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MINUTES OF THE 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
HELD MAY 6TH AND 7TH, 1983, ON THE LOYOLA CAMPUS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Registered and present during the Annual General Meeting were 231 delegates, 31 members of the Board of Directors. In all approximately 40 local associations were present.

The conference was opened Friday morning, May 6th, 1983, by the President, Mr. Owen Buckingham. Pat Jared, LSB Tech/Voc education, then chaired the Plenary Session which followed on "Technology: Education for Tomorrow". Following a coffee break at 10:30 a.m. there were four concurrent workshops chaired by the plenary panelists.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Buckingham welcomed Joan Mansfield, President of The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation; William Asherman, Life Member of CHSPTF and Historian for Quebec Federation; Doug McCall, Education Director from Alliance Quebec; Eric Thompson from the New York PTA and Fred Sawyer, Central Vice-President, CHSPTF.

Mr. Buckingham then introduced the Head Table. Gordon Perry, Recording Secretary; Rose Kandalgaonkar, Executive Vice-President; Marilyn Percy, Treasurer.

2. Parliamentary

Mr. Alex Morris, a past President of Quebec Federation, was appointed parliamentarian. Mrs. Fay Richardson, Credentials Committee, stated that a quorum of local Home & School associations was present. Mr. Fred Sawyer and Mrs. Eric Thompson were appointed scrutineers for voting.

3. Adoption of Agenda

It was asked that under reports of Standing Committees (item 8) that Membership and Newsletter awards be moved forward. MOTION: Daigle/America that the agenda be accepted with noted change. CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes of 38th Annual General Meeting (1982)

M. Daigle requested that the Treasurer's Report (page 2, item 7) be corrected and that the motion show that "the membership fee per family be raised from \$4.00 to \$5.00".

MOTION: Daigle/Canavan (Edgewater) that the Minutes of our 1982 Annual General Meeting be adopted as amended. CARRIED

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

O. Buckingham reviewed some highlights of the year and asked that members read the report of our activities during 1982-83.

6. Treasurer's Report

i - Auditor's Report

M. Percy commented on the provincial grant we received.

MOTION: Percy/Stronach (Edgewater) that the auditor's report be accepted. CARRIED

ii - Membership Fee

MOTION: Percy/Richardson that the membership fee remain at \$5.00 for the 1983-84 school year. CARRIED

iii - Group Affiliation Fee

MOTION: Percy/Wiener that the Group Affiliation fee be increased from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

Discussion: M. Daigle cited increased postage costs; the need to send at least three copies of H&S NEWS to larger school committees; plus fee has not been altered in many years. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iv - Proposed Budget - (Book of Reports, p.11)

M. Percy spoke to the budget.

MOTION: Wright(Macdonald High)/Ohlin(Northview) that the budget be accepted.

Discussion: Gordon McGibbon asked what the amount of the provincial grant is. O. Buckingham replied that it varies but was \$18,000. for the last two years. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. QFHSA Executive Task Force on School Reorganization

M. Daigle, Chairman, stated that the report was on pp.5-6 of Book of Reports.

8. Reports of Standing Committees

(a) Nominations (Book of Reports, p.21)

C. Potter referred to his report. Nominated and acclaimed were President, Marion Daigle; Executive Vice-President, Sandra Keightley; Treasurer (one year term), Caspar Esselaar.

Nominated for Vice-President (two year term) were Rose Kandalgaonkar, Patricia Lewis, Allan Locke, Donna Manzo, Joyce Payan, Jon Percy and Susan Stamm. O. Buckingham explained the need for members to vote for four Vice-Presidents. Voting took place and ballots were collected by Mr. Sawyer and Mrs. Thompson. The results were announced later. Mrs. Kandalgaonkar and Manzo, Mr. Locke and Percy were elected for a two year term. The previous nominations and acclamations of President, Executive Vice-President and Treasurer had resulted in there being three Vice-President vacancies for a one year term.

MOTION: Milne-Smith/Potter that Patricia Lewis, Joyce Payan and Susan Stamm be asked to fill these one-year posts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Membership Awards (Book of Reports, p.13)

Awards - books for their schools' libraries - were made to:-

Elementary Schools - Montreal island

92.38% membership	Beacon Hill	Lalescka Schreier, m'ship chm.
86.28% membership	Edgewater	Cindy Corbett, m'ship chm.
72.47% membership	Dunrae Gardens	Helga Marcus, m'ship chm.
71.53% membership	Christmas Park	Sandra Krusel, m'ship chm.

accepted by Janet Radhakrishna, pres.

Elementary Schools - Off-island

79.20% membership New Carlisle Diane Dobson, m'ship chm.
accepted by Patsy MacDonald
64.13% membership Eardley Pat Blitter, m'ship chm.
no one present from Eardley School

High Schools

33.71% membership Lachine June Tosh, m'ship chm.
31.93% membership Macdonald Annie Petersen, m'ship chm.

Special Award - combined elementary and high school

93.2 % membership Hudson Sandra Laurin, m'ship chm.
accepted by Dr. Jon Percy, Area Rep.

(c) Newsletter Awards (Book of Reports, p.9)

Presented by Barbara Peden (Focus on the Locals editor) to Courtland Park Elementary School (Margaret Joseph) and Edgewater Elementary School (Kate Lemaistre/Jean Gauthier). The award for Edgewater was accepted by Cindy Corbett, president.

(d) Resolutions (on green pages)

B. Milne-Smith reported on the Resolutions Committee work, the disposition of 1982 AGM's resolutions, and number of resolutions submitted this year. MOTION: Milne-Smith/Lowry (Valois Park) that the disposition of the 1982 resolutions, as reported, be accepted. CARRIED

1983 Resolutions - procedure explained by B. Milne-Smith. Amendments will be put to vote first, then resolution itself will be voted on. Mrs. Milne-Smith took this opportunity to commend Edgewater Home & School for their scrutiny of resolutions and proposed amendments.

Resolution 83/1 Education: School Boards and Local Autonomy

Amendment submitted by Edgewater Home & School - to change the first 'Be it Resolved' from: "to ensure that responsibility for education at the local level be kept in the hands of School Commissioners democratically elected by universal suffrage to serve on confessional school boards representing a broad community of schools" to: "to ensure that the responsibility for education at the local level be the prime responsibility of School Commissioners....". Amendment moved by B. Smith (Edgewater) and seconded by K. Vinois (Elizabeth Ballantyne). B. Milne-Smith also asked to have included a further editorial change above, from: "representing" to: "administering". The amendment was spoken to by L. Stronach of Edgewater Home & School.

Discussion: Joan Mansfield, CHSPTF, said that changing "representing" to "administering" was a major change, as in proposed legislation they would "administer" but not be "representative".

Marilyn Percy, Hudson, commented that amendment changed force of the resolution; the kind of work boards do.

Dr. Calvin Potter, past President, QFHSA, felt same about "prime responsibility". What we want to say is that "local education is prime responsibility".

Doreen Canavan, Edgewater, said that commissioners don't seem to make education their prime responsibility.

Gordon Perry, John XXIII/Dorval High, that the proposed change from "representing" to "administering" is unacceptable.

Fran Lowry, Valois Park, stated there is a difference between "prime responsibility" and "kept in the hands of".

The voting delegates did not agree to the editorial change from "representing" to "administering". The vote on the amended resolution (as first

proposed) was defeated. (For amendment 12; against - remainder)

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/M. Daigle to accept resolution 83/1. CARRIED
(For - 91; Against - 1)

Resolution 83/2 School Board Elections

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/B. Peden (Courtland Park) that this resolution be accepted.

An amendment put forward by Edgewater Home & School to add a third WHEREAS - WHEREAS the present seven day period for campaigning is far too short for candidates to hold meetings and to highlight the issues, and to change the time span in the recommendation from: "election day be extended from the present seven days to fifteen days" to: "election day be extended from the present seven days to twenty-one days".

The amendment was spoken to by Anne Gagné (Edgewater).

MOTION: F. Lowry (Valois Park)/M. Ashby (Windermere) that the amendment be accepted. CARRIED

The vote on the amended resolution. CARRIED

Resolution 83/3 Retention of English Protestant Schools in Rural Areas

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/M. Daigle to accept this resolution.

An amendment put forward by Edgewater Home & School to add a further RESOLVED, to read -

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations request the Government of Quebec to provide sufficient funding to allow access to English Protestant schools within a reasonable distance.

The amendment was spoken to by Barbara Smith (Edgewater).

MOTION: C. Corbett(Edgewater)/J. Coleman(Thetford Mines) that the amendment be accepted. CARRIED

The vote on the amended resolution. CARRIED

It was also agreed to add to the destinations: Treasury Board and Ministry of Finance.

Resolution 83/4 Integration of Special Education Students

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/D. Manzo to accept this resolution.

An amendment put forward by Macdonald High Home & School to rearrange the first WHEREAS for purposes of clarity.

MOTION: M. Daigle/E. Hoffman (Macdonald High) that the amendment be accepted. CARRIED (For - 91; Against - 1)

An editorial change in the RESOLVED from: "to immediately rescind this policy and thereby revert to a former policy" to: "to immediately rescind this policy of integration and thereby revert to the former policy" was accepted by Parliamentarian.

Discussion on the Amended Resolution: Joan Mansfield, CHSPTF, felt there was a lack of knowledge re mainstreaming. The intent of the policy is that every child has a right to learn or be taught in an environment as near as possible to normal. As a result, Boards have to establish a policy of integration. She recommended that more study be brought to this resolution and that the association submitting the resolution should work on it with their school board.

Marion Daigle, Vice-President, QFHSA, wondered if the resolution was defeated it would be a negative action. Should we vote instead to refer it? There was no further discussion.

MOTION: M. Daigle/K. Vinois (Eliz. Ballantyne) to refer this resolution back to the Board of Directors of Quebec Federation and to the New Carlisle Home & School Association (Gaspé). CARRIED (For referral - maj.; Against - 1)

Resolution 83/5 Education: Curriculum Development

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/L. Stronach (Edgewater) to accept this resolution. An amendment put forward by Edgewater Home & School to change the fourth WHEREAS from: "...the present system of school boards should have autonomy..." to: "...the present system of school boards must have autonomy..."

MOTION: J. Payan/D. Canavan (Edgewater) that this amendment be accepted.

CARRIED

A second amendment put forward by the Lakeshore Regional Council of Home & School Associations to change the last WHEREAS from: "WHEREAS it is now a fact that the guides to the régimes pédagogiques will not be developed by the English for the English, but will be translated from the French guides" to: "WHEREAS it is being proposed that the guides to the régimes pédagogiques will be translated from the French guides rather than being developed by the English for the English".

MOTION: F. Lowry (Valois Park)/J. Percy (Hudson) that this amendment be accepted.

CARRIED (For amendment - Maj.; Against - 1)

The vote on the amended resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was agreed to add to the destinations - the Board of Directors of Quebec Federation.

Resolution 83/6 Technology and Education in Canadian Schools

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/D. Canavan (Edgewater) that this resolution be accepted.

As information: Joan Mansfield, CHSPTF, referred to UNESCO study being carried out now.

Bill Asherman, Life Member, CHSPTF, stated that the Council of Ministers has a committee set up on computers for the exchange of information.

Gordon Perry, Recording Secretary, QFHSA, asked "what is 'technology'?" and hoped that it didn't just mean computers.

Marion Daigle, Vice-President, QFHSA, said the resolution was meant to refer to all levels of technology.

Marilyn Ashby, Windermere, suggested that the Council of Ministers might not be doing the job, based on information she had obtained in workshop attended which was led by Mrs. Fydell.

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED

Resolution 83/7 Curriculum: Sex Education

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/M. Daigle that this resolution be accepted.

An amendment submitted by Edgewater Home & School would switch the order of the words "family" and "school" in the first WHEREAS.

MOTION: C. Corbett(Edgewater)/A. Silverthore(Eliz. Ballantyne) that this amendment be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The vote on the amended resolution.

CARRIED

Resolution 83/8 Youth and Smoking Prevention

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/M. Joseph(Courtland Park) that this resolution be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 83/9 School Bus Stops on One Way Streets

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/K. Sydell(Mountrose) that this resolution be accepted.

CARRIED

Added to destinations - Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Resolution 83/10 Student Transportation Vehicle Log Book

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/G. Code(Macdonald High) that this resolution be accepted.

Marilyn Ashby spoke to the resolution.
The vote on the resolution.

CARRIED

Resolution 83/11 Safety Education Programs

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/A. Silverthorne (Eliz. Ballantyne) that this resolution be accepted.

