 - Disposition of 1985 Resolutions, to be moved ahead of 8.3.1 - Resolutions 1986.

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/A. Kiss (Board of Directors) that the agenda be adopted, as altered. CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes of 41st Annual General Meeting (1985)

MOTION: S. Robinson (Willingdon)/V. Minto (Beacon Hill) that the minutes of the 41st annual general meeting be approved, as circulated. CARRIED

5. Business Arising

President noted that most items are listed under upcoming business.

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

Highlighted some of the items covered in the report. QFHSA has been an active participant in the Estates General on Education; our membership push; our 101 court case, and the Strategic Planning Sessions. QFHSA had also responded to the Superior Council of Education re "State and Needs of Education" and to the Protestant Committee re "What is the Nature of the Protestant School System at this Time?". A special thank you to Grace Home, Vice-President of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, and Ken Cooke, member of Board of Directors, Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers, for their attendance at our Board meetings and their good communication with our Board. Also thanked Ann Cumyn and Al Locke, who sit on the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education, and report to us. The passing of Fran Lowry, president, Lindsay Place High Home & School Association, was noted with sadness; also the death of Margaret Capes, MRE Consultant, PSEGM, and a wonderful educator.

MOTION: S. Adams (Board of Directors)/H. Koeppe (Board of Directors) that the report be adopted. CARRIED

7. Financial Report

7.1 Auditor's Report (circulated with Book of Reports prior to AGM)

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/O. Buckingham (Board of Directors) moved acceptance of financial statement from the auditors. CARRIED

There was no discussion.

7.2 Proposed Budget 1986/87 (Book of Reports, p.14)

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/E. Zubek (Cedar Park) to adopt budget. CARRIED

7.3 Finance Committee Report (Book of Reports, p.13)

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/A. Kiss (Board of Directors) to adopt report.

Treasurer outlined Operating and Capital Grant submissions that have been made to M.E.Q. Noted that we had received grant of \$15,000 for 1985/86 fiscal year. We had received no grant in 1984/85 and only \$5,000 in 1983/84.

The fund raising raffle approved at 1985 AGM had not been carried out because of lack of time and volunteers.

Marion Daigle pointed out that the Membership Committee had tried to make it clear that QFHSA would issue tax receipts for contributions of \$25.00, or more, of which \$9.00 would be the membership fee.

Barbara Milne-Smith noted that the accepted Budget included a membership fee of \$9.00, the same as at present.

Treasurer noted that QFHSA is in a healthy position finance-wise largely due to Help QFHSA Campaign, spearheaded by Marion Daigle, a fund-raising committee of "one".

Vote taken on MOTION re Finance Committee Report.

CARRIED

8. Reports - Standing Committees, Liaisons

8.1 Nominations Committee (Book of Reports, p.25)

M. Daigle, chairman, read out the proposed slate of officers.

Renominated: Jon Percy, Recording Secretary; Caspar Esselaar, Treasurer; Anne Kiss, Vice-President. New Vice-Presidents (for a two-year term of office): Diane Lacey, Paulette Nickoletopoulos and Nancy Peppy; for a one-year term of office: Carol Ohlin.

MOTION: M. Daigle (Board of Directors)/S. Robinson (Willingdon) that the proposed slate be accepted.

CARRIED

The president, S. Adams, welcomed the new executive members; thanked M. Daigle for her work in obtaining a wide representation for the executive.

8.2 Membership Committee (Book of Reports, pp. 15-16)

MOTION: C. Ohlin (Board of Directors)/O. Buckingham (Board of Directors) to adopt report with 9 recommendations.

Valois Park Home & School noted that their membership percentage was incorrect; should read 76.88%. Recommendation #8, that membership awards be based on number of students not families, was discussed. This recommendation was deleted for the present and will be discussed further.

Vote taken on MOTION re Membership Committee Report.

CARRIED

8.3 Resolutions Committee (Book of Reports, pp.19-20)

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/A. Cumyn (Board of Directors) to adopt the report.

CARRIED

8.3.1 Disposition of 1985 Resolutions (Book of Reports, p.20)

Chairman mentioned that we have been asked to have further discussion on resolution 85/2 ALLOCATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL NURSES, with a view to deciding on further action.

Marion Daigle, on behalf of Macdonald High Home & School Association, presented background of this resolution. Noted that the question is of province wide concern but little response received to the 1985 resolution thus far. Suggestion that most parents are not fully aware of magnitude of problem; they are not aware of what is not being done now by school nurses. Many of the problems encountered were enunciated from the floor.

MOTION: M. Daigle (Board of Directors)/A. MacWhirter (New Carlisle High) that QFSHA direct its Social Affairs Committee to carry out an investigation of nursing services in Quebec schools (reference resolution 85/2) with a questionnaire to all schools for their input and to present a report/update at the Fall Conference.

CARRIED

8.3.2 Resolutions 1986

Resolution 86/1 SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' EDUCATION COURSES

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/S. Robinson (Willington) to accept this resolution.

Editorial changes proposed: to change the fourth WHEREAS to become the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, deleting the present THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. The resolved would then read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations support the pilot program of instruction for school bus drivers proposed by the Comité provinciale de concertation de programmes de sécurité routière en milieu scolaire.

Under DESTINATIONS, change Commission provinciale de... to Comité provinciale de...

A suggestion was accepted to add Fédération des comités de parents de la province de Québec to "destinations".

Vote on motion, with editorial changes.

CARRIED

Resolution 86/2 TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOOL BRIGADES

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/N. Wakrat (Beacon Hill) to accept this resolution.

Editorial change proposed: to add five words to the first THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, so it reads:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations commend the Quebec Touring Club and the Régie de l'assurance automobile du Québec for this worthwhile project of Traffic Safety School Brigades, and

Discussion. Seignior Home & School opposed because it places undue responsibility on young children; others felt that it develops responsibility.

Vote on motion, with editorial change.

CARRIED

Resolution 86/3 ROAD-CROSSING SAFETY

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/S. Robinson (Willington) to accept this resolution.

CARRIED

Resolution 86/4 SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST CHILDREN

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/A. Kiss (Board of Directors) to accept this resolution.

Editorial changes/corrections proposed: in the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED change "these" to "those" so it reads:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations urge the government of Quebec to carry out those recommendations of the Report of the Committee on Sexual Offences Against Children (1984) which fall within its jurisdiction, and in particular:-

Under the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, section 1(a) - correct the spelling of testimony.

An amendment to the section 1(a) of the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, had been proposed and circulated. It would then read:

1(a) place the unsworn and uncorroborated evidence of children, in legal proceedings arising from allegations of sexual abuse, on the same footing as the evidence of adults.



MOTION: A. Cumyn (Board of Directors)/V. Minto (Beacon Hill) to accept the amendment.

Discussion. Was a child giving testimony likely to be subject to cross examination. Some concern about fantasies and mischief making by children in cases.

Vote on amendment: CARRIED, with 5 abstentions.

Vote on amended resolution: CARRIED, with 5 abstentions.

Windermere Home & School had proposed adding two destinations: Minister of Justice, Canada, and Health & Welfare Canada. This was agreed under "For information to:". A proposal was also made to add Bar Association of Quebec and Judicial Council of Quebec to those receiving this resolution. Accepted.

Resolution 86/5 PEACE EDUCATION

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/E. Manker (Board of Directors) to accept this resolution.

Editorial change proposed: to add two words in the second THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, so it reads:

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations encourage all local Home & School Associations, parents, teachers and other concerned organizations to make peace education a priority.

An amendment, that the background material be moved up into the body of the resolution to form the third WHEREAS, had been proposed and circulated. To read:

WHEREAS Peace Education involves -

- (1) creating in our children an understanding, tolerance and respect for other cultures, values and traditions,
- (2) arousing in our children a sense of responsibility for the world community, a sensitivity to its major problems, and a willingness to co-operate in their solutions,
- (3) helping to build peace through a deeper understanding of our fellow man in our local community and in the global community.

MOTION: A. Cumyn (Board of Directors)/J. Mansfield (Life Member, CHSPITF) to accept the amendment.

Discussion. Delegates wondered if Peace Education would constitute a "new" subject in school. Reply: teachers would incorporate it is an "attitude".

Vote on amendment: Opposed - 1; Abstentions - 0; Remainder - for.

CARRIED

Vote on amended resolution, with editorial change:

CARRIED

### 8.3.3 Additions to Statement of Policy

QFHSAs supports/endorse:-

Under EDUCATION - to add:

23. media literacy and appreciation skills as a component of the curriculum from Kindergarten through high school (Resolution 85/12)

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/J. Mansfield (Life Member, CHSPITF) to accept this statement of policy.

CARRIED

Under HEALTH - to add:

WELFARE statement #9 to be moved to HEALTH, as statement #9. This statement has been reworded to include resolution 85/16 (THE TEACHING OF C.P.R. COURSES TO SECONDARY V STUDENTS), so that it now reads:

9. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training for school personnel and secondary 5 students.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/S. Robinson (Willington) to accept this statement of policy. CARRIED

Under WELFARE - to add:

WELFARE statements #10 to 13 to be renumber #9 to 12, with the removal of statement #9 to HEALTH.

13. retention of the Child Tax Exemption for dependent children (Resolution 85/19).

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/J. Cloutte (Keith) to accept this statement of policy. CARRIED

The chairman, Barbara Milne-Smith, pointed out the remaining resolutions from the 1985 Annual General Meeting were "action" resolutions rather than "policy" resolutions, or were resolutions on which we already have a statement of policy.

