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MINUTES OF THE 44TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
HELD MAY 7, 1988, IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF THE PSBGM

Registered and present during the one-day Annual General Meeting (AGM) were 103 delegates from 33 local Home & School Associations; 13 members of the Board of Directors, QFHSA; 17 invited guests; 3 workshop leaders; 21 observers from our Group Affiliate Members and/or Individual Supporting Members. Total attendance 157. (There were 12 displayers).

Conference was officially opened on Saturday morning, May 7, 1989, by the President, Helen Koeppel (9:15 am).

1. Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed the delegates and visitors present at our 44th AGM. Mentioned the new one-day format and new locale which we are trying. The conference was an opportunity for all to share.

The President mentioned School Commissioners present: Ann Cumyn, Margaret Funnell, Grace Hone, Ken Kalman and Marcus Tabachnick, from the Lakeshore School Board; Hugh Smith from the PSBGM. Welcomed the Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation President, Sonja Anderson (from Manitoba); mentioned that Barbara Milne-Smith and Marion Daigle (of Quebec) were Canadian treasurer and membership chairman, respectively.

Sonja Anderson spoke briefly; thanked Quebec for inviting her to attend. Quebec President read the Home & School prayer.

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

President appointed Al Locke, former QFHSA Vice-President and presently a member of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education.

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Amarica (Board of Directors) to approve the appointment.

CARRIED

Appointment of Scrutineers

MOTION: Lacey (Board of Directors)/Milne-Smith (Board of Directors) that Tom Bean (Sunnyside School) and Rod Wiener (South Shore Protestant Regional School Board) be appointed.

CARRIED

Credentials Committee

Val Carpenter, registration coordinator, reported that 22 associations, with voting delegates, were present at this moment, sufficient for a quorum.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Amarica (Board of Directors)/Minto (Beaconsfield High School) that the agenda be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes of 43rd Annual General Meeting (1987)

Under item 8 (Reports), sub-section 8.4 (Constitution, Resolutions and

Statement of Policy), on page 6: Resolution 87/3 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS - should read "1983 Quebec/Canada agreement expires March 1988" (instead of "due for signing").

MOTION: Esselaar (Board of Directors)/Minto (Beaconsfield High School) to adopt the 1987 Minutes, as corrected.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from 1987 AGM Minutes

None.

6. President's Report (pp. 1-2, Book of Reports)

Mentioned Meech Lake Accord. On behalf of QFHSA, the president spoke at the annual meeting of Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations regarding our reservations about this accord. The Ontario Federation supported our position on minority official language rights being the same across Canada.

With regard to Bill 107 (School Board Restructurization), QFHSA has a hearing before the Parliamentary Commission on May 17th, in Québec City.

William Smith, of Talleyrand Associates, presented overview of resolutions (copy circulated) prepared by the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards (QAPSB), regarding their reservations to the supplying of nominative information to the Ministry of Education on learning-disabled children in the Board's schools. At present, the Board's supply the number of learning disabled children in each category. The MEQ wants this information appended to the student's registration form (i.e., identified with name of each student). MEQ says it needs this information to carry out longitudinal studies; it would be kept confidential. Other possibilities being sought to resolve this problem; children should not be labelled in this manner.

Question raised re taking this issue to court. QAPSB would initially take issue to Access to Information Commission for a ruling. Mr. Smith felt issue would be resolved by whether or not parents rejected or opposed the government's request. Helen Koeppé, President, QFHSA, pointed out that we have a resolution on record regarding the confidentiality of students' records. Marion Daigle, Chairman, QFHSA School Reorganization Committee, recommended that this issue be brought forward to QFHSA Education Committee and the Board of Directors for further study, and that local Home & School Presidents bring up the issue with their own executive and then discuss their views with their commissioners. Marcus Tabachnick, QFHSA Vice-President, asked whether the Quebec Association of Children with Learning Disabilities had been contacted? Mr. Smith said that a QACLD representative had sat on the provincial commission that proposed gathering this type of information and had not seen a problem with it, however, Board of Directors of QACLD does oppose the collection of this information.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Esselaar (Board of Directors) that we make representation immediately to the MEQ and indicate our support of the QAPSB position.

Ann Cumyn, Chairman, QFHSA Education Committee, suggested that this motion be considered over the break period, rewritten, and brought back to the floor for further discussion.

7. Financial Report

7.1 Auditor's Report

MOTION: Esselaar (Board of Directors)/Cloutte (Keith School) that the auditor's report for the QFHSA year ending August 31, 1987, be accepted.

CARRIED

Treasurer mentioned we have changed auditors (to save money); mentioned he is pleased with their work and promptness.

7.2 Proposed Budget 1988/89 (Book of Reports, p.12)

MOTION: Esselaar (Board of Directors)/Rennie (Windermere School) to accept the budget.

Discussion. Treasurer mentioned we have tried to reduce expenditures and not to increase membership fees. Received grant of \$15,000 during the past year from the Ministry of Education.

Vote: in favour all; none opposed.

CARRIED

Marion Daigle thanked Caspar Esselaar, retiring Treasurer, for his work over the past six years. Pleased he is remaining on the Board of Directors. Applause.

8. Reports - Standing Committees, Liaisons

8.1 Membership (Book of Reports, p.16)

Norma Rennie, Chairman, QFHSA Membership Committee, mentioned that Membership Awards were based on percent of student enrollment. Also said that this year's Membership/Publicity/Newsletter workshop would be held in our office, June 1st.

MOTION: Rennie (Windermere School)/Lacey (Board of Directors) recommend that the family membership fee for 1988/89 remain at \$9.00.

CARRIED

8.2 Nominations (Book of Reports, p.5)

Vi Minto, Chairman, Nominations Committee, read the names of those willing to stand for office: As vice-presidents (two year term) - Wendy Buchanan (Lakeshore), Ken Kalman (Lakeshore), Diane Lacey (South Shore), Nancy Peppy (Aylmer/Hull area); as vice-president (one year term) - Beverly Hayes (Gaspé); Recording Secretary - Jon Percy.

MOTION: Minto (Beaconsfield High School)/Tabachnick (Sunnydale Park School) to accept the slate.

CARRIED

President announced that Caspar Esselaar had agreed to stay on as treasurer. Name added to slate.

8.3 Student Accident Insurance (Book of Reports, p.22)

MOTION: Colomb (Macdonald High School)/Lewis (Beacon Hill

School) that we accept Reliable Life's policy for 1989/90 with the same terms as last year.

CARRIED

8.4 Constitution, Resolutions

8.4.1 Amendments to By-laws (Book of Reports, p.5)

MOTION: Amarica (Board of Directors)/Milne-Smith (Board of Directors) that Article VIII, 5, b [concerning Executive meetings] be amended to read: One-third (1/3) of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Vote: 59 For; 0 Against.

CARRIED

(A 2/3 majority needed for constitutional change.)

8.4.2 Disposition of 1987 Resolutions (Book of Reports, p.10)

87/1 - Lunch Box Project

Resolutions Chairman, Barbara Milne-Smith, wondered if any delegate had any suggestion(s) as to where we might find funding for reprinting costs; booklet very popular.

87/5 - Allocation and Deployment of School Nurses

We are still hoping to meet with the Minister of Health and Social Services. Our brief was well received.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Esselaar (Board of Directors) to accept this report.

CARRIED

8.4.3 1988 Resolutions

The resolutions were circulated prior to AGM, as were the amendments. Outlined procedure for handling of resolutions. No amendments may be made from the floor.

88/1 IDENTIFICATION AND EDUCATION OF GIFTED CHILDREN

MOTION: Minto (Beacon Hill School/Costaguta (Beacon Hill)) to accept the resolution.

Amendment proposed by Ayer's Cliff Home & School Association.

MOTION: Loadenthal (Ayer's Cliff)/Esselaar (Board of Directors) to accept this amendment.

Amendment proposed by Edgewater Home & School Association.

MOTION: Redahl (Edgewater)/Gauthier (Edgewater) to accept this amendment.

Copies of both proposed amendments were circulated.

Vi Minto, Beacon Hill, spoke to the original resolution. Beacon Hill did not agree with Ayer's Cliff suggested amendment but did agree with Edgewater.