CARRIED

B. Milne-Smith mentioned that the next three resolutions should be considered as one.

Resolution 83/12 Wife Battering - Laying of Charges in Assault Cases

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/M. Daigle that this resolution be accepted.

CARRIED

Resolution 83/13 Welfare - Family Violence

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/Artinian (Malcolm Campbell) that this resolution be accepted.

CARRIED (For - maj.; Against - 1)

Resolution 83/14 Improved Parenting through Educational Courses

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/G. Code (Macdonald High) that this resolution be accepted.

CARRIED

Resolution 83/15 Establishment of a Quebec Science Centre

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/G. Amarica that this resolution be accepted.

An amendment put forward by Edgewater Home & School would change section (d) of the RESOLVED to read: "To collect and exhibit objects and displays and to maintain and operate a museum and related facilities;" and to add section (e) "to encourage use of the centre by all levels of students".

Doreen Canavan (Edgewater) spoke to the amendment.

MOTION: L. Stronach (Edgewater)/A. Silverthorne (Eliz. Ballantyne) that this amendment be accepted.

CARRIED (For - 89; Against - 3)

Discussion on the amended resolution: Margaret Funnell, Commissioner with the Lakeshore School Board, felt care should be taken that we (Quebec) follow the Ontario Science Centre's approach (hands-on experiences).

Jon Percy, Hudson, would also like to see a Science Centre such as Ontario Science Centre and active participation, not a static place like the Museum of Technology in Ottawa.

Alex Morris, parliamentarian, voiced his opinion that a science centre should not be a propaganda tool.

Rose Kandalgaonkar, Exec. Vice-President, QFHSA, said that the inspiration for the Quebec Science Centre was the Ontario Science Centre and the 'whereases' were from their mandate. The resolution could be reinforced by a covering letter when the resolution is sent out to make our position very clear (i.e. stress 3rd whereas, use another word than 'museum' and stress participatory nature).

Vote on the amended resolution.

CARRIED (For - 87; Against - 5)

Resolution 83/16 Video Games and Video Amusement Centres

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/K. Vinois (Eliz. Ballantyne) that this resolution be accepted.

An amendment put forward by Edgewater Home & School would change section 3 of the RESOLVED to read: "ensure that these video game sites or video amusement centres be located in areas remote from school premises."

MOTION: C. Corbett (Edgewater)/A. Silverthorne (Eliz. Ballantyne) that this amendment be accepted.

CARRIED

Discussion on the amended resolution: Joan Mansfield, CHSPTF, felt that section #6 of the RESOLVED suggested you restrict the location of amusement centres to near video arcades.

Fran Lowry, Valois Park, also spoke to section #6.

Barbara Milne-Smith, Resolutions Chairman, asked delegates if they wished to vote on each part of the resolution separately. Reply- no.

Vote on amended resolution. CARRIED (For - 88; Against - 4)

Emergency Resolution 83/17E Referral of QFHSA's Court Case to Supreme Court

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/C. Potter(Chm., Rights Committee) that this emergency resolution be accepted.

Dr. Potter spoke to the resolution. Said the need for such a resolution was self-evident from reading the background given with the resolution. Also the latest news backs this up.

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emergency Resolution 83/18E Confessional School Boards

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/M. Daigle that this emergency resolution be accepted.

M. Daigle spoke to the resolution. Said it was a reiteration of our policy statement enunciated in November 21, 1981, by the Board of Directors of Quebec Federation.

Dr. Potter suggested an editorial change in the RESOLVED from: "...the present status of Confessional School Boards until there is constitutional guarantees..." to: "...the present status of Confessional School Boards until there are Canadian constitutional guarantees...". This was accepted by the parliamentarian.

Rod Wiener, Area Rep., South Shore, asked that the word "religious" be deleted in the third line of the Background information so that it would read "according to their beliefs" rather than "according to their religious beliefs". Accepted.

Vote on edited resolution. CARRIED (For - 90; Against - 2)

Statements of Policy

B. Milne-Smith began by explaining that four statements were referred from last year's AGM for further study by committee. They were:-

#5 under heading Education - System

Federal government funding of elementary, secondary and higher education without infringement of provincial autonomy in education.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/M. Daigle that this Statement of Policy be accepted.

CARRIED (For - maj.; Against - 1)

#7 under heading Education - System

Confidentiality of all students' personal, medical and other records; that they be accessible to parents and guardians and that, otherwise, access be limited to those personnel directly concerned with the students' education.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/C. Esselaar that this Statement of Policy be accepted.

Question by Alex Morris, parliamentarian. Does 'right of access' include the student? Answer by Barbara Milne-Smith. If this change in this statement is desired then it will require a resolution.

Vote on statement as it now reads. CARRIED

The remaining two referred statements concerning (1) local autonomy for school boards and (2) preservation of last English school in a district should be held until 1984 AGM before reconsidering as resolutions are being brought forward on these topics at this year's AGM.

¹This statement has been reworded slightly to be a more accurate reflection of our policy.

Policy Statements of QFHSA for Consideration at the 1983 AGM

QFHSA supports/endorse:-

HEALTH

- 1) Mental health services for school children.
Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by D. Canavan (Edgewater). CARRIED
- 2) Fluoridation of drinking water for the benefit of dental health.
Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by C. Esselaar (Beechwood).
Comments: Alex Morris, a past President of QFHSA, opposed, as were Helga Marcus (Dunrae Gardens), Eva Hoffman (Macdonald High) and Penny Noel (Courtland Park).
Vote: For - 16; Against - 35; Abstentions - 6 DEFEATED
- 3) Compulsory immunization against polio, tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough.
Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by A. Silverthorn (Eliz. Ballantyne). CARRIED
- 4) Cooperation and action by communities to deal with use of drugs and alcohol and solvent inhalents.
Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by K. Vinois (Eliz. Ballantyne).
Amendment moved by L. Stronach (Edgewater), seconded by C. Esselaar (Beechwood) to change word 'use' to 'abuse'.
Vote on amendment: For - maj.; Against - 3.
Vote on amended statement: CARRIED
- 5) Education to deter students from acquiring the habit of smoking.
Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by Fran Lowry (Valois Park). CARRIED
- 6) The right of minors to treatment for venereal disease or drug addiction without consent of parent or guardian by a qualified physician.
Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by D. Canavan (Edgewater).
Suggested change from venereal disease to sexually transmitted disease. Parliamentarian agreed to word change.
B. Milne Smith suggested that the statement be restructured to read:-
"The right of minors to treatment for sexually transmitted disease or drug addiction by a qualified physician without consent of parent or guardian."
Alex Morris expressed his disapproval of this statement of policy. His feelings were echoed by other delegates.
MOTION: F. Lowry (Valois Park)/J. Kalman (Hampstead) that this statement be referred back to Constitution and Resolutions Committee.
Vote on motion to refer: For referral - 38; Against - 25; Abstentions - 2. REFERRED
- 7) Compulsory annual medical examinations for school students under the Quebec Health Plan.
Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by G. Amarica (Malcolm Campbell).
An amendment had been suggested by Macdonald High Home & School that the word 'annual' be changed to 'periodic'.

MOTION: M. Daigle/G. Code(Macdonald High) that the amendment be accepted. DEFEATED (For amendment - 12; Against - maj.)
Vote on original statement: CARRIED

- 8) Provision of nutritional meals by school cafeterias and a ban on junk foods.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by C. Esselaar (Beechwood). CARRIED

- 9) The provision of adequate school health services, including nursing staff.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by F. Lowry(Valois Park). CARRIED

SAFETY

- 1) The inclusion of traffic safety in the school curriculum as a subject distinct and separate from other subjects.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by A. Silverthorn(Eliz. Ballantyne).

Question: Gordon Perry asked what is a "subject"? Owen Buckingham said that "safety courses are done periodically" in LSB schools.

MOTION: M. Daigle/J. Kalman(Hampstead) that this statement be referred back to Resolutions Committee to be considered in conjunction with Resolution 83/11. Vote on referral. CARRIED

- 2) Traffic safety measures including traffic patrols near schools, increased penalties for infractions, compulsory insurance and safety tests for vehicles.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by L. Stronach(Edgewater). CARRIED

- 3) Mandatory instruction and examinations for school bus drivers, including first aid.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by K. Vinois(Eliz. Ballantyne). CARRIED

- 4) CSA Standard D.250 for school buses, seat top and back padding and inclusion of buses under the Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Act Standards.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by S. Keightley, Vice-President, QFHSA. CARRIED

- 5) Strict enforcement of laws concerning the passing of stationary school buses.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by M. Joseph(Courtland Park). CARRIED

TEACHERS

- 1) Salaries for teachers comparable to those received by similar professionals.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by S. Keightley, Vice-President, QFHSA. CARRIED (For - 41; Abstentions - 18)

- 2) Exclusion of elementary school specialists from pupil/teacher ratios.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by M. Daigle(Macdonald High).

An amendment had been suggested by Macdonald High Home & School to delete the word "elementary" to make statement apply to all grade levels.

MOTION: E. Hoffman(Macdonald High)/F. Lowry(Valois Park) that the amend-

ment be accepted.

Spoken to by Joan Mansfield, CHSPTF President. She stated "elementary is different from high school". B. Milne-Smith replied.

Vote on amendment. CARRIED

MOTION: G. Amarica(Malcolm Campbell High)/C. Esselaar(Beechwood) that this statement be referred back to Committee. CARRIED

3) Training for teachers in the principles of mental health.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by L. Stronach(Edgewater).

Question from floor. What did it mean? B. Milne-Smith read resolution from which statement originated.

Alex Morris questioned resolution and moved statement be referred back because it is ambiguous. Seconded by J. Kalman(Hampstead). CARRIED

4) The inclusion of specific training for teachers to identify the exceptional child.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by F. Lowry(Valois Park).

MOTION: G. Perry(John XXIII/Doval High)/J. Kalman(Hampstead) that this statement of policy be referred back to committee for same reason as #3 above. CARRIED (For referral - maj.; Against - 12)

5) Provision of guidance counselling services in high schools.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by G. Amarica (Malcolm Campbell High).

An amendment had been submitted by Seignior Home & School to include "elementary" in the above statement.

MOTION: L. Tucker(Seignior)/D. Canavan(Edgewater) to accept this amendment. CARRIED (For amendment - maj.; Against - 4)

Vote on amended statement. CARRIED

WELFARE

1) Establishment of Family Courts in larger centres of the province.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by B. Smith(Edgewater). CARRIED(1 Against)

2) Cessation of nuclear testing by any nation.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by M. Artinian(Malcolm Campbell High).

An amendment had been suggested by Macdonald High to add the word 'weapons' so that statement would read: "nuclear weapons testing".

MOTION: E. Hoffman(Macdonald High)/K. Vinois(Eliz. Ballantyne) to accept this amendment. CARRIED

Vote on amended statement. CARRIED

3) Guarantee in revised Constitution of Canada of French and English language rights to all residents.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by W. Asherman(Board of Directors, QFHSA).

Editorial corrections were accepted so that statement read:

"Guarantee in the Constitution of Canada of French and English language rights for all residents."

Vote on revised statement. CARRIED

4) Abolition of corporal punishment in public schools.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by L. Stronach(Edgewater). CARRIED

- 5) Any necessary measures to ensure that the environment be compatible with human health and enjoyment.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by M. Wright(Macdonald High). CARRIED

- 6) Quality television programming for young people during after-school hours.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by A. Silverthorne(Eliz. Ballantyne).
CARRIED

- 7) Elimination of offensive advertising during children's viewing hours.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by F. Lowry(Valois Park). CARRIED

- 8) The non-establishment of gambling casinos in Quebec.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by F. Lowry(Valois Park).

Editorial changes were accepted to make a more grammatically correct statement. It now reads:-

"The exclusion of gambling casinos from Quebec." CARRIED

- 9) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training (CPR) for school personnel.

Moved by B. Milne-Smith, seconded by C. Ohlin(Northview). CARRIED

8. Reports of Standing Committees, cont.

- (e) Student Accident Insurance - (Book of Reports, p.16)

Everett Alexander spoke to his report. Reminded delegates that this was a two-year agreement that we had entered in to with Reliable Insurance Company. He said the committee felt that Reliable's offer was way ahead of others in cost and benefits. He asked delegates that they make a special effort to ensure that Reliable is used by their associations.

Gordon Perry suggested that Reliable take an ad in our newspaper.