President thanked the Resolutions Committee for their work and the chairman for her preparation.

8.4 Student Accident Insurance (Book of Reports, p.12)

MOTION: H. Koeppé (Board of Director)/M. Daigle (Board of Director) that QPHSA retain Reliable Life Insurance Company for 1987/87 school year. CARRIED

8.5 Rights Committee (Book of Reports, pp.30-33, plus following letter)

The chairman, Calvin Potter, noted that a reply from our lawyer, Stephen Scott, to the above noted letter from Richard Goreham, Court Challenges Program, had been included in delegates' kits. (letter dated April 25/86)

Some editorial corrections were made to the first paragraph on page 33.

MOTION: C. Potter (Board of Directors)/C. Esselaar (Board of Directors) to accept this report.

Chairman gave an update on court challenge. Noted that on Thursday, May 01, the Supreme Court came down with a split decision on language of traffic tickets. They did not have to be bilingual; they could be in either official language. Chairman said we had to keep fighting to have our case heard; we are making progress and the goal is in sight; if we hold together we will succeed.

We have reduced our factum from 21 articles of Bill 101 to 4 articles. Discussed the question of toys; they can be barred from province if equivalent is not available in French.

We are facing the problem that some of our original parent co-plaintiffs may have lost their entitlement to sue since their children are now too old. We will require new co-plaintiffs; parents who were not born in Canada, but for whom English is their first language. It is preferred they reside in PSBGM school territory but that is not a prerequisite.

Vote on Motion to adopt report. CARRIED

Dr. Potter mentioned our problems obtaining financing from the new Court Challenges Program for our court case. We are fighting for the rights of all Canadians. Asked delegates to consider two motions which the Rights Committee wished to put to the business meeting.

**MOTION:** M. Daigle (Board of Directors)/C. Ohlin (Board of Directors) that this meeting welcomes the assurances of Prime Minister Mulroney in his letter of February 6, 1985, and having studied the Report of the Rights Committee in the matter of financing of Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations' case under the new Court Challenges Program, instructs the President of QFHSA to make representations to Prime Minister Mulroney regarding the imbalanced structure of the Language Panel and its unreasonable interpretation of the basic criteria for the selection of cases. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION:** M. Daigle (Board of Directors)/A. Cumyn (Board of Directors) that this meeting having studied the Report of the Rights Committee in the matter of financing of Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations' case under the old Court Challenges Program, instructs the President of QFHSA to seek an interview with the Secretary of State for the purpose of establishing the QUANIUM as foreseen in the telex of June 28, 1984, and of having that sum communicated in writing to the Canadian Council on Social Development. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Elementary Language Arts (Book of Reports, p.27)

**MOTION:** B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/A. Kiss (Board of Directors) that the recommendations contained in this report be accepted en bloc. CARRIED

8.7 Secondary Language Arts (Book of Reports, p.29)

**MOTION:** A. Cumyn (Board of Directors)/S. Auclair (Keith) that letter submitted by liaison be circulated to all locals with a covering letter from Secondary Language Arts liaison and, from the responses, action be taken by SLA Liaison and Education Committee of QFHSA.

This motion was spoken to by A. Cumyn. Date of implementation of new language arts program is 1990; evaluation of program due in 1991. It was just recently announced by MEQ that there will a language test administered to establish minimum criteria for High School Leaving. This new provincial test will introduce two different sets of tests to find the same answer.

Vote on motion: CARRIED

8.8 QFHSA Task Force on School Reorganization (Book of Reports, pp.4-5)

**MOTION:** M. Daigle (Board of Directors)/H. Koeppel (Board of Directors) that recommendation in report, that the Task Force on School Reorganization remain an active committee, be accepted.

Marion Daigle stated that the question of reorganization is still on the agenda of many organizations. Joan Mansfield suggested that it become a Standing Committee not a Task Force.

**MOTION:** J. Mansfield (Life Member, CHSPTF)/L. Young (Keith) that the QFHSA Task Force on School Reorganization become a Standing Committee.

Vote on amendment: CARRIED

Vote on amended resolution: CARRIED

MOTION: M. Daigle (Board of Directors)/J. Cloutte (Keith) to adopt this report. CARRIED

9. Adoption of Remaining Reports

MOTION: B. Zubek (Cedar Park)/N. Walker (Northview) to adopt remaining reports en bloc. CARRIED

10. Additions to Agenda

There were none.

11. Date and Site of 1987 Annual General Meeting/conference fee

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/J. Mansfield (Life Member, CHSPTF) that, if possible, 1987 AGM be held May 8th, on campus of John Abbott College, if available; or at an alternative site decided upon by the Board of Directors. CARRIED

MOTION: A. Cumyn (Board of Directors)/J. Cloutte (Keith) that appropriate conference fee be decided upon by Board of Directors. CARRIED

It was mentioned that a Membership/Publicity/Newsletter workshop would be held at QFHSA office on June 3, 1986, for those chairmen.

12. Installation of New Executive Officers

This will be carried out at the Awards Luncheon, May 3, 1986.

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/O. Buckingham (Board of Directors) that annual business meeting adjourn (5:30 pm). CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1986-87

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1987

Sylvia O. Adams, President

QFHSA's agenda has been exciting and thought provoking, rewarding and frustrating. We have learned a great deal from positive experiences, and we have grown as an organization when difficult circumstances have presented themselves. QFHSA must constantly re-examine its priorities so as to assure that the actions undertaken are those that reflect the realities of the present and our "foot-steps" into the future.

PRIORITIES

Membership

Membership has remained stable even though the global education system is reflecting a decline in membership potential. This phenomenon is due to the superb work of our committed membership chairman and all those individual membership chairmen at our local Home and School Associations. BRAVO!

Finance

We trust that our 1986-87 grant submissions to both provincial and federal governments will receive positive responses. We are still awaiting a reply from the Quebec Government for our 1986-87 grant request. To date, we received a \$15,000 operating grant for 1985-86. We are extremely proud of our ability to use this modest sum to directly enhance the quality of our children's education and specifically, their parents' involvement. The "News" is the most obvious vehicle to promote our objectives, on behalf of children because it directly reaches every member, five to six times a year. When we consider a possible parallel to QFHSA like the English section of the FCPPQ (recipient of a \$125,000 annual operating grant), I sincerely hope that our membership realizes the remarkable ability of our QFHSA to make extremely limited funding go a long way.

Under the Official Language Community Program of the Secretary of State, Ottawa, we are requesting on-going project funding to develop membership and active involvement, plus requesting a special project grant to create a contemporary video presentation about our organization.

Bill 101 Court Case

Our "imminent" status of last year has received a severe buffeting. This issue has taught us a great deal about our federal government, its para-government agencies, their panels and their functioning; about acute frustration, and our commitment in the face of adversity. We learned the true meaning about the words "arms-length", how stalling tactics are practised by individuals and agencies, and how honest, straightforward and repeated requests for simple information are refused, by being ignored. I must salute our Rights Committee Chairman, Dr. Calvin Potter, for his remarkable example of patience, goodwill and absolute commitment despite the obstacles that have presented themselves. He has set a superb example for all of us. (Read Rights Committee Report)

Office

Efficiency has been increased through the purchase of a new photocopier, telephone answering machine and typewriter. A new word processor and printer are being researched and should be installed in the near future. This should aid our staff of one.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1986-87 (continued)

ONGOING ASSIGNMENTS

Leadership Conference 1986 was a resounding success - those unable to attend missed excellent workshops and resource people.

Local visits were the pleasant tasks of the president and executive to schools on the South Shore, Lower North Shore, Lakeshore, Hull/Aylmer areas. The process was reversed at our conferences when parents from the Lower North Shore, Thetford Mines, Gaspé, Eastern Townships and Hull areas came to us. These exchanges are invaluable for all concerned.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Deployment of School Nurses Questionnaire and Brief

This has been rewarding and has exemplified the remarkable scope of our Home and School organization. We have addressed a subject that has received a huge response from many, varied and frustrated sources -- school boards, C.L.S.C.'s principals, individual school nurses, Home and School Associations, school and parent committees. Our independent status enables us to go where others may fear to tread, for whatever the reason.

The "Future in Education" Conference, Oct. 1986 was attended by your president (representing CHSPTF) and two V.P.'s representing Quebec. Educators from across Canada, the Yukon and N.W.T. attended. Home and School parents were the only parent voice represented. It was important that we were there.

"Management of French Language Schools", Winnipeg, Feb, 1987, was attended by your president as part of a five member parent delegation invited via CHSPTF. Conference resumés are in your conference kits; please take the time to read them as both conferences were thought provoking and informative.

C.H.S.P.T.F.

Alberta hosted 1986's Annual Meeting in Calgary. In Dec. 1986 the mid-term meeting was held in Ottawa. 1987's Annual Meeting will be in Moncton, N.B. in May, and will be attended by four executive members on your behalf.

Our national organization is of utmost importance to all of our members because many issues affecting our children must be addressed in a national context.

LIAISONS

QFHSA sent representatives to the QAPSB/QASA Annual Conference; your president is attending Ontario's Annual Meeting and taking greetings from Quebec; a Quebec representative will attend New Brunswick's Annual Meeting and Quebec sent a delegate to the National Voluntary Organizations Conference in the fall.

Liaisons with other groups were appreciated, especially those with Ken Cooke (PAPT) and Grace Hone (QAPSB) who regularly attended our Board of Directors meetings. QFHSA's vice-president, Ann Cumyn, is the chairman of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education. We thank all those who served QFHSA in a liaison capacity.