Nancy Loadenthal, President, Ayer's Cliff Home & School Association, felt the resolution was too restrictive; many

students might do exceptionally well in areas that interested them; policies should benefit all students rather than just a few.

Angelika Redahl, President, Edgewater Home & School Association, wanted the BE IT RESOLVED to be spelt out more clearly; also to have a definition of gifted included.

Discussion. Ann Cumyn, QFHSA Education Chairman, suggested editorial change to item #2 in Edgewater's amendment. Rather than say "with the funding provided by the ministry...." we should say "with special funding provided by the ministry...". Discussion of the word "gifted"; children are gifted in different ways. Against Edgewater's fourth point - funds to school boards - school boards are already short of money and won't be given more; a new program will dilute education funds further.

Vote on Edgewater's amendment. Against 11; remainder For.
CARRIED

Vote on Ayer's Cliff amendment. For 11; Against remainder.
LOST

Vote on original resolution, with the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED replaced by Edgewater's amendment:
CARRIED

88/2 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Peppy (Aylmer School) to accept the resolution.

Marion Daigle, Chairman, QFHSA Official Languages in Education Committee, spoke to the resolution. There is no funding in the grants as they now stand for second language instruction for English-speaking children in Quebec. Need to have the federal government apply pressure to have proper accountability and uniform method of reporting across country; school boards should apply pressure to be given the funds as they were meant to be spent. In 1983, the last signing of agreements, Secretary of State, Serge Joyal, said accountability would be written in.

Vote on resolution. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

88/3 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY - FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Beverly Hayes (Hopetown, Shigawake, Port-Daniel School) to accept this resolution.

Barbara Milne-Smith spoke to the resolution. Felt flashing warning lights would be a good idea in urban areas as well as

rural. Heather Aulis, Thetford Mines, said their buses do use their yellow lights; could put pressure on bus fleet owners. Paul-Emile Fortin, Thetford Mines, wondered if people were aware that there was a "blind zone" on buses; we should perhaps be thinking of this as a resolution for next year.

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolutions chairman mentioned there were no changes to the Statement of Policy from 1987; outlined role of our Statement of Policy and suggested all delegates should read it carefully; additional copies available from the office.

Were any of the delegates interested in being a part of either the Resolutions Committee or the Constitution Committee; new blood was needed.

8.5 School Reorganization (Book of Reports, p.17)

Marion Daigle, member, School Reorganization Committee, asked if everyone had a copy of the QFHSA brief. Seeking ratification of the recommendation in the brief.

In light of the uncertainties of the intent of Bill 107 and the presence of constitutional constraints, QFHSA recommends that the Bill be referred, in its entirety, to the Quebec Court of Appeal after second reading, for a ruling on its constitutionality.

The new Education Act (Bill 107) does say that the PSBGM, CECM and Greater Quebec school boards' constitutional rights are protected.

We have had the brief translated and bilingual copies sent to provincial government. QFHSA will be appearing before the parliamentary committee on May 17th. Additional copies of brief available from the office; after reading the brief delegates should get in touch with their MNAs.

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Cumyn (Beaconsfield High) to approve the recommendation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assembly of Rural Schools

Nancy Peppy, Aylmer, spoke to this section of the School Reorganization Report.

8.6 Rights (p.25 of Book of Reports, included in delegates' kits)

Cal Potter, Co-chairman, Rights Committee, spoke to the report. Summarized activities of Rights Committee during past year, particularly in relation to Meech Lake Accord; the implications of this Accord for the rights of minority language communities in Quebec. Minority language rights should not be subjected to clause that Quebec protect its identity. By putting this clause in the Constitution it

puts it on a par with Charter of Rights (Section 23), which safeguard rights of the minority in Quebec. Referred to Justice Bertha Wilson's decision on Catholic school rights in Ontario. Her decision was intended to broaden and strengthen minority education rights. Meech Lake enables National Assembly of Quebec to attack minority safeguards in the Constitution. The minority in Quebec are worse off in terms of protection of rights under the Meech Lake Accord.

QFHS Court Action on Bill 101 - not as much progress as the Committee would have liked. Outlined activities and problems in relation to the court case; difficulty in finding suitable co-plaintiffs. Said if anyone knew of potential co-plaintiffs to let him know.

MOTION: Potter (Board of Directors)/Minto (Beacon Hill) to adopt the report.

CARRIED

6. Deferred Motion re QAPSB Recommendations regarding Nominative Data and the Learning Disabled

Motion now reads:

That we, the delegates of this 44th AGM, of May 7, 1988, support the principle of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards (QAPSB) recommendations, numbers 1, 3 and 4,

#1 that the QAPSB oppose the MEQ proposal to supply nominative information on the student registration form concerning the disability categories of special education children;

#3 that the QAPSB propose that any nominative data collected for such studies be encoded at the school board level, so as to ensure the confidentiality of the pupils' identities;

#4 that the QAPSB propose that only aggregate data be furnished to the MEQ, as is the case at present;

and, further, that we ask our local associations to:-

- (1) discuss and study this proposal of the MEQ,
- (2) report to the Federation office by May 15, 1988, giving their input,

and that we direct our President to write, as soon as possible, to the Minister of Education indicating our support of this position.

Vote on re-written motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Adoption of Remaining Reports

MOTION: Esselaar (Board of Directors)/Minto (Beacon Hill) to adopt remaining reports en bloc.

CARRIED

Publicity Committee noted a correction to their report (Book of Reports, p.14) under item "Rights Committee".

"Publicity was circulated to our local associations, group affiliate members, various members of the provincial and federal governments, and to the media, related to the QFHSA brief on the Constitutional Accord [Meech Lake]."

Office Services Committee (Book of Reports, p.22)

Noted that we would be moving in late June; our new office address is shown on page 22.

10. Additions to Agenda

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Tertoole (Greendale School)
that choice of site and conference fee for the 1989
Annual General Meeting be given to Board of Directors.

CARRIED

Motion to adjourn (12:15)

Made by Judy Cloutte (Keith School).

CARRIED

Membership - CFHSA has achieved a modest but very encouraging increase in family memberships and a significant increase in Affiliate Memberships (school committees, school boards, teachers' groups, etc.) Off-island workshops were held as well as visits to on-island schools with resource people. Topics of local interest were addressed and a member of the Board usually accompanied the speaker.

QFHSA sponsored several performances on these trips by Youtheatre (a mutually beneficial undertaking). Thank you to Norma Rennie, Ken Kalman and Marion Daigle (board members) for their excellent work on behalf of QFHSA.

Finances - Provincial Grant from MEQ received in July 1988 for the same amount as the previous year as well as a smaller one-time grant for up-grading of equipment enabled QFHSA to maintain the office and to afford increased rent following our June move. The Department of the Secretary of State (Ottawa) also responded to our Official Language Communities Program grant requests for funds which have been used for "Reaching out to Off-Island" parents, maintaining liaison with other provincial and national groups and enabling delegates to travel to our spring and fall conferences, sometimes from great distances. Responses to our visits and of delegates off-island to our conferences, make the process of grant submissions more than worthwhile.

Mid-Term Presidents Meeting - Very successful Saturday morning meeting in early February 1989 with members of Board and presidents of local Home and School Associations allowed discussion of topics of concern to locals and a sharing of possible solutions. Overwhelming response made it necessary to hold two concurrent "round circle" discussion groups and to promise to stage another meeting for presidents as a follow-up.

NEWS has continued to improve with the changes introduced by Editor Charlene de Conde. A most important issue with an insert outlining the History of Protestant Education in Quebec should be ready by Annual General Meeting date. This newsletter serves as a vital, concrete link between Home and School members and others in province of Quebec as well as a connection with Home and School supporters in each province of Canada. Continuing and increasing numbers of submissions by locals re their activities proves the usefulness and popularity of the NEWS.

Constitutional Accord of 1987 - Members of Rights Committee visited Fredericton, New Brunswick in February during that province's hearings and urged uniformity of language of education rights across Canada as a prerequisite for signing the Accord. A video of the presentation and the questions following is available at QFHSA office for viewing by member associations.