- (f) Major School Change

John Parker, Hon. President, QFHSA, spoke on behalf of Valerie Carpenter, chairman of this committee. He mentioned we were endeavouring to establish a foundation to ensure that equipment, etc., belonging to Home & School Associations will remain their property, regardless of what happens to the school. The foundation is a safe-guard against restructuring in the province. For information re inventoring property contact Val Carpenter. William Miller, our legal counsel, is applying to Ottawa for Foundation papers. The Foundation trustees consist of Valerie Carpenter, John Parker, Jim Warrington and Mary-Lee Elliott. The suggestion was made that there should be a standardized inventory form for all Home & Schools.

- (g) Office Services - (Book of Reports, p.24)

Susan Stamm spoke to her report. Advised delegates that we were moving our office and gave them new address.

- (h) Rights Committee - (Book of Reports, p.6)

Spoken to by Dr. Cal Potter, chairman.

- (i) Publicity Committee - (Book of Reports, p.17-18)

Spoken to by Sandra Keightley, co-chairman. She gave delegates the final figures for our fund-raising raffle and thanked all who had helped.

(j) Teacher Contract Negotiations - (Book of Reports, p.22)

Spoken to by Doreen Canavan, chairman. She asked that the line:-

- the recent signing of a new contract
be changed to:-

- the recent signing of the acceptance of the conciliator's report.

9. The adoption of the remaining reports was moved by C. Esselaar and seconded by B. Milne/Smith. CARRIED

10. Date and site of 1984 AGM

MOTION: G.Amarica/C. Esselaar that this be decided by the Board of Directors. CARRIED

Adjournment

MOTION: D. Canavan(Edgewater)/K. Sydell(Mountrose) that the business meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1983-84

Presented at the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Marion Daigle, President

40 YEARS OF CHANGE AND CHALLENGE is the theme of this year's conference. I am certain that every member of the Boards of Directors over those years can narrate experiences related to that theme and the year 1983-84 Board of Directors is no exception.

Reacting to changes in the educational and social milieu which could alter the status and future for our young people has always been of prime concern to our membership. Accepting the challenges brought about by these changes, and working together with other interested individuals and organizations for positive results is what Home and School is all about.

Membership

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing QFHSA every year is maintaining as well as trying to expand membership in this very worthwhile organization. The provincial membership committee and the 'grassroots' membership chairmen have worked very hard and are to be commended for their efforts. We welcomed a significant number of school boards and school committees as group affiliate members and look forward to their continuing support.

Please give serious consideration to the recommendation for an increase in the membership fee for 1984-85. Maintaining our status as an 'independent' parental voice is largely dependent on being supported financially by our membership.

Resolutions and Statements of Policy

I cannot emphasize enough the importance which other organizations and individuals attach to our resolutions and statements of policy. Resolutions always elicit response and action from those to whom they are directed. They are the reference source when inquiries are made by school board members, by the media, by the MEQ, etc. on the views of our membership on a given topic. They are the historical resource we can rely on when we are called upon to write statements, position papers and briefs. Two recent examples include our brief on Bill 40 and the position paper on Second Language Teaching. Please review this year's Statements of Policy and Resolutions and come to our AGM prepared to vote on these matters, like the QFHSA Constitution and By-Laws. They are the backbone of the organization.

Finance

As mentioned earlier, maintaining a secure financial position in order to maintain a secure independent status is always an ongoing concern for QFHSA. This year a Finance Committee was formed to more closely scrutinize the financial picture. A major project has involved the application for a grant from the Federal Secretary of State Official Languages Communities Program. This project's grant request is for \$93,650 which will cover a number of ongoing projects already undertaken through the previous Off Island Expansion grant and for new projects for which our annual membership fee is insufficient. (Please see details of this project in the Book of Reports).

A renewal of our provincial government grant will come up again after the AGM. While we appreciate the support given by the government (\$18,000 - 1983-84) this amount does not balance the books. Consequently the Finance Committee is mandated to seek ways of keeping Quebec Federation solvent. Suggestions from our membership are welcome at all times.

School Reorganization

The challenge of the government plan for school reform is still with us. Following the tabling of Bill 40 in June, 1983 the QFHSA Task Force went to work preparing a brief for presentation to the National Assembly Committee on Education. Our hearing took place late in the evening of January 19, 1984. Please see the Report of the Task Force on School Reorganization elsewhere in this Book of Reports. We must continue to maintain the situation very closely - especially now that a new Minister of Education has been appointed.

Court Action 101

Dr. Calvin Potter, Chairman and members of the Rights Committee will bring forward at this AGM a full report on our petition to the Governor General-in-Council in June, 1983, along with new proposals to bring Bill 101 before the Supreme Court of Canada. The members of this Committee are to be commended for their dedication to this cause over the course of many years. The challenge of this project has involved hours and hours of careful work and study. The wheels of justice grind very, very slowly!

Superior Council of Education

Two committees of the Superior Council have requested input from QFHSA in recent months. Allan Locke, Vice-President and I represented the Federation on February 15, 1984, when we presented a position paper on Second Language Teaching. The main thrust of our presentation was to point out that parents in the English speaking sector, which we represent, are constantly monitoring French as a second language in our schools. They are concerned about the content, the quality of programs, the opportunities to achieve bilingualism, and, in particular, the funding arrangements for minority language education and second language instruction under the Federal/Provincial Protocol Agreements. (Resolution 84/1 deals with this topic) All in all the paper was well received. A special thank-you to the Presidents of local associations who were contacted on very short notice for information - and who responded so well! Thank-you also to members of the Board who assisted me in putting this paper together.

At the time of writing this report, work is continuing on our response to The State of the Condition of Teaching in the Province of Quebec.

Liaison with Other Groups

We are fortunate in having a number of Home and Schoolers sharing their expertise on behalf of QFHSA and we appreciate their efforts.

Quebec Safety League	- Don Smith
Quebec Association of Protestant School Board	- Joyce Payan Barbara Milne-Smith
Lakeshore School Board	- Allan Locke
Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal	- Joyce Payan
Central Parents Committee/PSBGM	- Joyce Payan
Federation of Parents Committees of Island of Montreal	- Stephen Drake
Federation of Parents Committee of Province of Quebec	- Gary Stronach
PAPT-PACT Curriculum Council	- Joyce Payan - Sarah Evett
United Nations in Montreal	- Marilyn Ashby - Sarah Evett
Quebec Association for Intercultural Education	- Giselle America - Rose Kandalgaonkar

Attending our Board of Directors' meetings on a regular basis were: Rod Elkin and Bryden Murray, PAPT, Mrs. Grace Hone of QAPSB, Ann Cumyn, Protestant Committee of Superior Council of Education and Doug McCall of Alliance Quebec.

On the National Level - QFHSA continues to be an active participant in the Canadian Home and School Parent Teacher Federation. The 1983 Annual Meeting, held in Ottawa from June 8-12 was hosted by QFHSA. General arrangements were handled by Barbara Milne-Smith and she and her committee did an outstanding job - particularly with our head office and the Ottawa location so many miles apart. Several of our school boards as well as the QAPSB were generous donors and for this we are most grateful. Local Home and Schoolers in the Hull, Quebec region were also helpful and generous donations were given by other Home and Schools toward refreshments.

A full agenda of business was covered as well as a banquet evening when we honoured Mr. Hugh Macdonald, Director General of Protestant Regional School Board of Western Quebec as recipient of the coveted Laycock Award for outstanding contributions to education in Canada.

The 1984 Annual Meeting is May 21-27 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

In November, 1982, a mid-term Presidents' meeting was held in Toronto. Prior to the business meeting a day and a half seminar on the French Teaching in Canadian schools was sponsored by the Federal Secretary of State. It was an informative session of workshops given by leaders in the field of language teaching. Hearing the news of Home and Schoolers from across the country always provides for stimulating and healthy dialogue.

QFHSA takes this opportunity to commend Joan Mansfield of Quebec as outgoing President. She has given generously of her time and expertise on behalf of CHSPTF and we commend her for her efforts.

Other Functions

Oct. 1983 - Joyce Payan and your President attended the QAPSB Annual Meeting in Montreal.

Nov. 1983 - Sandra and George Keightley represented QFHSA at the New York Parent-Teacher Association Annual General Meeting.

- The President represented QFHSA at the PAPT-PACT conference. As well a very successful display table promoted Home and School to the conference delegates.

April 1984 - the President will represent QFHSA at the QAPSB/QASA Annual General Meeting in Ottawa.

In addition I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of local associations in the course of this first year. This is among my favourite duties as your President. I have found members interested in hearing more about the activities of QFHSA - often only gleaned from mountains of correspondence. I have been impressed by the numerous local activities supported among the associations. I hope to continue these visits in the course of my second year as your President.

To the Executive, our Executive Secretary, the Board of Directors and to the local associations my heartfelt thanks for your generous support.

QFHSA EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL REORGANIZATION Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984 Marion Daigle, Chairman

As predicted in my 1983 Annual report, Dr. Camille Laurin, Minister of Education tabled legislation on school reorganization in June 1983 Bill 40 - An Act Respecting Public Elementary and Secondary Education was tabled on June 20, 1983.

July 4, 1983 - The QFHSA Task Force met to begin plans for a brief on Bill 40 - to be submitted to the National Assembly Committee on Education hearings due to begin in late September.

A telegram was sent to Dr. Laurin protesting the timing on tabling legislation close to summer holiday when parents are unavailable for consultation.

July-Sept. - Several groups with whom we liaise held workshops or had meetings - QAPSB Task Force, Lakeshore School Board Task Force, Group of 14.

Oct. 15 - QFHSA Fall Leadership - Plenary session on Bill 40 featured Bill Brooks of QAPSB on "The Issues" and Connie Middleton-Hope, Chairman of the Superior Council highlighting "The Protestant Committee and Confessionality".

Nov. - After several delays by the government on deadline dates for briefs, QFHSA submitted 100 copies of its brief on Bill 40 to Quebec City.

Membership Development Committee sends a copy of our brief to every Protestant School Committee in province. Task Force circulates briefs to many other educational organizations and individuals.

Jan. 19, 1984 - QFHSA appears at hearings of National Assembly Committee on Education. Our representatives were: Marion Daigle, President; Owen Buckingham, Immediate Past President; John Parker, Honorary President; Sylvia Rankin, President L.R.C. of QFHSA.

It was generally felt that PQ members of the Committee were not anxious to discuss the brief in depth. Liberal opposition members were more generous in their criticism.

March - M. Yves Bérubé succeeds Dr. C. Laurin as Minister of Education. QFHSA President has written letter of congratulations on new appointment and pointed out our opposition to Bill 40 and enclosing a copy of QFHSA brief. In addition, we have requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss our common concerns in education.

It appears that sections of the Bill may be rewritten for clarity - not amended. Premier Levesque has stated that the revised bill will be passed by June of 1984.

Please give careful attention to the report of the Rights Committee in this Book of Reports as proposed action on Bill 101 will have links with the possible future of Bill 40.

The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation
Summary of the Year's Activities of our National Organization (CHSPTF)
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Marion Daigle, President, QFHSA

Every member of QFHSA is automatically a member of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF). Each of the ten provinces is a member with approximately 60,000 membership - the largest voluntary organization in Canada.

With a central office in Toronto CHSPTF co-ordinates the activities of a number of national corresponding committees on a very limited budget. These volunteers study and monitor a number of critically important projects such as:

Fitness and Nutrition
Smoking and Health
Education
Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Child Abuse and Neglect
Home Influences
Bilingualism
Bus Safety

Our National Organization also maintains liaison with the following organizations:

Canada Safety Council
 Canadian Commission for UNESCO
 Canadian Council Smoking and Health
 Canadian Red Cross Youth
 Council of Ministers of Education
 Children's Broadcast Institute
 International Union of Family Organizations
 U.N. in Canada Association
 Vanier Institute of the Family
 Canadian Education Association

This year's mid-term meeting took place Nov. 25-27 in Toronto, Ontario, chaired by Joan Mansfield, President. The meeting was preceded by a Seminar on the French Language in Elementary and Secondary Education. Three presentations were given: Minority Language Schooling by Mr. Boyd Pelley of the Canadian Council of Ministers of Education; Learning the Second Language by Dr. H.M. Stern of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto; French in English School: Programs in Immersion by Mr. Daniel Abergel, Lakeshore School Board, Beaconsfield, Quebec.

It was agreed by the participants from across the country that students be given every opportunity to learn French and that the core programs be upgraded and improved as a means of reaching the greatest number of students. The influence of the home, i.e. family support for learning a second language should be encouraged.