Au Revoir

QFHSA members contributed and learned a great deal this year. Your president's term of office has ended. It has been a thought provoking and rewarding experience. QFHSA is a remarkable organization of committed individuals who care about children and who translate active commitment into concrete actions that do reach and affect those young and vital members of our society. Your president thanks all those special co-members who have been so helpful and patient along the way.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1987

Marion Daigle, Chairman

Committee Members

Board of Directors

- Marion Daigle, Chairman
- Nicole Walker
- Bonnie Hasan

Non-Board members

- Jessica Tertoolle (Greendale)
- Joan McNabb (Lindsay Place High)
- Ellen Lewis (Princess Elizabeth)
- Barbara Bonnell (Dunrae Gardens)

The Nominations Committee, acting in accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, met on January 12, 1987, to review the mandate and guidelines for the Committee. On March 16, 1987, the Committee met to verify the credentials of those nominated. As there was one vacancy for position of Vice-President, the Chairman was delegated to call suggested names to recruit a nominee before March 20, 1987.

The names of all who were willing to stand for office were circulated to all local associations and will be voted on at the AGM. Those standing for office are:-

- President (2 year term) - Helen Koeppe
- Executive Vice-President (2 year term) - Carol Ohlin
- Vice-Presidents (4) (2 year term) - Vi Minto  
Marcus Tabachnick  
Jessica Tertoolle

If further names are received by 5:00 pm, May 1, 1987 (Article V, Section 5) they will be included.

THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION

Summary of the 1986-87 activities

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Sylvia O. Adams, Executive Committee, CHSPTF

Resolutions

The Annual Meeting, 1986 addressed nineteen resolutions of which twelve were carried and seven were either reaffirmed, referred back for further study or withdrawn. Resolutions carried concerned national illiteracy, child abuse, prostitution and pornography, education for the learning disabled, Young Canada Television, fire prevention, easy availability of drug paraphernalia, etc.

"Child Care" Committee - has compiled information and will present an overview to the 1987 Annual Meeting, specifically concentrating on the impact upon school age children.

Child Abuse and Neglect Committee - a new pamphlet is now available in English and French and the Child Abuse Resource Kit has been up-dated.

Smoking and Health - through CHSPTF working with the Health Promotion Directorate there is a new "PAL Smoking Prevention Program" pamphlet along with a "Resource Guide for a Parents Meeting on Smoking Prevention Education". In addition, as a co-sponsor with the Canadian Heart Foundation to promote "Smoke Free Spaces for Kids", CHSPTF provides the network to disseminate information.

Home Influences Committee - Recognizing that illiteracy is a serious handicap for at least four million Canadians, one priority has been to make information available to parents as they can actively promote the literacy of their children.

Bilingualism Grants Committee - Following Quebec's presentation of information at midterm, all provinces are requesting information from their provincial governments re protocols and accountability of these federal funds.

Federal Transfer Payments for Post-Secondary Education - all provinces are researching the use of these funds by their provincial governments. CHSPTF has requested that a delegate from each province attend an upcoming national symposium on this subject being sponsored by the Secretary of State.

Finance - has been a major item of concern; CHSPTF recently received a modest \$7,000 operating grant from Health and Welfare Canada (down from \$10,000) and apparently our last; the entire membership fee structure of CHSPTF is being reviewed; in addition CHSPTF has submitted three grant applications for the coming year for: organization and membership development, to hold a health priorities workshop and for a national child abuse and neglect prevention project.

Bill C. 70, an act to amend the Family Allowance Act - an ongoing concern was expressed about the "Presumption of Death" section in Bill C-70, this refers to a missing child being presumed dead.



THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION  
Summary of the 1986-87 activities (Continued)

Young Offenders Act - being reviewed with objective of making its provisions more understandable by parents and to decide if resolutions on this topic should be initiated.

Media Awareness Committee - hopes to encourage the teaching of media literacy in our schools and to promote provincial programming (via H and S) for parents, on the effects of T.V. on children.

General Remarks

The CHSPTF is the only national voluntary organization that considers the child in an holistic sense. It demonstrates by its actions that the education and well-being of children only occurs when those children are surrounded by supportive families and structures that respond in the same global contest.

Unfortunatly, the "system" seems prone to financially support one-agenda splinter groups with more ease than the very organization that promotes the general well-being of all children, regardless of their individual idiosyncracies; CHSPTF helps all children and families by addressing the complexity of the factors that impact upon them. Hopefully this great strength will be recognized by the tangible support of the "system".

QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS  
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Sylvia O. Adams

QAPSB Board of Directors Meetings have been attended by Helen Koeppé and Sylvia Adams.

Legal Proceedings concerning the hearing of the Supreme Court of the Ontario reference case (judgement to be in six months to a year), the régimes pédagogiques case and QAPSB's motion regarding the Bill 101/Canada clause case, have occupied the QAPSB's legal committee's time and energy.

Employee relations/negotiations, consultation with the McGill Faculty of Education re pre-service and in-service education of teachers, a seminar on "Marketing Your School Board", continuing studies on new budgetary rules affecting school boards, a study on technical, vocational and adult education and an excellent report on special education, were the ongoing highlights during the past year.

The spring conference of QAPSB/QASA was held in Montreal in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Principals Conference. Two QFHSA delegates attended, namely Helen Koeppé and Ann Cumyn.

QFHSA appreciates its liaison with QAPSB, each organization attending the Board of Directors meetings of the other.

QUEBEC HOME & SCHOOL "NEWS"  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
 Dorothy Chant-Hannah, Editor

Our thanks to all the schools who responded so enthusiastically to our request for participation in the "News". The 'Focus-on-the- Locals' pages have been interesting & inspirational, as more schools are now contributing to this feature of the paper. We are trying to answer the needs of our readers and to make OUR PAPER informative & interesting. Those of us who are responsible for the paper need the help of every school to fulfill this goal.

Please remember that to keep our printing & mailing costs down we must rely on private advertising.. help us if you can. Our pre sent 'paid circulation' is 7,100 with a total (average) circulation of 10,000.

We print five issues a year which usually appear in September, November/December, February, April & June. Any school, or parent, not receiving their paper should contact our office so that we can correct or up-date the mailing list.

Our paper is completely staffed by volunteers:

|                             |       |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Lay-out & co-ordination     | ..... | Gordon Perry      |
| Assistant to Lay-out        | ..... | Charlene De Condé |
| Focus on the Locals         | ..... | Diane Radu        |
| Safety Scene                | ..... | Donald Smith      |
| Peace Column                | ..... | Susan Lussier     |
| Articles, re-write & policy | ..... | Jon Percy         |
|                             |       | Gordon Robertson  |

Editor

Dorothy Chant-Hannah

The quality of newsletters received from schools continues to be excellent. After great deliberation the editorial board chose the following schools to be our Newsletter Award Winners for 1986/87

On-island

Elementary Schools - "Conventional Format" - Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield  
 - "Book Format" - Greendale Elementary School

Off-island

Elementary School - Ayer's Cliff Elementary School

High School

John Rennie High School (Pointe Claire)

Honorable Mention to: Thorndale Elementary School (Pierrefonds) and  
 Dunrae Gardens Elementary School (Town of Mount Royal).

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Helen Koeppe, Conference Chairman

Fall conference was held at Lindsay Place High School, Pointe Claire, Saturday, October 18, 1986 with the theme "Footsteps into the Future". The plenary session was divided into two parts: "Stepping Stones" addressed by Gaston Gauthier, co-ordinator of Family Life Education for the Montreal Catholic School Commission and "Ideas into Action" a session designed to assist locals in planning for more effective associations, and led by Gavin Turley.

Eight different afternoon workshops were well attended with reports appearing in the December issue of the NEWS.

- Part I 1. Effective Meetings. June Smith
- 2. 1986 International Year of Peace. Pauline Busby
- 3. Newsletters/Quebec Home & School NEWS. Jon Percy, Jean-Jacques Gauthier, Sue Ramer
- 4. Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP). Kathy Penwill, Lisa Weintraub

- Part II 5. Programs/Publicity. Marion Daigle, Sharon Robinson
- 6. "Can I Change MY Child's Behaviour?". Kathy Phillips
- 7. Membership & Membership Development. Carol Ohlin, Marilyn Percy, Rod Elkin
- 8. Literacy: Coping in the '80s. Gayle Goodman, Esther Wearing

There were about 130 people attending, including several more displays to give local associations a head-start in fund-raising activities. Forty-two schools were represented including 12 schools off-island from places as far afield as Blanc Sablon, Shigawake/Port Daniel and Hull.

Committee members were:

- Hospitality - Sharon Brost, Lori Ball, Peggy Hamblin, Barbara Milne-Smith, Barbara Peden, Carol Ohlin
- Kits - Sue Sladen, Gordon McGibbon
- Photography - Michael Hercus (Macdonald High Photo Club)
- Program - Ann Cumyn, Marion Daigle
- Publicity - Marion Daigle, Carol Ohlin
- Publications - Donna Sauriol, Diane Lacey
- Registration - Ann Cumyn, Nicole Walker, Diane Lacey
- Signs - Sharon Robinson
- Telephone - Anne Kiss, Marguerite Dunlop

Recommendations for future conferences: inviting a local association to handle the catering of lunch and coffee breaks as Windermere so ably did this year; publicizing the fact that this is a conference of volunteers by volunteers, for volunteers; attempting to attract not just the local executives but home and school members at large.