School Reorganization - A brief regarding QFHSA response to Bill 107 was presented in Quebec City during hearings of the Education Committee of Quebec Legislation last year. Now that the Bill with amendments has become law and with certain sections to be implemented as soon as July 1989, QFHSA is encouraging all parents to study the revised bill, to inform themselves about

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1988-89 (Continued)

School Reorganization (Continued) the implementation of the bill and to cooperate with the other educational organizations in their school community in ensuring that the quality of education does not suffer in the transition stage. Certain sections of the bill are to be studied by the courts to determine whether these sections are constitutionally valid.

C.H.S.P.T.F. - Quebec Federation was represented by C. Esselaar, Treasurer, and President Helen Koepe at the Annual Meeting in Thunder Bay, June 1988. Other delegates from Quebec were CHSPTF President Sylvia Adams, Treasurer Barbara Milne-Smith and Marion Daigle, Committee Chairman. Immediately following the meeting in Thunder Bay, Quebec Federation was represented by B.L. Manker, MRE Chairman and Helen Koepe at the Federal Health Issues conference held at University of Manitoba in Winnipeg.

Mid-term meeting of CHSPTF held in late November in Ottawa was a flurry of presentations by organizations interested in maintaining links with parents across Canada. CHSPTF is a useful vehicle for the dissemination of information vital to parents and it is beyond that funding for the Literacy project for one, will assist in maintaining the viability of Canadian Home and School.

It must be remembered that each membership in Quebec Home and School affords the parents in Quebec with an automatic association with parents across the country (each provincial federation is a member of CHSPTF). Parents need to maintain a strong protective role on behalf of our children and youth at the national level.

We regret that the national president, Sylvia Adams of Quebec, finds it necessary to take a sabbatical and to fulfil only the first year of her two year mandate. Her incisive intelligence; probing mind; and general charm and wit have made her presidency so far, fruitful and of benefit to all.

Liaisons - QFHSA has maintained a close association with QHPSB and is pleased that their Vice President Grace Hone has continued to attend our Board meetings this year. QFHSA has also benefitted from attendance by Ken Cooke of PAPT and Carolyn Pratt of Protestant Committee of Superior Council of Education at our board meetings.

T.A.W. - Second Annual Teacher Appreciation Week was successfully celebrated in February. The Honorary President of CHSPTF, Governor General Jeanne Sauvé's proclamation was featured in our winter issue of the NEWS. This brilliant gem of an idea of celebrating the contribution of teachers in our schools has grown and spread well beyond the expectations of the CHSPTF who first suggested the idea. BRAVO!

Locals - The best is left to the end: the parents and others at the local school level who volunteer their services and assist in maintaining and improving the quality of education at the fundamental grassroots level. They all deserve our hearty congratulations and best wishes. Their interest in education, in children and their commitment to quality in education is the catalyst that makes the rest of us on the Board know that what we do is worthwhile and worth continuing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1988-89 (Continued)

Locals (Continued)

QFHSA welcomed three new local associations : Westmount High School, Ecole Primaire Harwood and Emmanuel Christian School.

Recommendation : that we resolve to renew our commitment at this Annual General Meeting to the ongoing struggle for equality of opportunity to the best possible educational and social services for all children.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989
Marion Daigle, Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti, Co-Chairmen

June, 1988 - Membership/Publicity Workshop - held at the QFHSA office. Publicity segment was led by Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti.

Publicity booklet prepared for workshop and circulated to all locals during the year.

October, 1988 - Fall Conference - Theme : The Challenge of the 90's - Are we Ready - Media releases and kits for radio and newspapers were prepared by Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti.

Programs that Work - booklet prepared and circulated.

Workshop on Programs that Work - with Marion Daigle and Heather Aulis, Chairman, School Committee, Thetford Mines.

Teacher Appreciation Week - February 12-19, 1989 - coordinated by Marion Daigle with the Canadian Home & School Parent-Teacher Federation.

Rights Committee - Media releases for QFHSA hearing on the Constitutional Accord (Meech Lake) at the New Brunswick (Legislature) Select Committee on February 9, 1989.

Off-Island Workshops - Publicity prepared for workshops and conferences in Gaspé region - October, 1988 and May, 1989.

A.G.M. 1989 - Media releases and press kits for radio and newspapers.
 - Marion Daigle served on Program Committee.

School Visits - As part of the membership development campaign, Publicity co-chairmen represented QFHSA at Roslyn Elementary (PSBGM), Cedar Park (LSB), Kanesatake Reserve School (Oká), Butler Elementary (Bedford), Dunrae Gardens Elementary (PSBGM), Allancroft (LSB), Murdochville Elementary, Gaspé Polyvalent, Belle Anse Elementary, Shigawake-Port Daniel, Hopetown Elementary, New Carlisle High School, New Richmond High School (Gaspé Area).

C.H.S.P.T.F. HIGHLIGHTS OF 1988-89 ACTIVITIES
 Report to Annual General Meeting, April 1989
Submitted by Helen Koeppé

1988 Annual Meeting was held at the Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario, in June 1988, with all ten provinces represented. Sylvia Adams, Past President of QFHSA, was elected president on the understanding that it might be possible for her to serve only one year. Norma McGuire (Ont.) was appointed to finish Sylvia's term as Central Vice President.

Resolutions adopted concerned: the need to conduct child abuse investigations in the care and to provide appropriate protection and service to the abused; school bus stop signs; accountability for the use of federal grants for Official language programs; Lunch box booklet project; postal rates for non-profit groups; science centres in Canada; and an amendment to the Young Offenders Act.

Sustaining Grant. Appeals to Health & Welfare Canada fell on deaf ears. Many other avenues were vigorously explored with the result that some funding has become available in the form of Project Grants. The National Literacy Secretariat of the Secretary of State is funding Phases I and II for Literacy in the Information Age. Each province will nominate a facilitator and Quebec's facilitator for this project will be Heather McBride, Past President of Edge-water Home & School. Heather will be attending the CHSPTF annual meeting in June in Vancouver, B.C. Another project, a planning model for parent groups, is being funded through the Voluntary Action Program of Secretary of State's Department, Ottawa.

Home Influences Committee - Betty Leblanc (President, New Brunswick) is now chairman. The submissions for the committee's projects, which include a pamphlet, magazine and video, are being reviewed by Treasurer Barbara Milne-Smith.

"Smoke-Free Class of 2000". Maybelle Durkin, Executive Secretary of CHSPTF, attended a press conference coordinated by Canadian Council for Smoking and Health. CHSPTF's remarks were part of the press release that launched this project. Three brochures currently available to locals are "At home and at school let's help the next generation to be SMOKE-FREE", "Kids decide BUT parents can tip the scales" and "Give Kids a chance". All provincial federations, including Quebec, are continuing to fight the strong tobacco lobby in Ottawa, which is intent on weakening the anti-smoking laws now in place. Letters to Perrin Beatty, the new Health Minister, are still pertinent as are letters to your member of parliament. Although Bill 51 has passed it has not really been implemented; tobacco companies are fighting it in court and so it is still necessary to keep bombarding your M.P. re your approval for the law and for its speedy implementation. See brochure in your kits "Give Kids a Chance".

Young Offenders Act. CHSPTF has requested to be part of the broader consultation process regarding the upcoming review of this act. CHSPTF has been entered on the Federal Department of Justice's consultation list. Possible resolutions concerning the act will be discussed at the '89 annual meeting in Vancouver (June 89).

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C.H.S.P.T.P. HIGHLIGHTS OF 1988-89 ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Alliance for a Drug Free Canada. CHSPTF steering committee, formed at the mid-term meeting in Ottawa in November 1988, has met, presented proposals and has sent delegates to an A.D.F.C. Board meeting in Toronto in January 1989. Partnership with this group has not yet been finalized. Each province was to name a facilitator for its own activities; presently on hold.

Teacher Appreciation Week. A howling success country-wide for the second time. Supportive replies were received from the Governor General, government leaders and educational partners. Quebec Federation has received many letters of appreciation and support from school boards and teachers at the provincial level.