Reports from National Committees indicated that everyone had more than enough to do. Every province was encouraged to have provincial chairmen of National committees and to communicate the ideas and concerns to the local associations.

The Home Influences Committee is busy preparing a leaflet "Home and School Arms Race - Hug your kids today" which they hope to circulate nationwide during the next year. The Fitness Nutrition Committee is busy preparing a slide/film presentation for use by local schools. This is a follow-up to the successful bilingual pamphlet of last year (No way to treat our kids) prepared in conjunction with Fitness Canada. The Media Awareness Committee is focusing attention on pornography and its effects on our youth. Resolutions on this topic will be debated at the Annual Meeting in Winnipeg in May.

As always the financial status of CHSPTF is of concern to its provincial officers. The Finance Committee has submitted several suggestions for a fee increase for 1984-85. At the moment QFHSA remits 75¢ for each family membership to CHSPTF. A sustaining grant of \$10,000 from Health and Welfare Canada will enable us to maintain current services and project funds have been requested from other agencies. However, to maintain an independent status, it is necessary to have the financial support of the membership.

Mrs. Manfield, President, met recently with the Council of Ministers of Education (Canada) where she shared topics of concern to Home and Schoolers across Canada: the Accountability for the Use of Federal Grants for Official Language Programs; Parent Participation in Public Schools and Computers in Education.

This report touches very briefly on the activities of our National Home and School. Call our provincial office for information on any activity of interest to your local.

Among the many volunteers serving at the National Level are several from Quebec during 1983-84 -

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| President | - Joan Mansfield |
| Constitution Resolutions and Policy Committee | - Barbara Milne-Smith |
| Fitness and Nutrition Committee | - Sylvia Adams |
| Bilingualism (Special Assignment) | - William Asherman |
| Education and International | - Owen Buckingham |
| Membership | - Anne MacWhirter |

The 1984 CHSPTF Annual Meeting will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on May 21-26. Representing Quebec will be Marion Daigle, President; National Representatives: Joan Locke, Allan Locke.

QUEBEC HOME & SCHOOL "NEWS"
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Dorothy Chant Hannah, Editor

The "NEWS" is a vital link between the grass-root membership of Home and School - the local Association - the Executive and the Board of Managers.

Each group is encouraged to participate in its production: - to contribute - to criticize - to evaluate in order that we, the Editorial Staff, are able to produce a paper five times a year to act as a liaison between these groups and to encourage all readers to become more aware, interested and involved in the school and the education of their children.

The "NEWS" has a circulation of approximately 11,500 per issue, as well as embracing other peer associations in the Quebec Education Field. Your paper has come to be recognized as a very fundamental and professional paper - one that is staffed completely by dedicated volunteers.

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| Lay-out and Co-ordination | - Gordon Perry |
| Advertising | - Sandra Keightley |
| Focus-on-the-Locals | - Barbara Peden |
| Safety | - Don Smith |
| Editorial and Policy | - Alex Morris |
| Re-write | - Jon Percy, Diane Radu,
Meduri Kolhatkar |
| Editor | - Dorothy Chant Hannah |

NEWS, cont.

Newsletter award winners for the 1983/84 school year were:-

Christmas Park Elementary School
 Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield - a bilingual newsletter
 Valois Park Elementary School ,

Lakeshore Area II
 Report to the Annual General Meeting 1984
Barbara Milne-Smith

This area consists of the following Home and School Associations:

Cedar Park	John Rennie High
Ecole Primaire Pte. Claire	Seignory
Greendale	Thorndale

They have all had various fund-raising activities this year -- bake sales, book fairs, Christmas bazaars, sale of Junior Trivia games, Casino evenings.

With their profits they have variously bought books, computers and/or software, phys-ed. equipment such as cross country skis and snowshoes, and creative playgrounds.

They have been involved in two consultations with the LSB on French schooling -- at the elementary level and at the high school level -- and many of them have been active on Task Forces on Reorganization.

Some of these schools have computers which have been funded, at least in part, by the parents and two of our Home and Schools have received complaints that their children are not getting much time with the computers. The problem seems to be that teachers are being trained very slowly. It is a natural problem with a new program, but it is disappointing for families who helped raise the money. On the other hand, one school, at least, reports that their children are receiving a lot of computer time.

Thorndale has a Bus Safety Program in which the children get 'tickets' from the driver for infractions, with a reward at the end of the year for the class with the best record.

Cedar Park School has developed an excellent program to promote their school. They prepared a video showing particularly the program in the primary grades, including the French program. In February they had an open house and, besides advertising about it in the local newspaper, they sent notices to all the local nursery schools. At the open house they showed the video and also put on a puppet show for the young children and gave away "I love Cedar Park School" buttons. The principal has since followed this up with personal visits to the local nursery schools.

OFFICE SERVICES

Report to the Annual General Meeting 1984

Susan Stamm

We had a successful move to our new location on Cavendish Blvd. last June. We have three rooms: one large office, a board room and a storage area.

We presently have a five year lease with the option that in two years we could, if need be, decrease our present space.

To save money we opted to not have their cleaning service, which we have been doing ourselves.

We have made several purchases of office equipment, i.e. lateral filing cabinets and storage shelves.

We are still waiting for more committee chairpersons to sort through their appropriate boxes, etc. so that papers can be filed away properly.

At this time I would like to extend a thank-you to Wayne Johnston, Doug Canavan, Doreen Canavan, John Schieman, Paul Stamm, Sandra Keightley and George Keightley for the hard and terrific work they did on moving day. A special thank you to the Lakeshore School Board for the use of their truck.

I wish to thank all who do help make the office run as smoothly as possible for their work and support. A special thanks to Helen Koeppel who has been sifting through local association files and Paul Sauriol who made us several utility tables.

A big thank-you from all of us to Donna.

TEACHER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting 1984

Doreen Canavan, Chairman

The committee's work this past year revolved about Bill 40 and its possible effect on the teaching profession. The decree and Bill 111 still exist creating tensions.

Efforts continue to procure information on a proposal that would involve "continuous" bargaining.

Many thanks to Susan Stamm for her assistance during the year.

MEMBERSHIP

Report to the Annual General Meeting 1984
Sylvia Adams, Chairman and Donald Walker, Member

A membership workshop was held in June at which membership kits were distributed to the participating schools. Thereafter, all remaining associations were personally contacted, ensuring personal conversations with each chairman plus establishing a specific destination for each kit (justifying postal costs). All associations were contacted prior to December. Additionally, a membership workshop was given at the Fall Leadership Conference.

In November, a mailing was sent to all School Committees under the QAPSB. Included therein was a copy of our Bill 40 Brief, as well as information about QFHSA, with an invitation to become Affiliate Members. At least thirty-six Affiliate Memberships have been processed, including those of School Committees and School Boards. These groups were encouraged to suggest Supporting Memberships to their individual members and/or to individual parents within the schools that do not have active Home and School Associations.

Next year, letters will be sent to all organizations, with whom QFHSA has liaisons, suggesting the option of becoming Affiliate Members.

This year's goal was to increase QFHSA memberships, even though school populations have declined. To date, this has not been realized, however, we seem to have retained our 1983 membership numbers. It is to be hoped that individual parents realize the affect they can have upon the education and welfare of their children by simply becoming Supporting Members of QFHSA. More active parental participation is always welcome but "membership" is the most important first step of all.

The mainstay of QFHSA is the local association that consistently works hard to assure a high level of membership and involvement by its individual parents. These associations will be saluted at our Annual General Meeting.

The Membership Committee looks forward to an increased membership in 1985.

Membership as of April 9, 1984 reads as follows:

Associations submitting membership lists	58
Group Affiliate Members	42
Associations which have not submitted a list	3
Number of Family memberships (through a H&S)	5,724
Supporting Members (individual families who have not joined through a local H&S)	52

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS - Based on approximate number of families in school

Elementary Schools on Montreal Island

Beacon Hill	94.4%	Membership Chairman - Adele Klemm
Dunrae Gardens	84.7%	Membership Chairmen - Eve Collins/Helga Marcus
Valois Park	79.0%	Membership Chairman - Donald Walker
Windermere	75.8%	Membership Chairman - Joan Coveyduck

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS (CONTINUED)Off-Island

Eardley 52.3% Membership Chairman - Faye Ingrey
 New Carlisle 44.0% Membership Chairman - Diane Dobson

High Schools

Lachine 45.2% Membership Chairman - June Tosh
 Royal West Academy 33.2% Membership Chairman - Bill Foliot

Special Award

Hudson Home & School 61.7% Membership Chairmen - Mary Beth Weigensberg/
 Hudson Elementary Pamela Gogarty
 Hudson High
 Mount Pleasant Elementary

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting 1984
Everett J. Alexander, Chairman

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCESome Statistics

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Number of Enrolments</u>	<u>Premiums Generated</u>	<u>Claims Paid</u>	<u>Claims Pending (Dental)</u>
1982/1983	950	approx. \$10,000	\$ 6,003	\$ 2,203
1983/1984	1,300	approx. 18,000	(8) 741	(2) amount un-
			Sept. - Dec.	determined

SCHOOL YEAR 1984/1985

It is recommended that we renew our Contract with Reliable Life Insurance Co. for the coming school year, with an option to continue for a second year at same cost and with the same benefits.

The reasons for this recommendation are as follows:

- (1) They are quoting the same premiums as we are presently paying and will give us an option on a second year at the same rates.
- (2) Small increase in two benefits:
 - (a) Total & Permanent Disability lump sum payment increased from \$30,000 to \$50,000.
 - (b) Emergency Transportation Benefit increased from \$50 to \$100.
- (3) Over the past one and a half years the Reliable Life people have been most cooperative and have revealed their desire to give us good service even to flying from Hamilton, Ontario, on a couple of occasions.
- (4) The increase in number of enrolments - 1983 over 1982 - seems to suggest that Reliable Life's competitive rates are bearing fruit - also that our locals and boards are now becoming familiar with their name.
- (5) The last time that we sought competitive quotes (May '82) Reliable Life was so far ahead of the other companies' prices and benefits that we see no merit in going out for other quotes at this time.

LAKESHORE AREA I

Report to the Annual General Meeting 1984

Peggy MacArthur, Area Representative

The five schools under Lakeshore I Area have had an active and highly successful year. All have supported the Lakeshore School Board brief on Bill 40 or presented their own briefs to the ministry and other officials. Sub-committees were formed by most to work with Home and School and School Committees in studying the whole question of French schooling at the High School and Elementary School levels.

Lindsay Place High School

Parents have been kept well informed this year by a newsletter sent home along with report cards. Sub-committees have worked hard on various educational projects and topics. Five \$200 donations have been made to various departments upon request. An effective anti-smoking campaign involving the school nurse ran seven different contests. Over 400 students participated and 26 prizes were given out.

Spring Fair - May 5th from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. involving staff, parents and students will be held. Many different activities are planned.

Northview

Chess lessons sponsored this year by Home and School. Annual Towne Faire and Cheese Sale raised over \$3,000. The chocolate almond sale held around Valentine Day netted \$4,000. A baby-sitting course offered to the 6th grade students was so successful, two sessions were given. The Home and School supported non-smoking week. Carol Ohlin, President, compiled an interesting list of items from old Home and School files. Retired Northview teacher, Marjorie Finlayson, was nominated by Northview for the Patterson Award.

Financial support given in all areas of school life - music, library, field trips, playground, annual play, Teacher Centre, etc.

Valois

Successful skate exchange and apple sale were held at the beginning of the year. December saw a great Christmas Bazaar. There was a Hallowe'en get-together with the neighbouring Catholic School for movies and fun. Membership stands at 79% of school families. Bike sale held on March 31st. Bike clinic scheduled for May 12th between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. Fathers will help out and a small charge for service will be asked. Bicycle safety promoted with a bike rodeo on May 16th. A big project for Valois Park this year was the drawing-up of a new constitution. The original was drawn up around around 1945 and last amendment was made around 1950. A constitution committee met several times. Article II Sect. 4, however, came under discussion and was finally deleted. Objective of the committee was to produce constitution with guidelines rather than stringent rules and at the same time reflect spirit of Home and School aims and policies at provincial and national levels.

Sunnydale

A Judo course was offered to students. A qualified music teacher was hired by the Home and School to teach during class hours three mornings a week. She was soon working five full days a week and through her a play "Once Upon a Mattress" scheduled for May. The computer has been integrated into the school with parent volunteers trained for the task. Grades 5 and 6 are basically the grades involved.

The Santa Fair held in December raised over \$3,600. School supply shop is a good money maker for the school. Profits from these ventures supported many school projects.