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1987  
 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1986  
Helen Koeppe, AGM Co-chairman

42nd Annual General Meeting was held on the Loyola campus of Concordia University, May 2-3, 1986 in the Campus Centre. Jon Percy, chairman of the Friday morning plenary session "Partners in Action" introduced the topic and the speakers: Sylvia Rankin representing parents; Bryden Murray, teacher at John Rennie High School representing pedagogues; Joan Dougherty MNA, the politicians; and Scott Conrod, director of Student Services, PSBGM, surrogate pupil. Plenary speakers all held individual concurrent workshops following the morning coffee break.

Guest speaker at the Friday evening dinner was Hon. Robt. Layton, P.C., M.P. Min. of State (Mines). Many other invited guests, among them Gavin Turley of YMCA, Grace Hone of the QAPSB, Hugh Smith of the CPC, Ann Schlutz representing MEQ adapted easily to the new format of dispensing with a platform table and seating themselves among conference delegates in a more relaxed atmosphere. An informal session following the dinner held in the "Wolf and Kettle" was poorly attended.

Kickoff Saturday morning, "Let's Talk About Accountability" featured the president of Canadian Home & School, to emphasize the Canadian connection, Joy Bastness; and Quebec Federation president Sylvia Adams. Membership and Newsletter awards were made at this time as well; another innovation well received.

Concurrent workshops, Saturday morning were followed by the Awards Presentation Luncheon. One workshop "You Won't Tell My Parents Will You?" was successfully repeated later in the fall of 1986 at the PAPT/PACT teachers convention at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

CHSPTF "Bell" pins were presented to Dr. L. Patterson, retiring PSBGM commissioner from the Lasalle area; Ian Trasler also retiring from the PSBGM; and to Mrs. M. Farquharson, the director of the John Rennie High School Bell Ringers, who entertained the luncheon guests. Co-winners of the Buzzell Award, Sandra Keightley and Rose Kandalgoankar; and Tom Bean, Paterson Award winner were honoured at the luncheon.

Many thanks for the efforts of the conference committee; for the leadership and guidance of co-chairman Carol Ohlin; for the devotion and hard work of Executive Secretary Donna Sauriol.

Key figures responsible for organizing the 1986 AGM were:

|               |                           |                  |                |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Program:      | Angelika Redahl           | Registration:    | Ann Trzcienski |
| Mailings:     | Carol Ohlin               |                  | Val Carpenter  |
| Program Book: | Gordon Perry, Flo Johnson | Book of Reports: |                |
|               | Doreen Canavan            |                  | Betty Brunet   |
|               | Barbara Milne-Smith       | Displays:        | Helen Koeppe   |
| Publicity:    | Marion Daigle             | Hospitality:     | Doreen Canavan |
| Kits:         | Judy Cloutte              |                  | Joan Locke     |
|               | Cindy Snelgrove           |                  | Sue Stamm      |
|               | Gordon McGibbon           | Photography:     | PHOTO ART      |

AREA REPORT - LAKESHORE III AND IV  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Pat Lewis

Dorset School

Among activities for Dorset are Christmas Fair, Nutrition Week, Open House, a Book Fair, as well as a survey on interests of parents. All key school programs are supported by Home and School.

Edgewater School

Held 5th Christmas bazaar; very successful. Joint Home and School and School Committee wine and cheese party was held and was useful in consulting both groups about "Mission" statement from the school board. Contributed money to purchase video recorder, TV and stand, to library and toward transportation costs for field trips. Valentine heart sale raised money for the school's foster child in Bangladesh. Sponsorship of extra-curricular activities continues.

Hudson and Mount Pleasant Schools

Held Christmas concert. Sale of mugs very successful. Gave money to school for awards to students who have contributed to the school in all kinds of ways, not just academic. Discussed and made suggestions for "Mission" document from the School Board.

Macdonald High School

Annual Craft Fair was a great success. Money contributed to school clubs, athletic department and the library. Wine and cheese party for staff held in December. Film on drunk driving shown to both students and parents. Bake Sale at Open House very successful. Marilyn Wray spoke on the Language Arts program at the secondary level. Local will give plaques for academic excellence to Grade 11 students who graduate with an average of 80% or more.

Allancroft School

Held Christmas Bazaar and Raffle; very successful. Sold spices; had family portrait project. Very active safety committee. Have purchased computers and given money to library. Sponsored a jazz group. Held a Nutrition Week. Safety Committee sponsoring a non-smoking week, as well as a Go Safe Week. Local sponsors many extra-curricular activities.

Beacon Hill School

Helped to complete celebration of 20th Anniversary of the school with party and huge cake. Sponsored Pinocchio by Shoestring Theatre. Held several movie days. Very active safety committee. Held first annual Craft Fair and a copper and brass bazaar. Sponsored extra-curricular activities, such as chess club, tap dancing, etc. Helped to celebrate Canadian Heritage Day, Open House, and a Project Exhibition. Bingo Bash for children run by Home and School, and a luncheon was given for the staff on March 18th. Money contributed to many school projects.

## AREA REPORT - LAKESHORE III AND IV (Continued)

Christmas Park School

Sponsored TATTLER, a school newspaper written by children. Cartoon contest was big success. Gave luncheon for teachers in November. Sponsored a trip by students to see Peter and the Wolf, Pinocchio by the Shoestring Theatre, a concert by the Lakeshore Chamber Orchestra, and a weekly skating night in winter. Successful Open House. Joint meeting of Home and School and School Committee to inform parents about MRE program. Wrote a letter to Claude Ryan and Clifford Lincoln protesting school board election procedures.

Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield

Held a Santa Store and a chocolate bar sale. Involved in discussion of future of French schooling. Sponsored lunchtime activities such as judo, chess, etc. Gave money to library and were instrumental in having some funds contributed from school board. Meeting about school boundaries held. Local will purchase sound system for the gym and some tape decks for teachers.

Windermere School

Spice sale and hot dog days have been successful fund raiser. In winter skating is sponsored, too. Had a successful milk pitcher sale. Workshop on Kidding Around Montreal was held, with Howard Shapiro. Sponsored many extra-curricular activities, such as art, sewing and needlework.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Ann Cumyn, Chairman

The major activity this year was attending the meetings of the PAPT-PACT Curriculum Council. The Curriculum Council is in the process of producing a reference document for teachers. The document lists all the programmes, curriculum guides and evaluation guides produced in English by the MEQ, and also lists resource persons and speakers who are willing to give workshops or talks on a particular subject related to professional or personal development and educational issues.

In September the members of the Curriculum Council received the final printed copy of the evaluation of the Integrated English Language Arts programme at the elementary III level. This year the Curriculum Council is proceeding with the evaluation of the kindergarten programme and the secondary I geography programme.

Other Education Committee activities were monitoring the changes to the régimes pédagogiques and attending the following conferences: Future Directions in Education organized by the Canadian Association of School Administrators, in November 1986, QACLD Annual Conference in March 1987 and the QASA/QAPSB Annual Spring Conference which took the form of participating in the 5th Annual Convention of the Canadian Association of Principals.

## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Submitted by office

Mr. Macdonald of Reliable Life Insurance Company, and their Quebec broker, Mr. Brais, met with QPHSA in early March. As you know, the 1986 Annual General Meeting accepted Reliable's Student Accident Insurance policy for the 1987/88 school year; that is, \$3.50/student (with \$1000 life insurance) and \$500 dental work/tooth (based on the Quebec Dental Association fee schedule for any work done) - OPTION A.

The company has also come out with a superior dental option. This would allow unlimited dental expenses per tooth for up to 4 years and \$300/tooth after the 4 year period. The cost is \$6.00/student (with \$1000 life insurance) - OPTION B.

After consideration, the Executive Committee wishes to recommend to you that we accept the Reliable Life Insurance Company Student Accident Insurance policy for 1988/89 and that we offer both Option A and Option B on the Student Accident Policy forms for 1987/88 and 1988/89.

## WESTERN QUEBEC AREA REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Trudy Drummond

Aylmer Home and School Committee's calendar of events included a Fall Bazaar, a monthly Movie Night, a Parent-Teacher St. Patrick's Day Dance and a Spring Book Fair. Parents have been kept well-informed of these activities through a monthly publication of the Newsletter "Simon Says".

The members of this local have not just kept busy raising money, but have been happily spending it towards a theatre production of Pinocchio, special book prizes for the Halloween Sock Hop, a public speaking contest and ingredients for the Special Education classes Nutrition and Cooking programs.

Chelsea Home and School Committee has been actively involved in many interesting projects, such as two special Movie Nights, A Children's Games Night and an annual community Garage Sale and Family Fun Fair. These fund-raising activities have provided additional books for the library and new equipment for the school playground.

Members of Eardley Home and School Committee have been energetically organizing their "Spring Fever" Dance and their Lunchbox Recipe Book. They had great success selling coupon booklets and the money raised provided the school children with more musical instruments and presentations from local drama groups. A Workshop on Discipline was also organized for interested parents of this primary school.

Dr. S.E. McDowell Home&Sch/School Committee in Shawville, a new addition to the Western Quebec locals, has been involved in many activities. Although their membership is small, they are very proud of the great support the parents have provided in organizing a special Christmas Lunch and "I Love to Read Week" activities. The children are also enjoying a new V.C.R. and some lovely new books for their library.

A Christmas Craft Fair and Spring Flea Market have again helped to maintain South Hull Home and School Committee's excellent school library service and to increase special courses in Computer Science.