Council of Ministers of Education (CMEC). Three CHSPTF delegates met with the CMEC Liaison committee re (1) federal grants for bilingualism, (2) literacy in the information age and (3) the parent factor in education. The parent factor is often the "overlooked" factor when discussions re the education of children take place.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 1988-89

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by Ken Kalman, V.P. Membership Development

The committee consists of Ken Kalman, Marcus Tabachnick, Helen Koepe, Carol Ohlin and Wendy Buchanan.

The purpose is to develop strategies for creating new membership and sustaining current membership and to develop ideas and targets for new membership and give direction to the Board in developing new membership.

Towards these goals the committee met four times and directed its attention to the current year and the year following.

For the current year it reviewed potential new schools as local association, assisting where necessary. Emmanuel Christian School and Westmount High have both formed new associations.

A new (PTA) button promoting the parent and teacher interaction was designed and purchased. It was distributed throughout the year. It was part of an initial thrust to enlist more teachers into the Home and School at the school in which they teach. This will be carried forward into 1989-90.

A trip to the Gaspé was made to encourage the development of membership in schools along the peninsula. It was an excellent opportunity to discuss membership with presidents and chairmen of membership at the various schools.

A mid-winter presidents meeting was re-established. Its purpose was interaction of the members of local associations on ideas and concerns related to local and provincial matters. It was well attended and very positive. As a result the intention is to hold a similar meeting in 1989-90.

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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: 1988-89. (Continued)

For the new year - A Home and School Action Kit will be prepared to help those going from QFHSA to a local or potential local to focus on the most asked questions with positive answers. It will include a series of slides, pamphlets and appropriate materials.

The Leadership Handbook is being up-dated. It is expected to be ready for the new year.

A stand, which can be used at conventions, is being looked into to provide a more marketable image for the QFHSA.

Generally this year was a good one - but we have just started. Membership development is an ongoing and essential task. The QFHSA's image must be moulded to one of the 1990's if it is to retain its important and respected position in the educational community.

PROMOTING PARENT POTENTIAL (Workshops for Parents)

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by Wendy Buchanan, Chairman, On-island Workshops

Parent Workshops

A very successful first year for Parent Workshops. I hope that the word will spread and next year will bring even more requests. Some of the topics covered were parent/teacher interviews; stress; study skills; the environment. All the evenings were very well received and parent response has been favourable. I think it is best to try to mix speaker and areas whenever possible - i.e. someone from the West Island would go in town and vice versa. Contacts were made for some new speakers for next year.

Dates of workshops for this year:

	<u>School</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
September 19th.,	Willington	Jean Heaton
February 8th.,	Cedar Park	Chris Adams
February 13th.,	Valois Park	Margaret Mitchell
March 6th.,	Sunnydale Park	Margaret Mitchell
March 7th.,	Dunrae Gardens	Margaret Mitchell
March 14th.,	Willington	Michelle Potter
April 4th.,	Dunrae Gardens	Margaret Mitchell

QUEBEC HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Charlene de Condé, Editor

Very little has changed with the NEWS since last year's report. Our goals of keeping current and using lots of photos are still the same. And, for me, that has been one area of concern. The number of photos and the art-work I have received this year has dropped off a bit.

I know it is discouraging to send photos or art and not see it used, but I don't always have space for every one--when there are many. When there are few the page becomes grey and dismal. Please, please. Send photos. They "speak" volumes.

We also enjoy getting and using articles written by parents for parents. It helps us all to know that we are not alone in our concerns. Sometimes we feel we are the only ones wondering about the schedule or homework or misconduct or whatever, but when we hear from others voicing those same feelings, we, too, feel we're on the same track. Or, keep those cards and letters coming, folks.

This year, as last, I must thank the people who make the NEWS what it is. I'm really more like a coordinator; they call me an editor to humor me.

Diane Radu graciously, without complaint, does the Focus on Locals in each issue. It is a huge job that makes my job easier.

Don Smith does the Safety Scene. Helen Koeppé provides the president's message and gives many ideas for stories. Kenneth Radu gives great reviews of new and interesting publications for children.

New to the NEWS this year are Mary Gurekas, who kindly took over the Peace page from Susan Hawker Lussier, and Bob Steele, who has taken on the task of making computers seem reasonable to those of us who don't have a clue where to begin.

Of course, there was still Carol Ohlin, who I will miss next year, and Donna Sauriol who really is the person doing the bulk of the work. The bottom line is : If Donna wasn't helping me in every aspect of the NEWS it just wouldn't get done.

Remember--more photos and more input. The input from readers is what helps keep every newspaper viable.

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - October 15, 1988
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989
Submitted by Helen Koeppel, President

The leadership conference "Promoting Parent Potential" held on a Saturday at Beaconsfield High School on the Lakeshore attracted over 140 participants including workshop leaders and displayers. Evaluation forms (50% were returned) indicated general satisfaction with the new locale and format. Many suggestions were made for new topics as well as pleas to repeat particularly useful workshops.

A short welcome session with all delegates in the auditorium was followed by three sets of concurrent workshops. Lunch and a nutrition break were provided. Reports will be published in the Home & School NEWS.

- Workshops I
1. Presidents and Vice-Presidents
Barbara Bonnell
 2. Building a Strong High School
Peter Clark, Barbara Peden
 3. Figuratively Speaking
Anne Gill
 4. Rights, Roles and Responsibilities
Doreen Canavan, John Killingbeck
- Workshops II
5. Programmes that Work
Marion Daigle, Heather Aulis
 6. What's Home & School all about
Sylvia Adams, Helen Koeppel, Jon Percy
 7. Volunteers: Catch and Keep 'em
Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti, Diana DeRoche
 8. Whole Language Goes to High School
Marilyn Wray
- Workshops III
9. Readers are Leaders
Dan O'Leary
 10. Thinking Skills
Judy Kyle

Some of the suggestions for future workshops were those teaching how to cope with stress on the part of children, teenagers, parents. More information was requested by home & school beginners and communication skills between parents and children, teachers and the Ministry. List of requests has been compiled.

Recommendations

1. Emphasize in publicity prior to conference that it is open to ALL parents and Home & School members, NOT available exclusively to H & S Executives. General interest topics are included for ALL.
2. Time must be set aside following a presentation for questions and answers. This request should be included in ground rules for workshop leaders.
3. Continue the stress on fund-raising displays for the fall conference.
4. These are COMFORT sessions. We are all in the same boat so let's spread the word. Too many participants say afterwards that they wished they had known how enjoyable the day would be earlier. First time guests can't wait to come again.

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER WORKSHOP 1988
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989
Submitted by Norma Rennie

The Membership/Publicity/Newsletter Workshop was held on the evening of Wednesday, June 1, 1988, in the office of the QFHSA. Twenty-five representatives from various local associations attended the workshop.

Marcus Tabachnick, Vice-President, QFHSA, warmly welcomed the assembly and made the introductions. This was followed by presentations on :

Membership	by Norma Rennie (Windermere) QFHSA Membership Chairman
Publicity	by Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti (Christmas Park) QFHSA Publicity Co-Chairman
Newsletters	by Diane Radu (Macdonald High) "Focus....Locals" Editor, NEWS and Charlene de Conde (Dorset) Editor, QFHSA NEWS

For this workshop, the QFHSA Membership Chairman and the "Focus on the Locals" Editor, NEWS, met with difficulty in trying to persuade chairmen from the locals to come and speak, from their experience, to the group and generate more discussion and exchange of ideas. Therefore, only QFHSA people were left to handle this part of the programme and the feeling was that it tended to limit things somewhat.

After each presentation there was discussion of ideas related to each which hopefully would increase awareness of Home and School in the school communities and also increase membership. This discussion continued on a more casual basis during the refreshment period which followed.

This year we offered "seat prizes", whereby if the person attending found a sticker under his/her chair, he/she received a lovely book for his/her school. This idea was well-received.

In previous years, after the welcome and introductions, the Membership people and Publicity people would split up into two groups, in two separate rooms, to deal with their respective concerns. This year, everyone remained as one group. While the advantages are obvious - that each group is exposed to discussion of ideas concerning the other (the two areas of membership and publicity do go hand in hand), it was felt by some that in separate groups, there may have been more open discussion about that particular area. However, then the other group would miss something.

This year, the combined format seemed to inhibit discussion compared with previous workshops.