Spring Garden

An enthusiastic and hard working parents' congress, which is a combination of Home and School and School Committee, functions in this school. However a membership blitz for Home and School was held on Meet the Teacher night and was fairly successful. Small bazaar and a book fair were held in November. A bulletin from the principal sent home regularly is a good vehicle for informing the parents of Home and School activities and events. Multiculturalism week was held involving parents, teachers and children. This was a wonderful learning experience for all and an opportunity for the school to tap into community resources.

AREA REPORT - NORTH - MOUNTROSE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Ken Sydell, Area Representative

This has been a busy year for Mountrose School.

In December 1983 they held a Book Fair which turned out to be the largest ever.

In Feb. 1984 an International Evening was held. Along with that Home and School put on an International Bake Sale which turned out to be a most successful nite.

In the past year the Safety Committee has worked very hard on Resolution 83-9 School Bus Stops on One Way Streets. Finally on Jan. 19, 1984, the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal voted on Resolution 83-9 and it was passed unanimously. The One Way Street will be changed in the Spring.

AREA REPORT - LASALLE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Helen Koeppe, Area Representative

In November 1983 Keith and Cecil Newman Schools held successful bazaars to raise funds for student activities. Later on, I Love to Read Week was celebrated with many interesting activities, including book fairs, poster competitions and visit to the students by real live actors and authors.

Education Week in February was highlighted by Open House at Keith, Cecil Newman and also at Lasalle High School. On February 10th Lasalle High held its first ten year reunion for graduates. Former Home and School and School Committee executive members were invited to the event which included a buffet and dance.

The Annual Fashion Show at LaSalle High with student models and excellent cooperation from local business was sold out as it was in former years. The students at Lasalle High are in rehearsals now for a six-night run of the "Wizard of Oz" at the end of April.

The activities of these schools were recorded in a Home & School column in the local weekly newspaper.

MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGE - FOUNDATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Valrie Carpenter, Chairman

This year was spent investigating the possibility of creating a Foundation into which local Home and Schools, if they so desired, could place their assets for protection, in case Bill 40 came into effect.

Through legal council a tentative application was drawn up but many questions still needed to be answered before the application could be approved. Therefore it was decided to write each local to obtain its views and need for a Foundation.

Letters were sent to 66 locals, but only 9 written replies and 3 telephone replies were received. The following are replies and suggestions that were received. Some locals feel their property is being protected at the local level and others have no property to worry about and therefore feel they do not need a Foundation. Others suggested -

- 1) Having Home & School property distinctively labelled.
- 2) Perhaps the School Boards should look at and clarify their own policies on ownership of donated property.
- 3) Perhaps local Home & Schools could curtail buying of large items for their schools until Bill 40 is settled.

At the time of writing this report no further replies have been received and the matter of the Foundation has been referred to the Post AGM Board of Directors meeting for further discussion.

SECONDARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COUNCIL/MEQ
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Carol Wilson, Chairman

This year the committee has been having regular monthly meetings which have been very stimulating and informative.

PUBLICATIONS: With the publishing of the guide "Modifications, Adaptations and Variations" this year, all the programmes and guides are available. There appears to be some difficulties with their distribution through the regional offices.

TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE: The subcommittee reported that approved texts were rejected on the basis of stereotyping. After a positive statement from the council to the powers that be, a response was received that gave some hope for special consideration for English literature. A test case will be presented soon to the stereotyping committee.

Although the MEQ had decided to integrate the elementary and secondary councils into a single unit, after feedback from the SELAC, the MEQ has decided to maintain the separate councils.

Much debate had been given to the actual mandate of the SELAC as the guides, etc. were completed. It was decided that the overall mandate of the council should be to make recommendations to those responsible regarding the needs and concerns of the milieu involved in the Secondary English Language Arts.

Current issues that may be addressed by the council:

- Micro-computers in the language arts
- Training and re-training of teachers to meet the needs of the language programme implementation
- Parental involvement in the language arts programme
- Thinking and the language arts
- Response to the notion of coherence in the philosophy of education and theories of learning across subject disciplines at the secondary level.

LIAISON WITH CENTRAL PARENTS COMMITTEE (PSBGM)
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Joyce Payan, Chairman

This representative has attended most of the meetings that have been held this year. The problem of finding a solution to adequately represent the French sector remains. This has prevented CPC from making progress this year.

The four regions of SPC have held meetings on a regular basis this year. Every resolution must originate from a regional meeting or an executive meeting of CPC before being presented to CPC.

CPC made representation at the Quebec City hearings on Bill 40 and also at the Superior Council of Education hearings on Teaching of Second Language (in Montreal). They submitted a written report on Teachers and Teaching to the Superior Council consultation on that topic.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Caspar Esselaar, Chairman

Members of the Finance Committee 1983-84 were:

Sandra Keightley, Rose Kandalgaonkar, Calvin Potter, Gordon Perry,
Susan Stamm, Owen Buckingham and Rod Wiener

Marion Daigle, President, attended most meetings.

At the post AGM Board of Directors Meeting, May 1983, it was agreed that an active Finance Committee give close attention to the finances of the QFHSA, reporting to both the Executive and Board of Directors for final decisions on matters covered.

1. Provincial Grant - each year QFHSA makes application for an operating grant for the provincial government. This year's grant totalled \$18,000.
2. QFHSA Tax Number - The Committee studied the status of the tax number as it appeared that there might be a change in the rules governing its use. A final report will be made to the Board of Directors on May 12, 1984.
3. Official Languages Communities Program Grant - Application was made in March 1984 to the Federal Secretary of State for a Special Projects grant of \$93,650. This application follows on Pages 17 and 18. This is a follow-up application to the existing Off-Island Expansion grant of \$25,000 and which is almost spent. Disbursements of Grants from Secretary of State follows on Page 19.
4. Translation Grant - Application was made to the Secretary of State, Ottawa, for a grant to cover expenses for the French translation of the QFHSA brief on Bill 40 and for the translation of the QFHSA Constitution and By-Laws, 1984 Resolutions and the QFHSA Statements of Policy for circulation to franco-phone organizations and individuals both inside and outside Quebec.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The following are the Leadership & Training Projects for which funding is requested.

OFF-ISLAND MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

(a) Travel expenses and sponsorship for off-island membership to the Montreal area for our Annual General Meeting held in May, and our Leadership Conference held each Fall. We endeavour to sponsor member/delegates from each area to attend these conferences: to improve leadership skills, to hear qualified speakers not otherwise available in their local areas, to attend workshops and to have input to the provincial organization.

We wish to extend these leadership workshops to off-island locals:

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| a) Eastern Townships | d) Hull/Aylmer area |
| b) Quebec City area | e) Baie Comeau |
| c) Gaspé | |

By taking these workshops to the local areas, we will strengthen the participation of parents within these communities.

\$23,000.

(b) Travel and honoraria for guest speakers and workshop leaders.

By providing this service, QFHSA will be able to tap the leadership potential of a greater number of English-speaking parents in off-island communities.

2,000.

KITS - HANDBOOKSLeadership Development Kit

A bilingual training kit for Leadership Development will be produced. This kit will be the product of the leadership expertise of Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations and will be designed to assist groups in communities to recognize and develop the leadership potential within their respective communities.

Handbook for Volunteer Organizations

We wish to produce a sufficient number for volunteer organizations of a bilingual Handbook for Volunteers. This would include information on: how to start a volunteer group where a need exists in a community; how to set up by-laws; how to run a meeting with due respect for democratic parliamentary procedures; how to recruit members; how to train committee members. We require financial assistance for preparation, publishing and distribution.

13,000.

CHILD SAFETY BOOKLET

The Safety Committee intends to produce a Child Safety Booklet containing safety tips. This booklet would allow for the insertion of updated information. The Committee wishes to include a measuring chart/ruler for children with safety messages printed on it.

The Safety Committee Chairman plans to keep informed by attending safety workshops held by organizations and agencies concerned with children's safety.

e.g. Régie d'assurance automobile du Québec
Ligue de sécurité de la province de Québec \$ 6,500.

RESOURCE MATERIALS

Purchase, Distribution and Translation, where required, of Resource Material.

Parents require information concerning child welfare, child safety, social services, and other materials pertaining to the child at home and in school. This information, emanating from other organizations and official bodies, will be distributed and/or publicized in special issues of the Home & School newspaper. \$ 20,000.

PUBLICITY PROMOTION

To encourage parent participation at the Annual General Meeting and Leadership conferences, additional funding is required for radio and newspaper advertising. Similar media coverage is required for off-island leadership workshops.

Funding is required for promotion of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations' 40th anniversary.

We wish to continue to produce bilingual bookmarks to promote reading; badges, posters and buttons to promote membership. We would also like to produce a ruler promoting Home & School, and other bilingual promotional materials, as needed. \$ 18,500.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS

Funding is required for travel, mailing expenses, long distance calls, printing and distribution of bulletins and notices both on and off island. \$ 6,450.

REPRESENTATION

Representation to other organizations and official bodies.

Funding is required in order to maintain and increase our active relationships with other organizations in order to exchange ideas and information. \$ 4,200.

e.g. Canadian Education Association
New Brunswick Federation of Home & School Associations
New York Parent-Teacher Association
Quebec Association for Intercultural Education
Quebec Ministry of Education (M.E.Q.)
Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards
Superior Council of Education (Quebec)
Protestant Committee, Superior Council of Education
Society for Emotional Development in Children
etc.

\$ 93,650.

Disbursements of Grants from Secretary of State

RECEIPTS

Off-island Expansion Grant I (May '79)	\$ 20,000
Off-island Expansion Grant II (July '81)	<u>25,000</u>
	45,000

EXPENDITURES

Reported at time of application for Grant II (to August 31, 1980)	\$ 11,543	
Disbursements from September 1, 1980 to date (February 29, 1984)	<u>30,668</u>	
	\$ 42,211	
On hand		2,789

Breakdown of disbursements from Sept. 1/80 - Feb. 29/84

Travel	\$ 6,400
Off-island delegates to provincial meetings	
Workshops held off-island	
Quebec City Spring, 1981	
Eastern Townships Spring, 1982	
Gaspé Spring, 1983	
Materials and films	12,613
Kits - Fitness & Nutrition Off-island project	
- No-smoking promotion campaign	
Safety - bumper sticker campaign	
Pamphlets	
"It's About Us"/"C'est de Nous qu'il s'agit"	
(a brief history of Q.F.H.S.A.)	
"You CAN Influence Government"	
(how to prepare briefs, resolutions)	
Buttons	
"Kids Are Worth It"/"Nos Enfants Sont Precieux"	
"2 Miles/2 Day"2 Wards Fitness"	
Long Distance Telephone Calls	527.95
Postage and Courier service	400.66
Publicity	1,446.80
Off-island newsletter	
Copies of Briefs sent to English-speaking schools	
General Operating Costs	9,280
(Off-island share of costs - rent, taxes, office supplies, secretarial, etc.)	
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	30,668.41

PROPOSED BUDGET QFHSASeptember 1, 1984 - August 31, 1985

RECEIPTS

Membership fees (6,000 x \$7.) - Family membership	\$ 42,000
Membership fees (40 x \$25.) - Group Affiliate membership	1,000
Interest and Miscellaneous	800
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	\$ 43,800

EXPENDITURES

Affiliate Fees to Canadian Home & School and Parent-teacher Federation (6,000 x 75¢)	\$ 4,500
(40 x \$2.50)	100
Secretarial Salary	18,000
Rent/Light/Taxes	8,000
Insurance and Administration	2,500
Printing, Stationery, Office Supplies	8,000
Telephone	3,000
Postage	7,200
Sundry	3,500
NEWS (net)	15,000
Office Equipment	3,500
Conferences and Travel	5,750
Committees	5,000
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	\$ 83,950

AMOUNT NEEDED TO BREAK EVEN

\$ 52,150

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICE
Report to the Annual General Meeting 1984
Marilyn Ashby and Pat Lewis

Health issues and education continue to be important priorities for Home and School. At the Canadian Annual General Meeting in Ottawa last June these were named number two priority, second only to quality of education. This demonstrates that parents and teachers realize the importance of health to the development of a child and to his (or her) ability to learn.

Here in Quebec, we have identified several topics on which to focus. Concern may develop from either direction--as a result of observed needs at the local level, such as our on-going efforts to improve bus and transit safety for students--or from provincial or national statistics which direct us toward greater efforts at anti-smoking education or child abuse awareness and community intervention.