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Marion Daigle, Chairman

At the May 23, 1986 Board of Directors Meeting it was agreed to change the QFHSA Task Force on School Reorganization to a standing committee to be re-named the School Reorganization Committee. Members of the QFHSA executive are members along with any others who wish to volunteer. The mandate of the committee is to monitor and report on any activities concerned with changes to the education system. Of particular concern are changes affecting educational structures.

In June, 1986 the committee submitted a lengthy report on the needs and problems facing English education in Quebec to the newly formed Committee On English Language Education (CELE). CELE comprises representatives from educational organizations within the public elementary and secondary education sectors. A sub-committee of CELE was mandated to compile an Interim Report On the Needs and Problems in English Education which was completed in November, 1986. A further report was submitted by the sub-committee to CELE members on March 24, 1987 and will be carefully studied by the QFHSA representatives to CELE.

There has been some liaison by the School Reorganization Committee with rural school representatives in the Gatineau. Nancy Peppy, Vice-President QFHSA and Marion Daigle, Chairman of this committee will attend a one-day conference on Rural Schools in Low, Quebec on April 11, 1987.

BILINGUALISM GRANTS COMMITTEE  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Submitted by Marion Daigle, member

On July 14, 1986 Marion Daigle, Past President, Helen Koeppel, Executive Vice-President and Calvin Potter, Chairman, Rights Committee met with the Official Languages in Education Program Evaluation Committee of the Secretary of State, Canada to discuss the Federal Grants for Minority Language Education and Second Language Instruction programs. We emphasized the concern of QFHSA to provide, in Quebec, English language education along with a strong and viable second language program in our schools -- to promote bilingualism for all Canadians. Since our membership is mainly in English language schools we were speaking from the perspective of our membership but assume that French-speaking parents share our concern for quality first language French and English as a second language.

Since that meeting the committee has been waiting for the report of the Secretary of State Evaluation Committee.

The QFHSA Bilingualism Grants Committee has submitted a resolution to the 1987 AGM to update previous resolutions on this subject and to receive a mandate from our membership to continue pursuing the federal and provincial governments to live up to the objectives for which these grants originated.



PATERSON AWARD COMMITTEE  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Marion Daigle, Chairman

Committee Members : Ann Cumyn, Charlene de Conde, Betty Lou Manker and Paulette Nickoletopoulos.

The committee met on March 21, 1987 to review nominations from John Rennie High, Valois Park Elementary and Macdonald High School.

The decision is that Donald Barnes, Principal, Hudson High School and former Vice-Principal, Macdonald High be named the recipient of the Paterson Award in 1987.

Don has been a long time teacher and administrator in our Quebec school system, and, in addition has encouraged and supported the participation of parents in the life of the school and within QFHSA.

The calibre of the candidates was exceptional and the committee noted both their outstanding qualifications and the respect of those Home and School Associations which submitted their names for consideration for this Award.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICES  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Pat Lewis

In spite of the fact that many community organizations and social service agencies have been tackling some of the problems facing our young people, such as health, safety, international peace and family relationships, we still find that the extent and kind of problems appear to be increasing. We read or hear about crises concerning space for troubled kids, room for neglected children, programs for pupils who use drugs and alcohol which are lacking, and constant cuts in social affairs agencies' funding. Home and School members continue to devote much time and effort to solving some of these problems, and our provincial organization has become a source for publicity and materials about these issues.

A separate report by Anne Kiss on the question of allocation of nurses in our schools is attached. This has been a year-long project for the provincial organization and has involved the cooperation of most of our locals.

Anne Kiss has continued her fine work on Family Violence and Child Abuse, although the committee has been relatively quiet this year and has been used mainly by other organizations as a resource and for reference materials. The committee has had questions from organizations such as the National Film Board and from people within the community. There have been requests for our kit on child abuse and neglect, one example being the Consult Action in Kapuskasing, Ontario. This group is in the process of making a kit for high school students covering such issues as family violence, sexual assault, pornography and incest. This organization found our name in the Directory of Child Abuse Provincial Programs in Canada (1984 edition).

Home and School is pleased to note that MNA Clifford Lincoln was instrumental in having a provincial law passed which bans smoking in all kinds of public

## SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICE (Continued)

buildings, such as schools, hospitals, etc. The law has not been implemented in all places as yet, but Judy Bock reports that there have been advances in the campaign. The Montreal General Hospital has become almost entirely smoke-free, for example. A visit was made by volunteers from Mt. Sinai Hospital's Education Program to Ste. Agathe Academy where a presentation was made and a lung-capacity test was given to all interested people. A number of schools in the Lakeshore School Board are still working toward Smoke-Free Spaces for Kids, and several have reached that goal. The office building of the PSBGM is now smoke-free, except for one small place in the cafeteria. All schools in the PSBGM are expected to ban smoking, although the School Committee and Principal of the individual school may designate one small space for smoking, if it is requested. Our national organization and the Quebec Heart Foundation are to be commended for having initiated this campaign and congratulated for its success.

Although 1987 is the United Nations' International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, the 1986 International Year of Peace spans this school year. It is gratifying to note that the Ministry of Education in Quebec, as well as at least a dozen other provincial organizations, have put out materials on peace education. The December 1986 Home and School News had a number of articles highlighting activities in our schools to promote peace. The February News also devoted several articles to peace education, thanks to Pauline Busby and Susan Lussier. A number of student organizations, such as SAGE, have been formed because of the urgency of this issue. The Year of Peace may have ended, but the problem has not.

Home and School locals in many areas sponsor a yearly safety program for their schools, often with a different emphasis for each month. At some schools the program includes training of students as a safety patrol. We are grateful to Don Smith for his continued interest in and help for carrying out our bus and street safety program.

At times the variety and complexity of social problems of children may seem to make their solutions almost impossible, and it should be a source of pride that Home and School members continue to work to the best of their abilities to find the answers.

## CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Gisela Amarica, Chairman

On request from the Nomination Committee chairman of last year, meetings were held with the Resolution Committee chairman, Barbara Milne-Smith and Marion Daigle, last year's chairman of the Nomination Committee and now chairman again, to discuss the by-laws concerning the Nomination Committee. Changes were made and brought to the Board of Directors' meeting for ratification. It was also felt that a few minor changes to some other by-laws were appropriate. The local Home and School Associations were notified about these changes.

You will be asked at the AGM to vote on the proposed amendment to the Letters Patent. A vote of at least two-thirds of the Federation Membership present is needed.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Marion Daigle, Chairman

The Publicity Committee worked throughout the year to highlight activities carried out by QFHSA and worked with the Membership Committee, Membership Development Committee and AGM Committee to promote QFHSA as an organization. A publicity booklet and a program booklet were produced for locals and promoted at both the Membership/Publicity Workshop in June, 1986 and at the Fall Conference in October, 1986. A media kit was produced for the Fall Conference and circulated to local newspapers and other media province wide.

Whenever possible QFHSA Publicity promoted CHSPTF by circulating their press releases and media materials to Quebec media.

An excellent logo was designed by Sharon Robinson, Past President, Willingdon School for the 1987 AGM theme - Footsteps into the Future - and is being used on all publicity releases for the conference. A publicity kit for the 1987 AGM for media promotion is being prepared.

Committee members - Marion Daigle, Sharon Robinson.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Anne Kiss, Chairman

For the second year, each of the 8 vice-presidents have contacted by telephone local Home and School associations and school committees in the province.

This has three objectives:

1. Since we have so few area representatives, contact by a member of QFHSA executive provides an opportunity for the voice of locals to be heard by the Board.
2. It was hoped that in this contact, persons in the various areas might be motivated to become Area Representatives.
3. Contact with the school committees could encourage the formation of Home and School organizations in schools where they do not presently exist.

In addition the contact helps put the resources of QFHSA at the more immediate disposal of all Protestant schools in the province.

Success in meeting the above objectives has been limited. There is still an acute shortage of area representatives, and there have been few new locals formed. However, not all beneficial outcomes are tangible. Both the Vice Presidents and the persons called enjoyed the interchange. Valuable information has been exchanged. It may be that two years is not sufficient time to show dramatic results. To further evaluate the program a questionnaire will be distributed at the AGM, in order to find out how valuable the locals and school committees found the contact with the vice presidents.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE (continued)

It is important that we determine whether the efforts put out by the Executive in this manner are effective, as these are very busy people whose schedules are stretched to the limit. This year we had the further complication of having two vice-presidents resign. This meant the slack had to be taken up by the rest of the Executive and Board. Carol Ohlin, vice-president, and Pat Lewis from the Board came to our rescue. Pat became an area representative in her area, and took on all the telephoning there, and Carol took over one other V.P. list. Many thanks to these ladies and all the vice-presidents for their hard work.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Anne Kiss, Member

Topic: Questionnaire Re Health Services in Schools

Background : There has been concern manifested for the past several years by QFHSA members regarding the adequacy of health services in our school system. At the 1985 QFHSA Annual General Resolution 85/2 Allocation and Deployment of School Nurses was passed, expressing these concerns and including resolutions aimed at alleviating the problems. Little or no action was taken by those to whom it was directed.