Recommendations:

1. That the 1989 M/P/N Workshop be held again early in June before "end of year" activities become too hectic, and to enable membership and publicity chairmen to plan their campaigns before school re-opens in August/September.

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER WORKSHOP 1988 (Continued)

2. That after the welcome and introductions, the membership group and the publicity group splits for discussion. This would allow more time.
3. That a greater effort be made to bring in capable membership and publicity chairmen from the locals to take part in the presentations and lead discussion.

THINK TANK - August 31, 1988

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by Vi Minto/Jessica Tertoolle, Coordinators

The annual "Think Tank" dinner was held on Tuesday, August 30, with an attendance of 44 persons, who enjoyed a most pleasant evening and dinner.

Guests for this occasion were Marion Daigle, Berta Dwang, Pat Baker and Sylvia Adams, who acted as resource persons during the discussions following dinner.

The discussions were based on the theme "Promoting Home and School Potential" and two questions were addressed in this respect. The first concern expressed was in relation to reaching out to the increasing numbers of ethnic parents in the immigrant population. Many suggestions were put in response; some of which were :

- To reach out to the parents through their children.
- To utilize multilingual pamphlets.
- To capitalize on "Meet the Teacher Night" in order to contact both parents.

A second question was in regard to establishing better relationships with the administrators in the schools. Many excellent suggestions were put forward by our "resource" guests. Some were :

- Take your principal to lunch and charge it to budget.
- Ask your principals what their goals are; and work with these goals too.
- Make much use of your diplomatic skills and cunning.

A unanimous decision was made to hold this "Think Tank" in August in future. Suggestions for future "Think Tanks" include an evaluation sheet.

MID TERM PRESIDENTS MEETING - February 04, 1989
Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 1989
Submitted by M'ship Development Committee, Ken Kalman, Chairman

A Mid-term, or Winter, Presidents Meeting had not been held for some years and it was felt that holding one might be helpful for an exchange of ideas.

Discussion, at the Presidents Meeting, centered on what it means to be a Home & Schooler, School Committee/Home & School liaisons, the kinds of activity that make H&Sers feel good and how far volunteers can go. Leadership skills, and getting your views across to the principal and other parents, were topics. The key is visibility, having a voice in your school, involvement in the education of your children.

The meeting was very positive. Evaluations indicated that most (90%) feel more comfortable with describing the Home & School role, and with how the QFHSA can help. The date chosen was a good one. People enjoyed round table discussion and an opportunity to express their concerns and find that they had much in common with other Home & Schoolers.

Suggestions for future workshops:

- 1) How to run a meeting, etc. for Vice-Presidents and Presidents presumably in June or August (for new executive).
- 2) Home & School/School Committee interaction.
- 3) How to say "no" as a volunteer.
- 4) Discussion of local specific concerns.

Everyone felt the mood and meeting structure was good. All in all a very successful opportunity for exchange of ideas and for improving the comfort level at the local association.

Thanks to Marcus Tabachnick and Al Locke for helping to lead the workshops, and to Wendy Buchanan and Carol Ohlin for food preparation and arrangements.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1988

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989
Carol Ohlin, AGM General Arrangements Chairman

The 44th Annual General Meeting and Conference was held on May 7th, 1988, at the Administration Building of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. Registration consisted of 103 delegates representing 33 Home & School Associations, 18 Group Affiliate members, 13 members of the Board of Directors, 3 Individual Supporting members, 4 observers, 17 guests, and 12 displayers.

The theme for this year's Fall Leadership Conference and the AGM program was "Promoting Parent Potential". The day's activities included:

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration; displays
9:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Business meeting
12:30 - 1:30	Buffet luncheon; displays
1:30 - 3:00	"Kristal dreams" by Youtheatre
3:00 - 3:30	Coffee break; displays
3:30 - 5:00	Three concurrent workshops
5:00 - 5:30	Displays
5:30 - 6:00	Social time
6:00 - 9:00	Awards Banquet

The three workshop topics were:

- "Self-Esteem: Inner Voice, Listen to Me"
Speaker: Margaret Mitchell
- "The Parent as a Tutor: Strategies for Understanding
"Your Child's Individual Learning Styles"
Speaker: Irene Woods
- "Procrastination and Time Management"
Speaker: Barbara Goode

In addition to a new site for the conference (from the previous location at the Loyola Campus Center), other innovations which were tried on a trial basis included: a one-day format; an informal Program Book prepared in the QFHSA office; providing our own bar service during the social hour; and an Awards Banquet without a keynote speaker or student entertainment.

Comments on the evaluation forms generally approved of the one-day schedule and participants enjoyed the PSBGM facilities and meals. Although the shorter evening program was appreciated, it was suggested that some form of entertainment would have added to the festive spirit. There were also many requests to have the same workshops repeated at a future conference, since almost everyone found it difficult to choose only one topic from three excellent presentations. Although the Youtheatre production reduced the number of workshops which could be offered, the audience liked the opportunity to observe this dramatic portrayal of the drug abuse problem which is performed in the schools. A lively discussion with the cast and Aurora, a Montreal drug counselling group, concluded that portion of the program.

The recipient of the 1988 Gordon Paterson Award was Patrick Baker, Principal of Greendale Elementary School, who was honoured for his outstanding contributions to the education of children. Caspar Esselaar, Treasurer of QFHSA, was recognized for his outstanding volunteer service with the Buzzell Award.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1988 AGM

	Receipts	Expenditures
Awards		
Books & plaques	\$	\$ 41.50
Certificates		10.00
Buzzell & Paterson Awards (endowed funds)		
Conference fees*	487.50*	25.00
Displays	780.00	25.00
Facilities (PSBGM)		722.10
Hospitality		
Luncheon & dinner	1,938.50	1,934.00
Bar supplies, service, permit	202.50	243.00
Coffee		180.00
Juice		13.06
Floral arrangements		113.36
Gifts		242.35
Tablecloths		39.00
Registration	50.00	
Kits		150.00
Badges		65.10
Book of Reports		
Ink		25.00
Paper		132.40
Stencils		40.00
Envelopes & postages (est.)		100.00
Preview Flyer		174.40
Cover		45.00
Postage		100.00
Program Book		
Layout		75.00
Paper		9.77
Photocopy		26.00
Printing & postages (est.)***		<u>1,000.00***</u>
TOTALS	\$3,458.50	\$5,531.04
Off-island delegates**		
Accommodation		\$ 404.50
Transportation		400.00
Phone (est.)		100.00

*As of June 1st, fees had not been received from 24 local associations.

**Travelling expenses for off-island delegates are covered by the Membership Development Fund (OLCP Grant).

***This estimated cost is included to give a more accurate picture of the total conference expenses. In addition to the items already listed, there have been at least a dozen mailings of information concerning the AGM. These mailings included: Resolutions and amendments (2 letters); Constitution amendments (2); Nominating reports (2); Federation Awards; Auditor's Report; and membership fee notification. All of the various aspects of hosting a conference involve increasing expenditures, as the costs of office materials and postage continue to rise. Our two annual conferences would not be possible without the endless hours of labour so generously contributed by our volunteers and by the dedicated hard work and extra time given by our Executive Secretary, Donna Sauriol.

LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL
 REPORT TO QFHSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 APRIL 29, 1989

The Lakeshore Regional Council (LRC) is made up of of Home and School Presidents from locals within the Lakeshore School Board, QFHSA area representatives and representatives from QFHSA, Lakeshore School Board, Lakeshore Parents' Committee and Lakeshore Teachers' Association. The Council has its own Executive and constitution.

The Council meets periodically to discuss educational issues of common concern. Perhaps more importantly it provides a lively forum for presidents to exchange information and ideas about programs and activities of local associations. The popular "local exchange" portion of each meeting gives presidents an opportunity to compare notes on their locals successes and failures in programming and fundraising.