Regretfully, Marilyn Ashby left Montreal to reside in Toronto as of Jan. 1, 1984. Pat Lewis agreed, as a Quebec Federation vice-president (and teacher of elementary school children), to continue efforts to animate and encourage health promotion activities at the provincial level, taking over Marilyn's activities as Chairman of Social Affairs/Support Services. This chairperson provides guidance and support for anyone concerned about a health issue who might wish to work with Quebec Federation and our local associations toward contributing to solutions. Research, resolutions, publicity and resource development are the basic tools of Health Committee Chairpersons. They endeavour to keep the Quebec Board and our local membership aware of the situation as it affects children and our ability to help them. Using the Board, the membership and our policy statements as guidelines, they then guide us in a plan of action which would benefit the children concerned. This may include letters and resolutions to appropriate sources, education and animation through our Home and School News or other media, and the compiling of resource materials and/or information at the Quebec Federation office. These chairpersons are also available (and enthusiastic about) for consulting with local associations regarding their individual plans and activities.

The following chairpersons have been active this year on specific health issues. Their reports follow:

Don Smith	- Bus Safety
Maureen Haynes	- Child Abuse and Neglect
Judy Bock and	- Smoking and Health
Ruth Crabbe	
Anne Kiss	- Family Violence
Sarah Evett	- U.N. Liaison & Disarmament
Louise Laframboise	- Services to Down's Syndrome

SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Donald Smith, Chairman

The Safety Committee's 1983-84 report shows an expansion in the contribution of articles dealing with safety to THE NEWS.

In June the Committee participated in New Carlisle's 25th anniversary celebrations. Not only was this participation on a festive level, it was also on a working level with visits and talks on safety to schools in Escuminac, New Richmond and New Carlisle.

Participation at the "Think Tank". (June)

In October a workshop on safety was given at Lindsay Place High School for the Federation's Fall Conference.

In November invitation (accepted) to join Comité provincial de concertation sur les programmes de sécurité routière en milieu scolaire, and still actively participating.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Maureen Haynes and Marilyn Ashby

French language copies of the Canadian Home and School's Community Education Kit on Child Abuse and Neglect are now available at the Federation office. Although there is a waiting list for English language kits, sharing could be arranged if your group is eager to get started. Several locals have run the program and have some suggestions which might be useful.

One of the first attempts at running the program resulted in frustration due to the fact, that, once the community became aware and concerned about the problem and requested services such as education toward better parenting and parents anonymous (a self-help service) these services were found to be unavailable to that community.

Consequently, Quebec Federation began a study project at Westpark School, which integrates Home and School volunteer efforts in running the child abuse program, with health agency personnel and services, and pertinent volunteer groups servicing the abused or neglected child and family, within that community. It is expected that greater coordination of effort will result in better service to those in need and greater satisfaction for volunteers.

SMOKING AND HEALTH

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Judy Bock and Ruth Crabbe, Chairmen

In May of 1983, the Department of National Health and Welfare hosted an information and consultation with the C.H.S.P.T.F. in Ottawa, which included delegates from Quebec, to explain their new smoking program, toward a generation of non-smokers. Subsequently a workshop was held at our October Leadership Conference and packages of information were prepared and left on file at the office for schools requesting information. These are still available in both English and French languages. This workshop also resulted in a resolution which will be presented at A.G.M. 1984.

It would be very helpful to know more about the activities of individual schools as there were some very active schools participating during "No Smoking" week. If you could send the office a copy of your "No Smoking" week program it would help other schools which could benefit from your expertise.

FAMILY VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Anne Kiss, Chairman

As the problems of family violence are complicated and broad, this committee will be primarily concerned with violence between adults in the family, i.e. spousal violence and attacks on the elderly in the home. Concerns regarding children in this area are being studied and projects pursued under the committee on Child Abuse and Neglect.

The chairman is new to this committee, hence has not been able to undertake new programs. We are building on the excellent information base Marilyn Ashby, the previous chairman, left with us and have contacted new resources. The present chairman will attend a workshop for nurses on Violence Against Women, on April 12, 1984, at the Jewish General Hospital.

In addition to contacting adults in the community in an effort to prevent family violence through education, we would also like to provide opportunities for high school to gain information and insights into the problem. One high school principal suggested that this can be done through workshops with teachers in the Moral and Religious Education Program. The specific teachers have been contacted and a workshop on family violence will be set up. From this meeting it is expected that a workshop format will be set up and can be utilized in other high schools. It is thought that since these young people will soon be forming families of their own, knowledge of the various aspects of family violence as well as emphasis on communication skills can help them to avoid abuse.

The committee also plans to continue to argue for changes in law, making family members entitled to legal protection from assault.

U.N. LIAISON/DISARMAMENT (DEVELOPMENT)
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984
Sarah Evett, Chairman

As U.N. Liaison/Disarmament (Development) chairperson replacing Marilyn Ashby in late fall, I have been encouraged to continue with the task of stimulating awareness of the need for international understanding and peace through mutual (bilateral) disarmament and development measures.

The beginning of the school year found QFHSA local associations receiving a disarmament package containing a resource guide for the NFB film "If You Love This Planet", statements from politicians and prominent spokespeople, the Canadian Home & School resolution on disarmament, and other relevant information. There was distributed soon after an annotated film bibliography of three very useful and educational films geared particularly to school age children.

In carrying on with this work, I have begun a resource file which will hopefully be useful to those interested in disarmament, development, global perspectives in education and the environment in general. They are integrally linked, one to the other. Curriculum supplements have become increasingly sought after on the subject of nuclear war and the impact it has on children. The file will contain well-documented papers and articles on this delicate concern which will be one of the major focuses at the Helsinki Conference of International Physicians for Social Responsibility this fall. Some of the material and documents that disclose the main concerns and facts, provided by such institutions as the U.N. and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, I have put into a small kit. It has good background material on arms control, World (and Canadian) military and social expenditures, peace education-development education, a bibliography of books and audiovisuals and more.

One of the projects that has been heartening, and education for me has been the U.N. Youth Club organized at Elizabeth Ballantyne School in Montreal West. The purpose of the club is to give children a chance to explore and exchange cultural perspectives with an underlying theme of cooperation, interdependence, sharing and peaceful resolution to problems. My experience with the approximately ten children in the club has been extremely rewarding and provided much insight into the fertile areas of interpersonal dynamics through the children's eagerness to expand their awareness of new and different ways and peoples. It is my hope and desire to continue with this project, refine it, and develop it as a model which would stimulate other parents or teachers to incorporate it as an extra-curricular activity or possibly integrate and elaborate on it in the classroom.

I have also attended numerous public forum and addresses involving highly respected "authorities" on the political, social, and academic implications of nuclearism and disarmament (i.e. Joe Clark, P.C. Hearings on Disarmament; Robert J. Lifton, Psychologist, Harvard (author of Indefensible Weapons); Jack Runia, arms control expert, M.I.T.). They all share a common call to humanity: be aware, become educated and help find alternatives to the escalation of the "arms race" and the attitudes that go with it.

SERVICES TO DOWN'S SYNDROME

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Louise Laframboise, Chairman

In response to the C.H.S.P.T.F.'s recent resolution regarding provincial investigation of services to Down's Syndrome children, Quebec has initiated a study of the services to these children. Is the quality of service high? Is it consistent? What are the requisite qualifications of teachers, day care personnel, camp counsellors, etc.? What opportunities are there for these children to integrate into the community (a) in general and (b) educationally?

Any feedback from the membership would be appreciated. Please address this to me care of Quebec Federation Office.

AREA REPORT - DORVAL

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Barbara Peden, Area representativeCourtland Park Elementary

This school has always had a very active local. Its executive is combined with the school committee. The major fund-raising event for many years has been the Country Fair, which includes professional craft stalls, a bookstore, white elephant table and bake table. Proceeds are used to bring in professional entertainment for the children and to help defray the cost of field trips. A computer was purchased by the local last year. Other fund-raising events include a theatre evening for parents. Evening speakers this year included Norman Henchey, of McGill's faculty of education, and a researcher into long-term effects of early French Immersion. The local helps organize volunteer library workers, a lunch-time program, refreshments at field day and other events.

Dorval High/John XXIII High

This high school's local, like the school itself, is a model of cooperation between the Protestant and Catholic communities which share the building. With an enrolment considerably below capacity, members devote much of their energy to promoting their school to prospective students. They sponsored a book fair this year to coincide with parent-teacher interviews.

LIAISON WITH P.S.B.G.M.

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Joyce Payan, Representative

Due to a conflict of meeting dates, this representative was not able to attend very many meetings this year.

RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Calvin Potter, Chairman

At the AGM in May of 1983 a resolution was passed approving the resubmission of a Petition to the Governor in Council requesting that CFHSA's court case against Bill 101 be referred directly to the Supreme Court of Canada.

In early June, 1983, the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec, where Federation's case is inscribed, resigned. One of the reasons he gave Prime Minister Trudeau for his resignation was the intolerable state of administration in the Court (the average delay for cases of the Bill 101 court time frame is 78 months).

When Federation wrote Prime Minister Trudeau in June, 1983, enclosing the Resolution and the resubmitted Petition, it pointed out his responsibility in regard to the delays that had been encountered. He had publicly expressed the preference in 1977 that there should be no departure from the normal route of litigation through the provincial courts even in regard to rights wherein the Federal Government is the co-guarantor. As a corollary Federation told him, the Federal Government had had a responsibility when so directing us to ensure there was a reasonable prospect the Canadian tradition of provincial courts offering a ready means of testing the validity of provincial legislation would hold. Our delays proved it untrue. Federation therefore asked that the case be referred directly to the Supreme Court of Canada, since Federation had already waited over five years and had not succeeded in being heard at the first level, that of the Superior Court of Quebec.

At the time when Federation was writing, events in Ontario supplied a striking contrast in the Government's treatment of a similar issue of national significance. A group of Franco-Ontarians started a court case regarding the scope of school rights under the new provisions of the Constitution Act, 1981, in May 1983. The Government of Ontario accelerated its hearing by transferring the case directly to the Ontario Court of appeal, where it was heard in January, 1984.

The issue in the Ontario case was whether the guarantee of the right of instruction in the provincial minority official language includes the right for the minority official language community to manage its separate minority language schools. The Federal Government's intervention in this case was very visible. It supplied over \$1,000,000 to the AFSC through the Secretary of State, and it appeared in the Hearing. In its initial intervention in January, it argued for management rights if necessary, but not necessarily management rights.

In further notes submitted to the Court two months later, AFSC clarified its position and argued for equality of rights. Since the province has established school boards for the provincial linguistic majority, the federal Minister of Justice argued, it should do the same for its minority.

RIGHTS COMMITTEE (Continued)

In February, 1984, Federation received a reply from the Secretary of State, Serge Joyal. It had written him in August, 1983, enquiring about arrangements for financial assistance in its court case. Dr. Joyal in his reply indicated he had enquired of the Minister of Justice, Dr. MacGuigan, regarding our request for funding and that he agreed with Dr. MacGuigan "that a decision on further funding for your Federation would have to await the disposition of your petition to the Governor in Council for a direct reference to the Supreme Court of Canada. Department of Justice officials are now examining your petition with a view to preparing advice for consideration by the Government."

On February 18, 1984, Federation wrote Prime Minister Trudeau again concerning Federation's Petition for referral of its court case directly to the Supreme Court of Canada. In that letter it updated its contention about Bill 101 by pointing out how Bill 40 was designed to integrate Quebec's school structures into Bill 101's overall language and cultural programme. That integration constrains further the right of the religious minority to control the entire confessional school*, its environment, and all its personnel, a right co-guaranteed by the Federal Government under the Constitution Act, 1967, and reaffirmed in the Constitution Act, 1981.

In early March, 1984, the committee met to review the status of the Petition and to formulate plans for the event that the Petition failed and a date had not been assigned by the Superior Court for a hearing.

The basic thrust of Federation's contention is that in the instances of Bills 101 and 40, the provincial legislature of Quebec has overreached itself in regard to its power to legislate. The late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Bora Laskin, commented in 1980 on this matter of governments overstepping their powers:

Constitutional issues are always sensitive ones, and if there is an overreaching by either Parliament or a provincial legislature it is the Court's duty to pull them back. Governments are better advised to draft their legislation with less bravado than to run the risk of overstepping the limits of their power.

Since the findings of the legislative drafting department of the Quebec Government's own Department of Justice was that there were over 50 instances of Bill 101's Regulations which were "illegal, null, void and ultra vires", the best strategy for Federation is to force Bill 101 into the Courts, where the late Chief Justice's reasoning can be applied.