At the 1986 AGM delegates again expressed concern about the deterioration of health services in schools. It was agreed that QFHSA would circulate a questionnaire to assess the quality of health services and identify needs. A sub-committee of the Social Affairs/Support Services Committee was formed consisting of Marion Daigle, Sylvia Adams and Anne Kiss. A questionnaire was designed. In August 475 questionnaires were circulated to all Home and School Association Locals, all group affiliate members, member boards of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, all English Protestant and Catholic School Committees and others (e.g. nurses who had especially requested one as well as some C.L.S.C.'s etc.) The deadline for return was Nov. 3, 1986. Completed questionnaires totalled 125. These included responses from all the regions in the province. The sub-committee compiled the information and is preparing a brief to be completed and circulated to all participants before the 1987 AGM. As a result of the sub-committee's deliberations Resolution 85/2 has been updated as Resolution 87/5 which will be submitted at the 1987 AGM. The Resolution and brief will form the basis of further action on this issue to be mandated at the AGM.

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1987  
 Lasalle Area Report  
 Helen Koeppe, Area Rep

The Lasalle area is in the midst of an ongoing dilemma. The large comprehensive high school is losing students to neighbouring alternate schools which have been allowed to stay open despite previously declining student populations. Area parents who fought for a local school for many years are now dismayed to see their students being attracted to schools outside the area.

Keith School annual Christmas bazaar and spring chocolate bar drive were both successful. This year proceeds were used for:

1. trips to the Morgan Arboretum
2. performances of Pinocchio by Geordie Productions in December
3. an area meeting at Lasalle High in November for students to meet author Dr. David Suzuki for the promotion of National Book week
4. a visit to Keith School of a children's book illustrator during I Love to Read month

Keith School parents were canvassed and as a result a school dress code was adopted. Attractive, reasonably priced blue polo and sweat shirts, worn with grey skirts or pants were ready for use in time for school opening last September '86.

Cecil Newman Elem. school committee and Lasalle High school committee were group affiliate members of QFHSA. A weekly H&S news column was published in the Lasalle Messenger on a fairly regular basis.

#### MULTICULTURALISM : LIAISON WITH QUEBEC ASSOCIATION

##### INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Gisela Amarica

The Quebec Association for Intercultural Education through its monthly newsletter APEID-Info gives information to its members about the activities of the association, as well as those of ethno-cultural groups. If possible, those that are of interest to us are attended.

MC multiculturalism, a tri-annual magazine published by the Canadian Council for Multicultural and Intercultural Education, in association with the Guidance Centre, Faculty of Education, University of Toronto, gives information on the activities of multicultural organizations in the different provinces of Canada, as well as articles of individuals on education relating to multiculturalism. It can be used for reference.

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 8, 1987

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Helen Koeppe

Members of the 1986/87 committee were: Caspar Esselaar, chairman; Sylvia Adams (ex-officio); Helen Koeppe; Rod Wiener; Marion Daigle and Doreen Canavan.

Among items discussed at the meetings were:-

- 1) the financial statements
- 2) use and availability of discretionary funds
- 3) office services and supplies
- 4) equipment up-date for the office
- 5) membership development resources
- 6) guidelines re expenses of off-island participants to Executive and Board of Directors meetings, and to conferences
- 7) liability insurance for the Federation and a review of the coverage on office equipment

Recommendations were made to the Executive Committee and submitted to the Board of Directors for discussion and possible ratification. Innovations for the year included QFHSA's "Kids Are Worth It" plastic bags, which were added to our publicity materials and were ready in time for the fall conference.

New guidelines for out-of-town delegates' expenses were distributed in time for the 1987 AGM.

Research into the purchase of a word processor is ongoing. A new photocopier, a replacement typewriter (for one stolen) and a heavy duty 3-hole punch were purchased.

It is recommended that the Committee continue its work with a new mandate, following the May 8-9 Annual General Meeting.

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 8, 1987

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Marilyn Percy, chairman

This committee seeks financial support from the Official Languages Communities Program (OLCP) of the Department of the Secretary of State. A grant of \$15,000 was received from this Department for the year 1986/87.

Through the grant, support was provided to bring delegates from distant areas of Quebec to the annual conference, fall leadership conference and the Think Tank. Kit materials were provided for the above events, and for publicity and promotion purposes. Support was available to bring off-island directors to Board and Executive meetings, and to send Home & School Executive Committee members to meet and speak with local Home & School Associations, as well as other organizations - Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, National Volunteer Organization, Canadian Parents for French conference, Future Directions in Education conference, etc.

Grant applications for the year 1987/88 have been submitted to the Department of the Secretary of State. One application is for funding to carry out activities similar to those listed above. A second application covers potential funding for the production of a video about QFHSA to be used by Home & School as a communications tool in the school community. We hope for a reply by the fall.

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Proposed Budget for the Year Ending August 31st, 1988  
(with comparative budget figures to August 31st, 1987)

|  | Sept. 1/87<br>to<br><u>Aug. 31/88</u> | Sept. 1/86<br>to<br><u>Aug. 31/87</u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b><u>INCOMES:</u></b>                 |                                       |                                       |
| '87-'88 Membership, Family 4,800 @ \$9 | \$ 43,200                             |                                       |
| Groups 90 @ \$35                       | 3,150                                 |                                       |
| '86-'87 Membership, Family 4,600 @ \$9 |                                       | \$ 41,400                             |
| Groups 60 @ \$35                       |                                       | 2,100                                 |
| Interest and Miscellaneous             | 2,675                                 | 3,000                                 |
|  | <u>\$ 49,025</u>                      | <u>\$ 46,500</u>                      |
| <b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>            |                                       |                                       |
| Affiliation Fees (CHSPTF)              | \$ 4,155                              | \$ 3,660                              |
| Secretarial Salary, including benefits | 21,656                                | 20,625                                |
| Temporary Office Help                  | 5,000                                 | 6,875                                 |
| Rental, Office - including taxes       | 8,000                                 | 6,800                                 |
| Insurance and Administration           | 2,600                                 | 2,200                                 |
| Printing and Stationery                | 4,000                                 | 4,500                                 |
| Telephone and Telegrams                | 3,879                                 | 3,690                                 |
| Postage and Courier                    | 6,000                                 | 6,000                                 |
| Miscellaneous                          | 2,500                                 | 2,500                                 |
| News, Home and School, (net)           | 20,500                                | 20,500                                |
| Office Equipment and Maintenance       | 1,000                                 | 2,500                                 |
| Conferences and Travel                 | 5,000                                 | 5,000                                 |
| Committees                             | 4,000                                 | 5,000                                 |
| Copier and Computer Supplies           | 5,000                                 | Ø                                     |
|  | <u>93,290</u>                         | <u>89,850</u>                         |
| Amount Needed to Break Even            | <u>\$ 44,265</u>                      | <u>\$ 43,350</u>                      |

## MEMBERSHIP

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Carol Ohlin, Chairman

| <u>Membership</u>   | <u>1985/86</u> | <u>March 31/87</u> |
|---|----------------|--------------------|
| Associations submitting membership lists:                   | 52             | 49                 |
| Associations which have not submitted lists:                | 2              | 4                  |
| Number of Family Memberships through a H&S local:           | 4,815*         | 4,828*             |
| Supporting Members who have not joined through a H&S local: | 104            | 42                 |
| Group Affiliate Members:                                    | 63             | 86                 |

*\*This figure indicates paid memberships; it does not include associate members.*

1986/87 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

On Island Elementary Schools

|                             |     |                                    |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|
| Windermere Elementary       | 88% | Membership Chairman - Barbara Shaw |
| Beacon Hill Elementary      | 83% | Membership Chairman - Lynn Mucci   |
| Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield | 74% | Membership Chairman - Darlene Kerr |
| Cedar Park Elementary       | 73% | Membership Chairman - Donna Warner |

*Elementary school figures are based upon the number of families in the school.*

Off Island Schools

|                                |     |                                     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Baie Comeau                    | 60% | Membership Chairman - Barbara Rioux |
| Hopetown-Shigawake-Port Daniel | 48% | Membership Chairman - Bertha Hayes  |

Secondary Schools

|                       |     |                                     |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Macdonald High School | 24% | Membership Chairman - Beverly Moore |
| Royal West Academy    | 19% | Membership Chairman - Brenda Major  |

*High school figures are based on student enrollment.*

Special Mention

|                        |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Edgewater Elementary   | Membership Chairman - Lynne Benjamin  |
| Edinburgh Elementary   | Membership Chairman - Margaret Ludwig |
| Greendale Elementary   | Membership Chairman - Judy Leah       |
| Hudson/Mt. Pleasant    | Membership Chairman - Carol Laws      |
| New Carlisle           | Membership Chairman - Anne MacWhirter |
| Valois Park Elementary | Membership Chairman - Lynn Deegan     |

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) That the Family Membership Fee for 1987/88 be \$9.00 as voted upon at the Board of Directors meeting on January 24th, 1987.
- 2) That the QFHSA Membership Awards for both elementary and secondary schools be based upon (a) student enrollment as of September 30th, and (b) paid family memberships as of March 1st of that school year.



PSBGM - CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Paulette Nickoletopoulos, Liaison

Under the skilful chairmanship of Hugh Smith, the Central Parents' Committee dealt with a number of matters and issues of concern to both parents and educators.

The election of the Parent Representatives to the PSBGM for the current term took place on November 12, 1986. Dr. C. Kalman was elected to represent the High School sector, Mr. J. Symianick to represent the Elementary Schools and Mr. M. Arnold was elected French Sector representative.

In response to Minister of Agriculture Michael Pagé's announcement to reduce the milk allocation to school children, C.P.C. passed a resolution asking the minister to restore the subsidy for a full five-day milk program throughout Quebec schools.