The Executive during the past year were:

President.....Jon Percy
 Vice-president.....Gordon Robertson
 Vice-president.....Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti
 Vice-president.....Norma Rennie
 Secretary.....Charlene de Conde
 Treasurer.....Sally Poirier

During the past year the Council met approximately every 6 weeks. Attendance at meetings has been good, usually 15 or so members. The enthusiasm and interest of the members continued at a high level. At our November meeting we discussed bills 106 and 107 and the efforts being made to stop them. Mr. Art Douglas, Director of Secondary Education at the Lakeshore School Board attended our January meeting and discussed a wide variety of concerns raised by members, such as school budgets, libraries, lunch programs, and the school calendar.

Looking back I feel that it has been a successful year for the Council. This success would not have been possible without the active involvement of many dedicated people. I would particularly like to take this opportunity to thank the LRC Executive for their assistance and support throughout the year, the members of the Council for their enthusiasm and interest, the various liason reps for their dedication and the Lakeshore School Board for providing facilities for our meetings and for their continuing support. They all contributed to making LRC work and their efforts are much appreciated.

Jon Percy
 President, LRC

GASPE AREA REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by Anne MacWhirter, Area Rep, and Beverly Hayes, V.P.

A mini-conference held in Gaspé [town] and New Richmond began a very successful year of Home & School efforts in the Gaspé region. Parent and school committee people in Gaspé, along with expert help from Marion Daigle (Co-chairman, Publicity Committee, QFHSA), hosted parents to a format of workshops which were later presented to the public at New Richmond High School. At New Richmond, people attended representing Shigawake, Hopetown, Port Daniel and New Carlisle.

A special presentation "Kristal Dreams", by Youtheatre (from Montreal), brought the message of saying NO to drugs. This group made their presentation of schools along the coast as well.

New Richmond Home & School has seen a great increase in membership this year. They are to be congratulated. The parents continue to prepare hot lunches for the students. They treated them recently to a trip to a sugar camp. Students worked on public speaking during the term and presented them to parents at a regular monthly meeting.

Teacher Appreciation Week was a time of saying "thank you" in many ways to the teachers. Dinners were held in each school. Special certificates were given to each teacher. Some special presentations in various schools included a "teacher of the week" award, an "I Love My Teachers" cake, flowers and much, much more.

The Regional Speeches Competition will be held in Port Daniel School in May. Schools from along the coast will send representatives to compete.

At the end of the year, each Home & School purchases replicas of trophies to be given to the winning students as keepsakes. This tradition has been part of Home & School on the Gaspé for many years.

Even though we have a small English-speaking population, we have exceptional people out of that small number working in Home & School for the good of our students. We can be proud of our efforts and give ourselves a vote of confidence that Home & School is alive and well on the Gaspé coast.

BUZZELL AWARD COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 1989

Submitted by Helen Koeppe, chairman

The committee met March 16, 1989, and was attended by Carol Ohlin, Wendy Buchanan, and Helen Koeppe. Regrets were received from Caspar Esselaar and Ken Kalman.

The committee chose Dr. Jon Percy to receive the 1989 Buzzell Award, to be presented at the Awards Banquet on April 28th.

Jon has served on the Executive Committee of QFHSA as a Vice-President and is presently in his second two-year term as Recording Secretary. His contribution to the Board of Directors of QFHSA on conference planning committees, on the editorial board of the NEWS and as a resource person, etc., have been enormous.

As chairman of the Lakeshore Regional Council of Home and School Associations he has fostered vital contacts and communication between the school board, the parents, the teachers, and administrators of the Lakeshore School Board.

PATERSON AWARD COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 1989

Submitted by Sylvia Adams, chairman

The committee met on March 16, 1989, and was attended by Diane Lacey, Jessica Tertoolle, Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti, Sylvia Adams. Regrets received from Ann Cumyn.

The recipient of the Paterson Award, 1989, will be Patricia (Pat) Lewis. The committee was delighted with the calibre of submissions and will send notes of thanks to all submitters.

RECOMMENDATION: That the whole complement of each Award Committee be present at the meeting to choose the Award Winner in each category. In the event of the unavoidable absence of a member, a substitute (in the same category) shall be appointed.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Ann Cumyn, Chairman

Communication through the written word is something that we tend to take for granted, at the same time increased use of the telephone and tapes diminishes the occasions when we share our experiences through the more permanent medium of writing. This year QPHSA has embarked on a literary project enabling the member associations to interact with one another by means of a booklet of their children's writing. With the first topics "What my mum or dad does for my school" and "What my teacher does for me" or "My teacher". This first venture is expected to appear around the beginning of May.

The topics, which were chosen to permit coordination with teacher appreciation week, received some criticism of being too restrictive. Our first number represents the work of students from six schools. However, great enterprises often have small beginnings; with 1990 being the International Year of Literacy and a more general topic we hope that many more locals will contribute.

Other energies were spent once again in participation in QPHSA's reaction and response to the government's school reform, both through contributing to the brief on Bill 107 and examining strategies in the implementation of the same.

Help with the literary project was given by Pat Lewis and Ken Kalman.

QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by H. Koeppe

Monthly meetings were attended by the president. Main items of concern the past year have been the effects of implementation of Law 107; the budgetary rules for the coming school year especially as they pertain to the financing of technical and vocational education; maintaining a fair share of the educational resources in the province.

In addition, the questions to be put to the court re the constitutionality of portions of Law 107 have not been made public. However, lawyers for the QAPSB are satisfied that most of these concerns are being addressed. A major disappointment was the Supreme Court's negative ruling re the appeal of the regime Pédagogique case.

In effect, the court has maintained the lower court's opinion that Section 93 of the Constitution Act does not guarantee Protestants in Quebec the right to manage and control their own schools and therefore the right to determine what is taught in Protestant schools.

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
Proposed Budget for the Year ending August 31, 1990.
 (with comparative Budget Figures to August 31, 1989)

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>Incomes</u>		
1989/90 M'ships, Family - 4,500 @ \$9.	\$ 40,500	
M'ships, Groups, - 110 @ \$40.	4,400	
1988, 9 M'ships, Family - 5,000 @ \$9.		\$ 45,000
M'ships, Groups - 80 @ \$35.		2,800
Interest & Miscellaneous	3,150	2,500
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<u>Total Incomes, Revenues</u>	<u>\$ 48,050</u>	<u>\$ 50,300</u>
	*****	*****
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Affiliation Fees @ \$1.00, Families	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000
Affiliation Fees @ 10¢, Groups	440	330
Secretarial Salary, including benefits	23,500	23,220
Temporary Office Help	7,500	---
Rental, Office, includes taxes	9,500	8,500
Administration & Insurance	2,750	2,850
Printing & Stationery	3,500	4,500
Telephone & Telegrams	2,500	2,500
Postage & Courier	4,000	4,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000	1,000
NEWS, Home & School [newspaper] (net)	17,500	18,000
Office Equipment & Maintenance	1,000	1,000
Conferences & Travel	2,500	2,500
Committees	1,000	1,500
Copies & Computer Supplies	1,500	2,500
Capital Equipment	---	2,000
Contingency Expenditures	2,515	3,000
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<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 85,205</u>	<u>\$ 81,400</u>
	*****	*****
<u>Amount Needed to Break Even</u>	<u>\$ 37,155</u>	<u>\$ 31,100</u>
	*****	*****

Translation costs, preparation of
 drafts and unforeseen expenditures.

MEMBERSHIP

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989
Norma Rennie, Chairman

Membership

	<u>Mar. 31/88</u>	<u>Mar. 31/89</u>
Associations submitting membership lists	43	47
Associations which have not submitted lists	3	2
Number of Family Memberships through a H&S local	4,515*	4,614*
Supporting Members who have not joined through a H&S local	50	51
Group Affiliate Members	76	102

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

1988/89 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

	<u>#</u>	<u>Membership Chairman</u>
<u>On Island Elementary Schools</u>		
Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield	59	Marilyn Tooley
Ecole Primaire Harwood	52	Lynda Mathieson
Beacon Hill	51	Sue Spall
Courtland Park	50	Joan Farrell
Dunrae Gardens	50	Judy Stanway
		Jeannette Tabah
		Connie De Georgio
<u>On Island Secondary Schools</u>		
Lindsay Place	24	Roslyn Karpman
<u>Off Island Schools</u>		
New Richmond High	41	Elaine Cochrane
<u>Special Mention</u>		
Elizabeth Ballantyne	49	Carol Porteous
Christmas Park	46	Pamela Ann Doherty
Dorset	46	Cathy Watson
Valois Park	46	Sandy Gordon-Loiello
New Carlisle	25	Patsy MacDonald
Baie Comeau	24	Barbara Rioux

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Family Membership Fee for 1989/90 be \$9.00 as voted upon at the Board of Directors meeting on March 17, 1989.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by Vi Minto, chairman

Committee Members were:

for the Board of Directors: Vi Minto, Vice-President (Chairman)
Jon Percy, Recording Secretary
Marcus Tabachnick, Vice-President

Non-Board members: David Brodkin (Sunnydale Park)
Carol Creswell (Howick)
Anne Gill (Seigniory)

The Nominations Committee, acting in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, conferred in January re the mandate and guidelines of the committee. On March 07, 1989, the committee met to consider and verify the credentials of those nominated. As all positions were not filled, the committee endeavoured to find further suitable candidates.