For seven years the Quebec Government has managed to keep Bill 101 from being reviewed as a whole by the Court. Federation's problem is how to overcome

*Under the linguistic school boards of Bill 40, the denominational status of a school is decided by majority vote--thus the moral and religious priorities of the minority are subordinated and freedom of conscience in religious matters, a tradition of 140 years, is thereby suppressed.

RIGHTS COMMITTEE (Continued)

the reluctance of the Federal Government to face the hostility of the péquiste regime in Quebec City by facilitating a review of the legislation by the Supreme Court of Canada. It is there that the overreaching and bravado engaged in by the provincial legislature in Bill 101 and Bill 40 can be brought to term.

A contingency plan is needed for the event that neither the petitioned for referral nor a hearing date in the Superior Court materialize. That would be the instance in which Prime Minister Trudeau does not accede to our Petition for referral, and the Keeper of the Rolls in the Superior Court of Quebec does not set a date for a hearing of Federation's case this Spring.

In the event of that contingency, our intent is to spotlight the contrast in the federal responses to the plight of the linguistic minority in Quebec to its responses in the instances of provincial official language minorities outside of Quebec.

Federation has waited 5½ years for a hearing in Quebec. At the provincial level, it is an unseemly contrast to the expeditious and cooperative response in Ontario in relation to school rights of Franco-Ontarians under the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1981. At the federal level, the lethargic response of the Prime Minister to our Petition is in contrast to the alacrity with which all parties in the House of Commons responded to the minority official language rights issue in Manitoba in the Fall of 1983, and with which the federal Minister of Justice referred the matter to the Supreme Court of Canada in the Spring of 1984. Federation's case is a national issue that qualifies for referral to the Supreme Court both because of the contrasting accessibility of the courts between provinces, and because the Quebec legislature has overreached its powers in an area where the federal government is a co-guarantor of rights.

The plan for the contingency has two prongs:

- A. An advertising campaign in a national newspaper giving a crisp statement of the facts.
- B. A blitz on the members of parliament in the early part of June. With financial assistance from a contributor to the Rights Fund, a cross-section of parents drawn from around the province would be bused to Ottawa for interviews with their M.P.'s. Before arrival they will have been briefed on the issues and the history of Federation's case. While in Ottawa they would be taken into the House at Question Time, where they would hear a friendly M.P. ask the Prime Minister for an explanation of the delay in Federation's case. The visit would be terminated by a group interview with the Prime Minister or a senior member of his cabinet.

The committee hopes that because of free transportation, it can get 200 parents to make the trip. Success in this regard would make visible and audible to all Canadians the concern of parents in Quebec--whether English- or French-speaking; Protestant, Catholic or other--that children should not be used as pawns in the ideological games of politicians.

RIGHTS COMMITTEE (Continued)

You have witnessed the Federal Government rushing this Spring to put the Manitoba minority official language issue before the Supreme Court of Canada. Do you not wonder why Federation's case, which has been in the pending file of the federal Minister of Justice since June 1983, has been ignored? Now is your chance to do something about it. Parents are not powerless, even though they may be of a minority. Despite the odd lapse, the traditions of justice and 'rule of law' in Canada are on our side. But parents have to have the will to make politicians adhere to our traditions.

Enlist for the Blitz now. Help Federation to be an effective provincial voice for ALL parents. Show your interest in an unhindered choice of language of instruction for the child, and of control of the school environment of the child. Act, to be an effective protector of the right of ALL children to develop to their full potential without constraint by ideological bans.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Barbara Milne-Smith, Chairman

Our eighteen resolutions in 1983 resulted in thirty-seven letters being sent out, of which at least thirteen were in French and most of the letters concerned at least two resolutions.

To some letters we only received acknowledgements, but many of the answers showed serious thought had been given. Our Disposition Report gives a very short report of the answers.

The resolution on integrating special education students was referred at our 1983 AGM to our Board of Directors, and has been rewritten and re-submitted this year.

During the year the Resolution Committee met with the Constitution Committee to prepare suggested Statements of Policy to be voted on at our 1984 AGM. Please study them carefully to be sure YOU agree with our decisions. If you have amendments to suggest, they must be received by April 27th.

Everyone's preoccupation this year with Bill 40 has not left much time for any thing else and we only have three resolutions for our 1984 AGM. Please read them carefully and, if you would like to suggest amendments, see that they are received by April 27th.

DISPOSITION OF 1983 RESOLUTIONS
 Report to 1984 Annual General Meeting
Barbara Milne-Smith, Resolutions Chairman

1 - School Boards and Local Autonomy

2 - School Board Elections

The Quebec Federation of Catholic School Boards reported that the position taken in our resolutions is the same as that expressed in their brief to the government Parliamentary Commission on Education.

Mr. Claude Ryan said he hoped we would present our point of view to the Parliamentary Commission.

The Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers explained that they favour linguistic school boards elected by universal suffrage, with powers and responsibilities similar to those that presently exist.

3 Retention of English, Protestant Schools in Rural Areas

We received only an acknowledgement of receipt of this res.

4 - Integration of Special Education Students

This resolution had been referred to our Board of Directors and it has been rewritten and is being resubmitted this year.

5 - Curriculum Development

The Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers said they agreed with us that curriculum control should be decentralized to school boards within provincial general objectives, and that there is a need for an integrated English language sub-structure within the Ministry to permit more effective participation in developing English language curriculum.

6 - Technology and Education in Canadian Schools

This resolution was directed to The Canadian Home and School who adopted it and sent it to the Council of Ministers of Education Canada. They reported that they are cooperating with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development on a very large scale project in this field, and will keep us informed as it develops.

7 - Curriculum - Sex Education

We received only an acknowledgement of receipt of this res.

8 - Youth and Smoking Prevention

This was another of the resolutions we directed to Canadian Home and School. At their 1983 Annual Meeting a presentation was made by Health and Welfare Canada on their "Towards a Generation of Non-Smokers" project and the resolution was slightly rewritten and directed to the Council of Ministers of Education Canada and other national destinations. The CMEC reported they share our concerns and are working to have the teaching of non-smoking have a high priority status in school curricula across Canada.

At our provincial level it was directed to our local Home and School associations, many of whom started up non-smoking programs at their schools.

9 - School Bus Stops on One Way Streets

The Ministry of Transport reported that they felt this was unnecessary because, when students are entering or leaving buses, the driver must have his flashing lights on and therefore all traffic must stop.

However, the local municipal government in the area which submitted this resolution agreed to change the direction of flow of traffic on the street affected.

10 - Student Transportation Vehicle Log Book

The Ministry of Transport wrote stating that recent regulations stipulate thorough check ups by competent mechanics and questioning the value of daily checks by the driver. They reported that there are already enough regulations making our school buses safe for our children.

The Association of School Transport Companies agreed with our suggestion but felt it would be difficult at the present because drivers recently had to accept a freeze or cut in salary and it would be difficult to ask extra work of them. But they assured us they are all working hard to see that our children are safe and they are supplying a safe mode of transportation.

11 - Safety Education Programs

An acknowledgement was all we received from the Ministry of Education but several of our locals worked on programs at the local level, many of them with the help of our Safety Chairman, Mr. Don Smith.

12 - Wife Battering - Laying of Charges in Assault Cases

This was also directed to Canadian Home and School who adopted it and directed it to national destinations as well as to all local Home and School's across Canada.

The Canadian Ministry of Justice reported that this topic was discussed at Federal Provincial Conferences and the federal government endorse the idea. Health and Welfare Canada agree it is essential for police to regularly lay charges and the Ministry responsible for the Status of Women wrote saying this is a major area of concern with them.

13 - Family Violence

Another of the resolutions directed to Canadian Home and School who adopted it and directed it to national destinations and all local Home and School's across Canada.

Health and Welfare Canada wrote agreeing there is a need for better reporting systems and more transition houses. They explained that they will help with costs but that the initiative must come from the provinces.

14 - Improved Parenting Through Educational Courses

Windermere Home and School reported that they, with Allancroft Home and School, invited Dr. Rosie Manickam to speak to their community on "Women and Stress". They were following this up with a Parent Effectiveness Training Course this spring, consisting of eight three hour sessions.

The Ministry of Social Affairs reported that they had had our resolution forwarded to the Social Services Programs Directorate.

15 - Establishment of a Quebec Science Centre

The Ministry of Science and Technology reported that a Science Centre is to be built in Montreal. They thanked us for the interest we have shown in the promotion of scientific culture for our children and told us they would be pleased to have our comments and suggestions.

The Quebec Chamber of Commerce wrote agreeing a Science Centre would be a very useful educational tool, but suggested that it might be better to fund it by private foundations or private subscription, because Quebec government projects generally cost the taxpayers too much money.

16 - Video Games and Video Amusement Centres

One local reported that they had sent a copy of the resolution to their municipal government who told them they were in the process of passing stricter regulations concerning these centres. This has resulted in one centre in the area being closed.

Other locals reported there was no problem in their areas and they therefore did not need to take any action.

17 - Referral of QFHSA's Court Case to the Supreme Court

Mr. Trudeau's office wrote in September advising us that the question raised in our petition had been referred to the Department of Justice for advice and a report was expected soon. No report has so far been received and we have rewritten to Mr. Trudeau to remind him.

Many of the provincial Premiers wrote to thank us for keeping them informed of our activities on the subject.

18 - Confessional School Board

This was sent out to inform people of our policy and did not really require an answer.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Owen Buckingham, Chairman

Committee Members: Rose Kandalgaonkar, Caspar Esselaar, Helen Koeppe
 (for the Board of Directors)
 Kathy MacQuisten, Bev Forsythe, Margaret Monks,
 Vi Minto, Judy Cloutte, Robert Castonguay
 (non-Board members)

The Nominations Committee, acting in accordance with our Constitution and By-laws, met and verified the credentials of those nominated. 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:-

Treasurer (two year term)	- Caspar Esselaar
Recording Secretary (two year term)	- Sylvia Adams
Vice-Presidents (two year term)	- Helen Koeppe Joyce Payan Sylvia Rankin Susan Stamm

If further names are received by 5:00 p.m May 4, 1984, they will be included on the ballot.

COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Jon Percy, Chairman

This is a new committee established this year to keep an eye on the inevitable extension of the technological revolution into our schools. Much of the effort to date has gone into accumulating, examining and collating available information on the subject in order that the Association can have a reasonably complete file on which to draw. The committee is also responsible for monitoring new developments in the field in order to bring them to the attention of the Association. Pertinent items that may be of general interest to parents are being written up for inclusion in the NEWS. The peculiar manner in which the Quebec Ministry of Education is going about introducing computers into the schools is also the subject of continuing study.

The major project that took up the bulk of the committee's time and effort this year was the distribution of advertising and tickets to the First Annual Computer Fair held in December in Montreal. The fair followed a three day conference on computers in education sponsored by McGill University. Although the conference and fair were successful, our involvement was not as remunerative as we had originally hoped. Many factors, particularly the memorable December ice storm, contributed to this result. Our total profit on the venture was about \$450. The organizers of the Conference later supplied us with a number of articles on the subject of computers which were used as a special insert in the February NEWS.

LIAISON WITH QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Joyce Payan, Representative

This representative has been attending the regularly scheduled meetings. There are a number of legal cases that have been presented in court or are in the process of being presented.

- a) Bill 101 - Canada Clause - This case has been heard by the Supreme Court of Canada and a judgement is being awaited.
- b) Bill 57 Taxation Case - QAPSB won this case; however, the Quebec Government will be appealing the decision.
- c) Franco-Ontarian minority rights case - This case has been heard but the judgement will be delayed.
- d) Bill 40 - Régime Pédagogique - This case is scheduled to be heard in mid-June, 1984. A press conference was held in early March to outline the reasons for taking such legal action at this time.

QAPSB held their annual general meeting last October and their spring conference was held in Ottawa in early April.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Gisela Amarica, Chairman

The Constitution Committee does not propose any changes or additions to the constitution. No changes or additions to the constitution were recommended by local Home and School Associations.

Two meetings were held with the Resolution Committee. Updated constitutions from local Home and School Associations were received and consultation took place.

FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Gisela Amarica, Chairman

Information on teaching of French, given out by different sources, has been collected. As a member of the "Canadian Parents for French", information on teaching of French in other provinces is given to us through a newsletter. Summer camps in French are popular and exchange programmes do exist in most provinces.

A statement from QFHSA to the Superior Council of Education on Second Language Teaching was presented on February 15, 1984. A copy was sent to every local Home and School Association.