An incident involving the indiscriminate spraying of pesticides at a PSBGM school prompted C.P.C. to request government regulations as to the spraying of pesticides in and around schools. Comprehensive regulations are presently being drafted by the Minister of the Environment Clifford Lincoln. Meanwhile, the PSBGM has adopted a policy of pesticide spraying to be done on Friday after school to allow the chemicals to dissipate over the weekend.

In February the Québec Ministère du Loisir, de la Chasse et de la Pêche proposed to eliminate funding for the existing school sports federation and the 14 regional school sports associations and consolidate responsibility for school sport under 54 Unisport federations representing specific sports. In support of the existing Quebec school sports structure and its proven commitment to the educational role of school sports, the C.P.C. of the PSBGM passed a resolution strongly urging the Ministry to maintain the existence of and its funding for the present school sports structure.

Following extensive consultation with school committees, educators and administrators concerning the ongoing use of Corporal Punishment in PSBGM schools, a special sub-committee of the C.P.C. recommended that the Corporal Punishment policy be abolished as of the 1987-88 school year. The sub-committee recommendations were adopted by the C.P.C. and at a subsequent Board meeting, the Officers of the PSBGM abolished the use of Corporal Punishment in all schools as of the coming school year.

As a direct result of C.P.C. initiative, the PSBGM passed a resolution at its October Board meeting stating that "all items pertaining to notices of intent and decisions regarding school closures be discussed and debated at public Board meetings". In the past, these debates were held in closed Board meetings, greatly contributing to the allegations of secrecy and hidden motives which have surrounded the PSBGM in recent years. In the interests of greater public awareness, this move has been heralded as an unprecedented victory on the part of parent groups who have consistently appealed to the Board for public debate on all but the most confidential of issues.

ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE/MEQ  
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Esther Wearing, QFHSA Liaison

The ELACC meetings this year covered many areas concerning the new English Language Arts Program.

The CECM representatives, Wayne Arnold and June Wilkins, presented a very informative report on the English Language Arts Descriptive Report Card. This information was very much appreciated by the ELACC committee. The PACT/PAPT representative M. di Maulo shared with us the Curriculum Council report on "Integrated English Language Arts, Cycle I, Cycle 3 from the Teacher's Point of View. This report was responded to with much discussion. The committee applauded the effort of this group.

Concern was raised over the different ways School Boards implement the new Language Program. Charlotte Colson of the PSPGM clarified her Board's decision. She stated that she decided to pilot the new program at Grade 6 after much discussion with High School teachers and the Ministry. The High School teachers were concerned that there be a consistent approach with the New Program. Since the Program had already been in the High Schools it made sense to implement in elementary school at Grade 6, this would demonstrate a bridge from the elementary to the secondary level.

Another concern dealt with were the inappropriate teaching materials displayed at the PAPT/PACT Convention. The ELACC committee felt that the materials on sale were incompatible with the new English Language Arts Program. ELACC has formed a sub-committee to look into researching this topic. A letter has been drafted to the PAPT/PACT; the response will be publicized.

A Textbook Committee (which reviews new teaching materials) has been set up. The quantities of both elementary and secondary texts would now begin to be reviewed.

Recommendation

I would like to see the QFHSA Newspaper concerning itself with informing the school community about the new English Language Arts Program. A series of articles written by various experts in the field could be published on the front page. The topics covered could vary from the philosophy behind the program in the schools, to finally what the school community can do to support this new approach to English Language Teaching.

DISPOSITION OF 1986 RESOLUTIONS  
 Report to Annual General Meeting, 1987  
Submitted by Helen Koeppé

All resolutions that passed were forwarded to their designated destinations. To date no replies or acknowledgements have been received for resolutions 86/1, 2, 3. However:

86/1 School Bus Drivers' Education Courses was intended to demonstrate QFHSA support for the pilot project and did not require a reply as such.

86/2 Traffic Safety School Brigades was a commendation for the project and was intended to encourage all local H & Ss to establish safety brigades in their schools.

86/3 Road Crossing Safety was directed to local H & Ss, to the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards and to the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers for general information, with the hope that individuals would act when necessary and when appropriate.

86/4 - Sexual Offences Against Children

Jake Epp the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Ottawa) replied that John Crosbie, Minister of Justice had introduced amendments, in the House of Commons, to the Criminal Code re child sexual abuse, pornography and juvenile prostitution and that his own department (NHW) was designated responsible for co-ordinating policy with respect to victims of those offences, among federal government departments and agencies.

Mr. Epp added that \$20 million would be spent on research and public education in the area of child sexual abuse, and he thanked us for keeping him informed of our concern.

Acknowledgements were received from the offices of Prime Minister Robert Bourassa and Minister of Justice Herbert Marx.

86/5 - Peace Education

Claude Ryan, Québec Minister of Education, thanked us for our endorsement of this important aspect of education and informed us that his Ministry would be engaged in a number of pilot projects focusing on peace education, including one for the English-speaking educational milieu.

## DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTIONS (continued)

Additional responses have been received to 1985 resolutions since the resolutions report at the AGM in May, 1986 (our 41st).

MUC Police wrote twice, the second time expanding or updating information given in their first letter.

85/8 - Teenage Parties - brochures have been made available in districts where there is an anglophone population.

85/9 - Fingerprinting & Identifying Children - identity booklets are available in all police stations in MUC territory. However, they feel that fingerprinting, in their experience, is not necessarily beneficial or helpful in identifying children.

85/14 and 15 - Family Violence and Wife Battering

The letter stated that following incidents of this type, a report must be now made in all cases; all complaints of a criminal nature must be investigated without delay; police have powers of arrest without a warrant and victims are referred to community services for necessary assistance.

It is noted that although the police now are required to lay charges some difficulty still arises when a spouse is required to testify in court.

Acknowledgements were received from the following organizations and persons for various resolutions:

1. FCSCQ (Federation of Catholic School Commissions)
2. Office of Solicitor General re "violence conjugal"
3. Superior Council of Education re state and conditions of teaching
4. Asso. des Psychiatres du Quebec re counselling and psychological services in schools
5. Quebec Heart Foundation re smoke free spaces for kids and teaching of CPR to Sec. V students.
6. Office of the Minister of Justice re wife battering
7. Office of the Minister of Health and Social Services

LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
REPORT TO QFHSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MAY 1987.

The Lakeshore Regional Council (LRC) is composed of Home and School presidents (or their designates) from the Lakeshore school Board, QFHSA area reps from the Lakeshore area and a liason representative from QFHSA, Lakeshore School Board, Lakeshore Parents Committee and Lakeshore Teachers Association. The Council has its own executive and constitution.

The Council meets periodically to discuss and take action on educational issues of common concern and interest. The Council also provides a means whereby locals and presidents can keep up to date on important issues in education. The Council provides an opportunity for presidents to exchange information and ideas. It provides a forum for identifying problems and seeking solutions. The "local exchange" portion of each meeting gives presidents a chance to discuss and compare notes on their locals successes and failures in the areas of programming and fundraising.

The executive during the past year were:

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| President      | Jon Percy           |
| Vice President | Gordon Robertson    |
| Vice President | Marion Daigle       |
| Vice President | Norma Rennie        |
| Secretary      | Barbara Paschalidis |
| Treasurer      | Sally Poirier       |

Liason representatives were as follows:

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Lakeshore School Board      | J.J. Gauthier |
| Lakeshore Teachers Assoc.   | Jan Langelier |
| Lakeshore Parents Committee | Eunice Palmer |
| QFHSA                       | Marion Daigle |

During the current school year the Council met approximately every 6 weeks ( Oct. 8, Nov. 26, Jan. 28, ~March 18 and May 20). Attendance this year has been much better than in previous years; there were consistently between 20 and 23 people present. The enthusiasm and interest of the members was evident throughout the year. Special guest speakers included Peter Krause Director General of the LSB (who spoke about the challenges facing LSB), Art Douglas of the LSB (who spoke about the School Library policy) and Sylvia Adams, President of QFHSA (who spoke about the challenges and opportunities facing Home and School).

All in all it has been a very successful year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the LRC executive for their assistance, the Lakeshore Presidents for their enthusiasm and interest, the liason reps for their dedication and the Lakeshore School Board for their continuing support and for providing facilities for our meetings. They all contributed to making the LRC work and their contributions are much appreciated.

AREA REPORT - GASPE  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting  
Submitted by Anne MacWhirter

The Gaspé Coast has three active Home and School organizations. The executives of each local organization have worked hard during the past school year for our students and our schools.

New Richmond School

In New Richmond School, a successful Lunch program was run during the year by volunteers. In April, a Public Speaking Contest was organized in three categories: Grades 3 and 4, Grades 5 and 6, and Grades 7 and 8.

Christmas treats were given to all the children at the Annual Concert. The Annual Grade 8 trip will enjoy a financial donation from the Home and School to help defray their expenses. All in all, a small core of dedicated workers has made the Home and School a valuable part of the School in New Richmond.

New Carlisle

In New Carlisle, a keen executive worked to have an interesting schedule of events. The September meeting was launched with a coffee and dessert treat for members. The Annual Bazaar and casserole supper, along with a raffle raised over \$1000 to be used for the graduation lunch for Grades 7 and 8 in June. Also, replicas of trophies awarded at Graduation are given to the winners.

For Valentine's Day, the Home and School joined with the School Committee to host a games afternoon followed by a lovely lunch of Valentine cookies, cakes and punch.

Grade 6 joined with Port Daniel Grade 6 students to present their speeches at the April meeting. Three members plan to travel to the AGM in Montreal.