The names of those willing to stand for office, as of March 23, 1989, were circulated to all local associations, to be voted on at the A.G.M. (Brief c.v.s of two additional names are noted below).

The committee continued to search and met again April 17th. Those standing for office are:-

- President - ---
- Executive Vice-President - Diane Lacey
- Vice-Presidents - David Brodkin
- (2 year term of office) - Frances McKinnon
- Vi Minto
- Jessica Tertoolle

Diane Lacey

Diane is the mother of five children, attending various schools on the South Shore. She has served as School Committee chairman at Royal George Elementary School and as Parent Committee representative to the South Central School Board. Diane has been a member of the Board of Directors of QFHSA since 1986 as a Vice-President; she is currently serving a second two-year term.

Frances McKinnon

Frances is from New Richmond in the Gaspé and is the mother of two children attending New Richmond High School. She has served as President of the N.R. High Home & School Association from 1985 to 1987. One of the main contributions of the Home & School there is their lunch program for the students.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN EDUCATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by Marion Daigle, chairman

Members of the Committee: Marion Daigle, Calvin Potter.

June 07, 1988 - News Release, Secretary of State, Lucien Bouchard, announces 1.4 billion for Canada's Official Languages over next five years to major programs promoting Canada's official languages.

July 21, 1988 - QFHSA requests meeting with Secretary of State. His schedule would not permit.

December 23, 1988 - Secretary of State, Lucien Bouchard, and Lyn McLeod, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), have signed a new 5 year Protocol for agreements on Minority Language Education and Second Language Instruction.

Copies of the New Protocol have been circulated to Dr. Potter and Charlene de Conde along with the 1983 Protocol - for study.

January, 1989 - New Secretary of State, Gerald Weiner, (Quebec)

January 30, 1989 - Meeting with CMEC Liaison Committee, Hull, Quebec.

CMEC Chairman, Lyn McLeod, and her Committee, met with Sylvia Adams, CHSPTF President, Maybelle Durkin, Executive Secretary, and me for an hour. One of the topics was CHSPTF Resolution 88\3 (see attached). It is obvious that the Ministers set the objectives for the programs but they have no intention about monitoring each other re accountability for use of the monies. Their excuse: education is under provincial jurisdiction. Anyone wishing to have a copy of the Protocol may obtain one or more by writing or phoning:

Mr. Roger Farley
Official Languages in Education
Department of Secretary of State
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0M5

Tel: (819)-953-5218

Recommendation - that Committee study and prepare report on new Protocol noting significant changes which may relate to Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations and Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation's position on accountability.

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RESOLUTION 88/3 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has approved a 'protocol' which has been negotiated with the provinces for financial assistance under bilateral agreements, to be concluded with each province, for support of education in the minority official language of that province and for opportunities for Canadians to learn their second official language, and

WHEREAS the protocol begun in 1983 expires on March 31, 1988, and

WHEREAS the reporting by provinces under the present protocol reflects a diversity of standards for disclosure, and

WHEREAS that diversity of reporting by provinces is accompanied by major contrasts in the information conveyed, and

WHEREAS the lack of disclosure impedes parental review and remedial responses,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation request that the Secretary of State and the provincial governments agree upon a minimum standard of disclosure that ensures the funds furnished by the Federal Government for support of education in the minority official language and the teaching of the second official language are reported in that context; and that the accountability reports be subject to overview by a federal Parliamentary Committee.

Destination: Prime Minister of Canada
Secretary of State of Canada
Leaders of Opposition Parties
Auditor-General of Canada
Premiers of the provinces
Council of Ministers of Education
Provincial Ministers of Education
Provincial Home & School Assns.

Background

Minority Official Language = English in Quebec, French elsewhere.

Since the inception of these programs in 1970, the Government of Canada has contributed almost \$2.5 billion to provinces in support of minority and second language education. While accountability for the use of these funds was written into the 1983 Canada/Provincial Agreements, no minimum standards of reporting were established. Each province establishes its own method of reporting.

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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - FEBRUARY 12-1989
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1989
Submitted by Marion Daigle, co-ordinator, and Donna Sauriol,
Executive Secretary.

From the reports from schools thus far, the second annual Teacher Appreciation Week was a success in Quebec. It is difficult to judge the number of schools that participated as not all ordered supplies, sent in evaluation forms or write-ups for the Home and School NEWS. It takes time for reports to trickle in.

We know

- approximately 35 schools ordered supplies
- QFHSA sent out free of charge approximately 150 posters
- Some press picked up our publicity. The Suburban, February 8th, did an excellent article, and PULSE News did a segment on Valois Park and Carlyle Elementary Schools on February 17th. There is still a problem with understanding that CHSPTF is sponsoring the occasion.
- The Governor-General, the Canadian Association of School Administrators, The Canadian Teachers Federation and Mr. Ryan's office sent messages of support.
- The Nova Scotia Teachers Federation found out about it through our press release in the PACT Newsletter and wrote to us for information! Nova Scotia Teachers Federation will be celebrating 100 years in 1995 - same as CHSPTF. Nova Scotia is the founding province for Home and School.
- The certificate for teachers was a popular item this year. We expected more orders for balloons. Difficult to predict the needs.

Good Ideas:

- Flowers were popular
- Coffee and muffins, munchkins, etc.
- Luncheons
- Teacher Appreciation certificates
- A cookie 'bouquet'
- Large banners outside school (and outside Protestant Regional School Board of Western Quebec)
- Student 'Thank you' notes to teachers
- Dinner for two drawing - given by local restaurant to lucky teacher winner
- Valentine's Day was popular for many schools - with surprises and treats
- the teacher appreciation buttons were much in demand

Supplies ordered from CHSPTF totalled approximately \$2300 including postage and handling. QFHSA will recoup about half through its sales to schools.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Report to Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith, Acting Resolution Chairman

Our three 1988 resolutions were all carried and were circulated as directed. Summaries of answers received will be found in the report Disposition of 1988 Resolutions.

While our locals and our committees had a busy, productive year, only one resolution came forward for consideration at this year's annual meeting - concerning Law 107.

DISPOSITION OF 1988 RESOLUTIONS

Report to Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith, Acting Resolution Chairman

The following are the answers received to the letters sent out with our three resolutions and a further answer concerning Resolution 87/1.

88/1 - Identification and Education of Gifted Children

The office of Mr. Claude Ryan, Minister of Education, wrote to thank us for forwarding this resolution and said Mr. Ryan had noted it.

Dr. Bruce Shore, Faculty of Education and Director, Centre for Research and Development in Education, McGill University, thanked us for sending this resolution to him and told us of the summer demonstration program which McGill was running for gifted children during the summer.

88/2 - Accountability for the Use of Federal Grants for Official Language Programs

Lyn McLeod, Chairman, C.M.E.C., wrote to Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation, saying that the 1983-4 Protocol was the first umbrella agreement ever concluded in this important area of federal-provincial co-operation in education. She stated its purpose was to establish parameters for the subsequent negotiation of more specific agreements between each of the provinces and the federal government.

She stated that the most difficult and sensitive of all of the issues was accountability by the provincial governments for federal contributions.

One Protocol expired on March 31, 1988 and, when this letter was written, the new Protocol had not as yet been completed. She reported that federal and provincial officials were presently discussing the details but that both orders of government were satisfied with the accountability requirements as stated in the old Protocol and that no modifications were being proposed.