LIAISON QUEBEC ASSOCIATION FOR INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Gisela Amarica, Chairman

Meetings of the Quebec Association for Intercultural Education were attended and reports given to the Board of Directors meetings.

QUEBEC ASSOCIATION FOR INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION, cont'd

The general assembly of the Quebec Association for Intercultural Education was held on March 31st, 1984, at the Holiday Inn Richelieu in Montreal. After the inscription and opening the following workshops were given:

- A. Role of the Association: its utility
- B. Intergration or assimilation in schools
- C. Projects

I attended workshop B and spoke briefly about my experiences with my own children. The difficulties that do arise when a child wants to please the parents by living in the culture of the parent and their own wishes to be part of the Canadian way of life.

The workshops were followed by:

- Reports from workshops
- Identification of priorities for 1984-1985
- The forming of Committees

Over refreshments members got to know each other better.

LAKESHORE SCHOOL BOARD

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1984

Allan Locke, Liaison

The Lakeshore School Board started the year with about half of the council consisting of newly elected commissioners. Commissioners old and new soon melded together and the Board had a productive, interesting and challenging year.

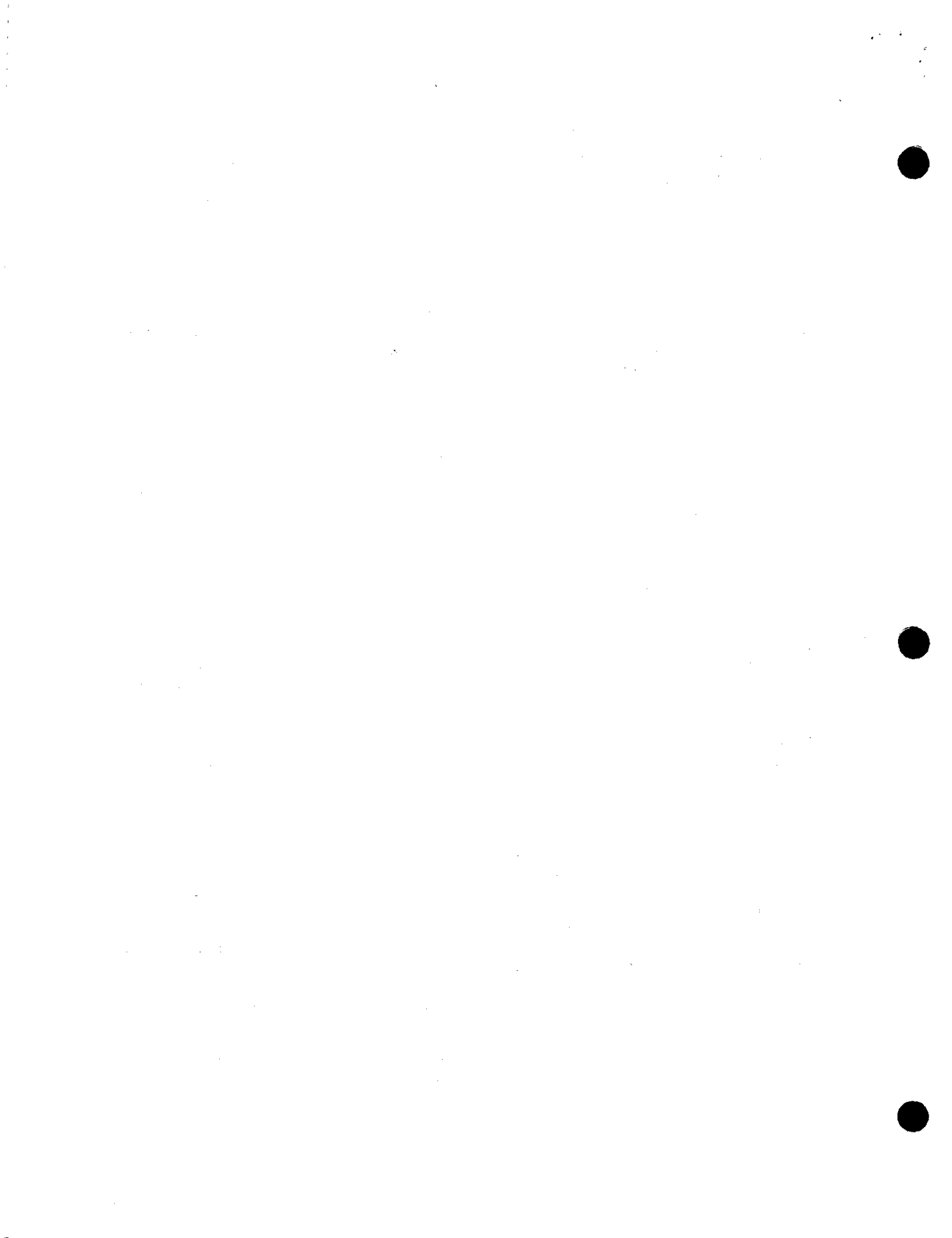
The L.S.B. joined with other members of the Q.A.P.S.B. in their opposition to Bill 40. Denied an appearance at the hearings in Quebec, the Board considered having hearings of its own prior to changes in the cabinet posts in Quebec City.

Consultations were held on French Schooling both elementary and High School level. A small enlargement in elementary schooling was made for the école primaires but no decision was made regarding the establishment of a French High School - rather the Board will wait for the outcome of the Bill 40 reorganization.

Budgets, both SCIM and MEQ occupied a great deal of time and effort by both commissioners and administrators, and no let-up is in sight.

A highly successful Student Leadership Training Conference was held attracting over 300 high-school students from around Quebec.

Once again the Board assisted the QFHSA and locals in the Lakeshore area and this was much appreciated by all concerned.



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A well attended Publicity Workshop, was presented by this committee.

PROTRAIT FUND RAISING

Our fund raising with Photo Portrait Company was very successful, with over 200 bookings and a profit of \$900.73. We found Photo Portrait Company very pleasant, professional and co-operative to work with, and people were very pleased with the results. We would like to extend a special thank you to John Rennie High School, Lakeshore School Board and The Community Services Office, and the Dorval Community Centre. We could not have succeeded with this project without their generous co-operation.

COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION FAIR

The Publicity Committee assisted Jon Percy's Committee with this project.

PUBLICITY MATERIAL

"Kids Are Worth It" buttons were re-ordered both in French and English. This committee have decided to continue with the "Kids are Worth It" theme for next year, as it seems to have been very popular. We are exploring other areas in which to incorporate this theme, however, financial restraints will dictate the outcome of this project. Presentation pins with the Home & School crest are still available at the Home & School office and will be available at the registration desk of the AGM, at a cost of \$5.00 each.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

Publicity Committee have solicited ads for the NEWS throughout the year, however, if anyone wishes to give this committee some suggestions for future ads, please contact us through the Home & School Office - and don't forget you can earn 20% of the cost of the ad for your local association! These ads must be in keeping with QFHSA's basic policies.

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY WORKSHOP

This meeting is will be held in early June once again this year, all Presidents and executive are urged to attend this meeting.

AGM PUBLICITY

Press releases were sent to the media announcing the AGM. Alan Locke, Vice-President, QFHSA and a member of Publicity Committee, was a guest of Jack Curran on his radio program Montreal Magazine, CFCF - 60 - on Tuesday, May 8th, 1984 - we think Al did a great Job!! A big thankyou to Photo Portrait Inc., for doing all the photography at this AGM - free of charge!! This committee welcomes any suggestions and ideas that you may have.

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To: The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation
ANNUAL REPORT of 1983-1984

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Marion Daigle, President.

This year QFHSA will celebrate 40 years as a provincial organization. The theme of our AGM on May 11-12, 1984 is 40 Years of Change and Challenge. We have lived that theme during this past year.

Office Move

QFHSA changed it's address after 20 years. The challenge has been to find the time to dust out the old files and find a suitable resting place for 40 years of accumulated work.

Membership

Sylvia Adams, Chairperson and her committee have worked hard and diligently to maintain and expand our membership base. We did not increase our family memberships but found very visible support for group affiliate memberships among school boards and school committees. An increase in our membership fee will be debated at the AGM.

Finance

A Finance Committee has been scrutinizing our financial position. A major project has been the application for a projects grant from the federal Secretary of State through the Official Languages Communities Program. This is closely linked to a previous Off Island Expansion grant given to us in 1980 and now almost depleted.

We are grateful for the support of the Quebec provincial grant (\$18,000 in 1983/'84) but it does not balance the books.

With a shrinking English speaking community, from which we draw the major portion of our membership, it is becoming more difficult for QFHSA to maintain its financial position through our membership fees alone.

School Reorganization

In June, 1983 the Quebec government introduced legislation-Bill 40-an Act Respecting Elementary and Secondary Education. The QFHSA Task Force prepared and presented a lengthy and costly brief to the National Assembly Committee on Education on January 19, 1984. We were severely criticized by Dr. Camille Laurin, Minister of Education for our opposing views on his plan. The response to our brief by other very credible individuals and organizations has been very supportive.

At the time of writing this report the National Assembly has not taken further action on passing the Bill. However a recent cabinet shuffle, wherein M. Y. Bérubé has been appointed the new Minister of Education, may delay further action for some time. Change and challenge are watchwords in this project.

Annual Report of QFHSA, cont.

Court Action 101

In June 1983, QFHSA presented a petition to the Governor-General in Council to have Law 101 referred to The Supreme Court of Canada. In addition an application for funding such a court case was sent to the federal Secretary of State. To date very little response has been received. Dr. Calvin Potter and his Rights Committee are to be commended for their long hours of work connected with this challenge. In Quebec, the wheels of justice grind very slowly in these matters.

Superior Council of Education

Superior Council of Education is an advisory body to the provincial government - represented by Protestant and Catholic, French and English members. At the request of their Committee on Second Language Teaching, QFHSA presented a position paper on the teaching of French as a second language in English schools. The paper was well received. A second project on Teachers and the Status of Teaching is underway with hearings in Montreal in April.

Other Major Involvements

Fitness/Nutrition

An update of the provincial kit prepared a year ago, was introduced at the annual conferences of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers/Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers and the Quebec Council of Parent Participation Playschools. The response was overwhelming, particularly among rural school teachers.

Child Abuse Kit

As reported at mid-term the response to the kit this year has taken off, mainly at the conferences mentioned above.

Maureen Haynes has succeeded Marilyn Ashby with this project and a special pilot project involving schools and health care professionals is occurring on the West Island of Montreal. Funding for this project is being sought through the Quebec Social Affairs Dep't.

Safety/Transportation

Don Smith, Chairman has maintained a close liaison with other groups, particularly French ones, who are interested in Safety programs. He is presently working on a kit idea for the fall. "The Safety Scene" - back page of our NEWS - has proved to be very popular.

AGM - 1984

A very exciting and stimulating Annual General Meeting and conference is scheduled for the 40th Anniversary by conference chairman, Joan Locke, and her committee.

Annual Report of QFHSA, cont.

The opening Plenary Session will feature four guest panelists who will address the topic QUALITY EDUCATION: A BUILDING BLOCK TO THE FUTURE. Then, following the afternoon business meeting, a reception and banquet will feature our guest speaker, Mr. Alexander Gaudieri, the newly appointed curator of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. An evening slide show and presentation on the museum will follow.

Saturday's program of workshops highlight:-

- * The Urgent Need for Canadian Content in Learning Materials
(featuring Tom Wilkinson on behalf of the Canadian Learning Materials Centre in Halifax)
- * Bridging the Gap: Secondary, CEGEP and Beyond
- * The School Nurse: An Endangered Species
- * Making Multiculturalism Work for You in Your School
- * Outdoor Education: A Positive Addition to Curriculum
- * Parenting: The Buck Stops Where?
- * Computers in the Classroom: What's Really Happening

Last, not but least, is our annual Awards Presentation Luncheon - with presentations to an outstanding provincial Home & Schooler (the Buzzell Award) and to an outstanding educator (the Paterson Award).

A special insert in the March/April issue of the NEWS, lots of displays, and good cheer, will be offered as well for this celebration of our 40th anniversary.

Conferences, Liaisons, Visits

Either the President, or a member of our Board, has represented QFHSA at a number of local conferences, workshops, or at countless other meetings of educational organizations. In addition, I have visited a number of local Home & School Associations this year. That is definitely one of the perks of this job.

In closing, on behalf of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, may I extend a note of thanks to Joan Mansfield as she nears the completion of her two year term as President of CHSPTF. She is to be commended for her hard work and sincere efforts in promoting the goals of Home and School across Canada.

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