Hopetown-Shigawake-Port Daniel

Hopetown, Shigawake-Port Daniel enjoyed an active year as well. In the fall, Principal Wade Gifford addressed the parents on discipline policies in the schools, as well as speaking on the topic of Grade 6 and French Immersion in New Carlisle High School. The Annual Book Fair was tied in with Reading Week. Each student who made a Reading Poster received a Reading button from Home & School.

All students participated in the Jump for the Heart activity, thereby raising a large donation for the Heart Fund.

Home and School gives a per capita donation to each of the two schools for end of the year excursions. Replicas of trophies are given to all trophy winners at the graduation ceremonies. Also, each student whose parent(s) have joined Home & School and attended five of the meetings is given a Book Prize.

As you can see, the Gaspé Area is very involved in Home and School.

AREA REPORT - LAKESHORE I  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting  
Submitted by Nicole Walker

Ecole Primaire Pierrefonds

A new local association with 23 members (132 families) has been formed, with Mona Massad as president. Regular monthly meetings have been held, and there have been fund-raising events, including a December bazaar. The set-up of the new library has taken enormous time by volunteer parents, and parents have helped to institute a dress code for students.

Northview Elementary School

Among this year's activities have been a Science Fair survey of parents, a social evening with a family buffet dinner, and a family evening skating party. On-going H&S programs included the Babysitting Course, Video Lunch, Block Parents, Chess Club, Lunch Program. New after-school programs in art, drama and computer were initiated. Fund-raising activities included the annual Towne Fair and sales of Macgregor's Meat products. This year's spring musical will be "Anne of Green Gables" and Northview will celebrate its 30th anniversary in June.

Spring Garden Elementary School

The Parents' Congress has had an active year of fund-raising and volunteer work. In February, Gail Beaulieu agreed to activate the Home & School for the coming year and is representing Spring Garden at the Lakeshore Regional Council.

Sunnydale Elementary School

Marcus Tabachnick, Past-President, has been nominated for Vice-President of QFHSA. Bus safety has been a major issue at this school. Money raised at the fall fair and the book fair was used for the library. Among the various extra-curricular activities, the judo program has had high participation. Programs and guest speakers have been shared with the School Committee.

Valois Park Elementary School

The Halloween Safety Poster Contest had a terrific result. The potato chip sale, sale sale and Christmas Fair netted good profits. A blood donor clinic held in memory of Past-President Fran Lowry collected 191 litres. Valois Park also participates in the Book Read-a-Thon.

Lindsay Place High School

Home & School donated \$1000 towards a career analysis computer program for students. Activities this year have included fund raising events, discussion of suicide prevention programs, the insufficient nursing services, and the LSB consultation on French education. Plans are also underway for celebrating the 25th anniversary of Lindsay Place High School in October 1987.

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## QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

to

## THE CANADIAN HOME &amp; SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION

Sylvia Adams, President

MEMBERSHIP has actually increased slightly this year, at a time when the global education system reflects a decline in membership potential. QFHSA now boasts 86 Group Affiliate members, an impressive statistic; membership development involved both outward visits to local associations and visits by local delegations to our AGM and leadership conferences.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, "Footsteps into the Future", May 8-9, 1987, promises to be an excellent and stimulating conference dealing with contemporary issues of parental concern.

BILL 101 COURT CASE continues to be a frustrating learning experience; QFHSA is gravely concerned about the "independent", "expert" and "impartial" mechanism - THE PANEL - the Federal government's answer to remaining at "arms-length" from issues that are eligible to receive financial support; the Language Panel seems to practice non-accessibility and non-response, to fair requests, with great aptitude.

FINANCE - QFHSA is applying to the Department of Education for an operating grant and to the Secretary of State's Official Language Communities Program for ongoing project funding. We hope to produce a contemporary video presentation about QFHSA to use as a membership development tool.

QFHSA'S OFFICE - efficiency being augmented by purchase of updated office equipment.

DEPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL NURSES - a brief has evolved from responses to a questionnaire. The response was truly impressive and demonstrated the effects of severe cutbacks in school support staff for our children.

The president's term of office is now over; it has been a remarkable learning and life experience; it was made the richer because of the generosity of help and wisdom offered to the president, along the way.



A HISTORY: QFHSA COURT ACTION RE LAW 101 - 1977/87

When Bill 101 was passed in the Quebec National Assembly in August 1977, the community reacted in many different ways. Some applauded, many were indignant, few were indifferent. Since there was no cohesion amongst those who opposed the law - business leaders, labor unions, and others - all had their respective interests at heart. The only type of organization that could mount an effective campaign to combat a discriminatory law was one which met four criteria: (1) be independent of government influence; (2) be representative of the whole province; (3) have a membership structure; (4) have a membership active in the province that met these criteria. The Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations was the only organization that met these criteria and could mount an effective campaign to combat a discriminatory law.

*These were  
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The following is a brief summary of the events since the adoption of the Law.

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Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 8, 1987  
RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
Submitted by Calvin Potter, Chairman

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The following is a brief summary of the activities of Home & School since the adoption of the Law.

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RIGHTS COMMITTEE, cont.

1983 - Annual General Meeting delegates passed resolution 83/17E approving the resubmission of a Petition to the Governor-in-Council requesting that the QFHSA Court Action 101 be referred directly to the Supreme Court of Canada.

At the same time QFHSA applied to Secretary of State's office for funding. Their answer was delayed because of delay on the answer to the Petition (mentioned above) from the federal Justice Department.

1984 - With financial assistance from a charitable Foundation, a contingent of parents blitzed members of Parliament and the issue of our court action was raised during question period. A meeting with Secretary of State, Serge Joyal, representing Prime Minister Trudeau, gave promise of help, especially with funding under the Court Challenges Program of the Secretary of State, Canada.

Newly appointed Chief Justice Gold of Superior Court of Quebec opened the door for a date to be set for a hearing in 1985.

1985 - Stephen Scott, constitutional consultant, was retained to update the original Declaration (court action) taking into account the Constitution Act 1982, the 1984 decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal on school rights in Ontario, the Supreme Court's decision in 1984 on Bill 57, and numerous single article actions launched against Bill 101.

Financing of this update was provided through a charitable Foundation.

AGM approves the update on the Declaration to include:

1) The Language of Instruction

Article 72: "Instruction in the kindergarten classes and in the elementary and secondary schools shall be in French, except where this chapter allows otherwise."

Article 79: "A school body not already giving instruction in English in its schools is not required to introduce it, and shall not introduce it without express and prior authorisation of the Minister of Education."

2) The Language of Toys and Games

Article 54: "Except as provided by regulation of the Office de la langue française, it is forbidden to offer toys or games to the public which require the use of a non-French vocabulary for their operation, unless a French version of the toy or game is available on comparable terms on the Québec market."

3) The Language of Legislation

The Interpretation Act, section 40.1.

4) The Official Language of Quebec

Article 1: "French is the official language of Quebec."





RIGHTS COMMITTEE, cont.

Federal Secretary of State transfers the Court Challenges Program to the Canadian Council of Social Development (CCSD). Time was lost while they organized transfer of duties.

- 1986 - CCSD sets up Official Languages Panel to act independently of the CCSD in selecting those language cases which will receive financial support. QFHSA has never been allowed to see the application for funding submitted by the CCSD to the new Official Languages Panel.

Official Languages Panel agrees to \$5000 funding re The Language of Legislation - The Interpretation Act, section 40.1. Stephen Scott, constitutional consultant, disagreed with the arguments re their decision not to fund remaining aspects of the case.

QFHSA continues to question the representation of the Official Languages Panel, especially from Quebec.

- 1987 - Request for meeting with David Crombie, Secretary of State, has not been answered.

Correspondence to the Chairman of CCSD (letter of April 22, 1987) was circulated to all local Home & School Associations prior to AGM. It contained a summary of the difficulties in communicating with the CCSD.

AGM 1987. Delegates to be updated on the issues facing QFHSA in resolving the QFHSA Court Action on Bill 101.



LIAISON WITH THE PSBGM  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987  
 Submitted by Valrie Carpenter

Again this year I was the QFHSA observer to the PSBGM Public Meetings. These meetings were usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. This Board is composed of 15 elected commissioners and 3 parent representatives selected by the Central Parents' Committee.

During the year, prior to the business part of the meeting, we were entertained by a Ballet Jazz Group from St. Laurent High and by the Rosemount High School Band. A report was also received from Mr. C. Ford, Principal, Riverdale High. He spoke about his trip to Japan and his observations of their Public School System.

Many issues were discussed and different parent groups spoke out during the question period. The number of observers varied from 50 to 450 depending on the issues to be discussed.

Among the issues that were discussed were:

- 1) Federal-Provincial agreements for minority language education and second language instruction - including accountability by the Provincial Government and the Boards for funds provided by Ottawa.
- 2) Noon hour supervision - with the establishment of a policy for minimum Board-wide standards and charges for the elementary schools and self-financing at the secondary level.
- 3) Provision for the expansion of the French sector.
- 4) Review of the Target Network of the elementary and secondary schools. The result of this review and after consideration with the parent groups, the following schools were voted closed as of June 1987: Glencoe, Guy Drummond, Lorne, the English sector of Maple Hill, and Malcolm Campbell High.
- 5) Abolition of Corporal Punishment - each school is to develop its own Code of Behaviour.

SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting  
 Submitted by Donald Smith

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NEWS:

Contributions and editing of the Safety Scene of QFHSA NEWS.

SEAT BELTS:

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