She suggested that questions concerning the manner in which a particular province accounts for its funding should be addressed to the education authorities in that province.

She said they were confident that a new Protocol would be concluded soon and she thanked us for our interest.

DISPOSITION OF 1988 RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

Since this letter, a new five year Protocol was signed on Dec. 23, 1988, and the agreements between each province and the federal government are expected to be completed this year.

We also had a letter from Shirley Dysart, New Brunswick Minister of Education, explaining that the differences in school systems of each province make it practically impossible for provincial governments to follow a standard format illustrating additional costs incurred in pursuing official languages objectives. However, each province has to provide statistical data in accordance with Statistics Canada and to include information on how the financial assistance from Canada contributed to these objectives.

88/3 - School Bus Safety - Flashing Warning Lights

Mr. Marc-Yvan Coté, Quebec Minister of Transport, wrote expressing his gratitude for the interest we show in traffic safety matters, especially as regards school children.

He said that they have, in the past, examined the idea of equipping school buses with yellow lights to indicate the vehicle is about to stop. A study concluded that the use of such lights would have the likely effect of inciting the operator of a vehicle travelling behind the bus to hurriedly pass it.

He said our participation in traffic safety programs was most gratifying and that he would always welcome any suggestions that could improve safety.

87/1 - Lunch Box Project

We had a letter from Mrs. Marsha Sharp, Executive Director, The Canadian Dietetic Association, congratulating us on our efforts to further the cause of good nutrition in the school system.

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by Marion Daigle, Chairman

Members of Committee: Calvin Potter, Ann Cumyn, Gordon Robertson, Rod Wiener, Helen Koepp (ex officio).

May 24, 1988 - Presentation of Bill 107 brief to National Assembly Standing Committee on Education, by Helen Koepp, QFHSA President; Marion Daigle; Doreen Canavan, parent at Edgewater Elementary and Macdonald High Schools.

Amendments to Bill 107 - no consultation. QFHSA writes letter to Mr. C. Ryan, Minister of Education, to protest lack of consultation on amendments.

December 23, 1988 - Bill 107 passed into Law 107. Very little publicity due to introduction of Law 178.

February 28, 1989 - Committee met to discuss the new law 107 and decide on action(s) to be taken.

An update revealed difficulties in obtaining copies of new law until mid February, although Bill 107 became law on December 22, 1988. Circulation was slow and a memo was sent to all Home and School Associations to give information on obtaining copies. Information meetings, organized by MEQ, are being held for all parties involved in the implementation of the Law.

Bill 106 - Election Act - has not been passed as yet.

CELE - the Committee reviewed the most recent material circulated by the Committee for English Language Education. An updated demographics and pedagogy report prepared by a CELE sub-committee is to be discussed by all organizations who attend CELE. In addition a draft constitution for a Council for English Language Education is to be reviewed. Decisions must be filed by April 28 and next meeting of CELE is May 2.

March 12, 1989 - Committee reviewed draft resolution on Law 107 and prepared recommendations on CELE memorandum.

Action re Law 107

Resolution 1989/1E GOALS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION TO ADHERE TO
DURING IMPLEMENTATION OF LAW 107

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CELE - The School Reorganization Committee studied the memorandum draft constitution and demographics\pedagogy report and made the following recommendation to the Board of Directors:-

Motion: That QFHSA vote against the establishment of a Council for English Language Education as proposed in the draft constitution but we would be in favour of maintaining the present CELE structure whose mandate is to share information and common concerns about English language education.

Passed by Board of Directors meeting, March 17, 1989.

The above adheres to our present policy re CELE. The recommendations in the demographics\pedagogy report suggests usurping the present powers of duly elected school boards; therefore, presuming a pre-judgement of the courts, on the articles in Law 107 being referred to the courts. Resolution 89\1E, if passed at the AGM, should also be circulated to CELE at their upcoming meeting of May 2, 1989.

LASALLE AREA REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1989
Submitted by Judy Cloutte, Area Representative

As Area Rep. for Lasalle, I am happy to report that the parental support this past year has been tremendous.

The annual Bazaar, Book Fair, Chocolate Bar Drive, Terry Fox Run and Winterfest were very successful because of the staff, students and parents working together to promote a feeling of belonging to Keith School.

Home and School provided the teachers with a Christmas luncheon to express appreciation for their continued support.

Students were treated to the Geordie Production "From You, To Us, To You."

Because of the fund-raising efforts of the Home and School all students went on an outdoor excursion during the year.

To keep parents informed about all school activities, a weekly column was published in the local newspaper.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICES

Report to the Annual General Meeting and Conference, April 1989

Pat Lewis

While we face a new decade and realize that new directions are necessary, it is also true that many of the problems facing our children have not changed, except to become greater. Questions involving health (such as AIDS, smoking, drug abuse), safety, family relationships (child abuse and violence), and the urgency for world peace remain high on lists of problems which Home and School organizations are tackling.

Canadian Home & School (and many of our locals) joined a number of groups across the country to sponsor National Smoking Awareness Week in January with programs aimed at young people, particularly students under 14. Bill C-51 to ban advertising of cigarettes and limit sponsorship of cultural events and sports by tobacco companies was passed in 1988, but the implementation of the law has lagged. Tobacco companies have not only appealed the law, but have tied to circumvent it by changing names and breaking up companies in order to continue to sponsor sports, for example. The Quebec Heart Foundation declared February as "Heart Month", and aimed to help create a smoke-free society by year 2000. Health and Welfare Canada put out a very attractive folder, aimed at parents, called "KIDS DECIDE BUT PARENTS CAN TIP THE SCALES". All locals may secure copies of this publication free from the government. Studies have shown now that pollution from parents' smoking is much more dangerous to children than air pollution. "Smokeless cigarettes" were put on the market by one tobacco company, but were withdrawn recently when their dangers were exposed by medical associations. Hundreds of towns and cities have limited smoking in many public places. Most schools are now "smoke-free" except for perhaps one room. The Montreal GAZETTE published a series of information pages for teachers and students about smoking which was excellent. But the fight continues to eliminate this major cause of death in Canada. Locals which have helped to publicize this issue in their schools are to be commended.

Freyja Fischer, a member of our committee who works on family relationships, has been very helpful in informing parents about family violence and child abuse and in pointing out ways in which family stress may be reduced. Parents involved in divorce, for example, may get support from school boards, CLSC's and social service agencies. A national helpline for troubled and abused kids and teens has been set up through the Canadian Children's Foundation. Complaints about child abuse have increased about 41% in the last four years, but in Quebec there are too many children who are put on waiting lists, due to lack of funds, and little is done for many of these youngsters. Some locals have sponsored the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) for parents, teachers and students, and these have been very successful. A book has been released by the national Church Council on Justice and Corrections called Family Violence in a Patriarchal Society: A Challenge to Our Way of Living. The book offers much testimony about family violence in all its forms, and raises the question of equality of women in Canada. Because this question is of direct relevance to children's welfare, it is perhaps one which locals will address in the future.

In the last year the Quebec government proposed drastic changes in day care policies in the province. These are being criticized by both parents and teachers. The funding system, in particular, does not meet the needs of parents and children. With 282,433 children under age 11 who need day care,

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICES (Continued)

this is an issue that should concern all Quebec Home & School members. Opinions may be sent to the Minister of Health and Welfare in Ottawa (K1A 0A4).

A program aimed at reducing violence in schools, prepared by the Montreal General Hospital's Department of Community Health, was implemented in some Montreal schools last fall, and is now available for use in other schools. Information is available from the Montreal General.

"What Do You Really Know about AIDS?" is the name of a widely-distributed pamphlet from the Quebec Department of Health and Social Services. It contains many questions and answers about this disease, as well as advice for parents on how to talk to children and teenagers about AIDS. Locals have been making use of these pamphlets, even though they have limitations. A number of school boards also have initiated information sessions about AIDS, particularly in high school Moral and Religious classes. Home & School locals may wish to ask for similar courses to be started in elementary schools.

From April 24 to 27 this year the GAZETTE presented a series on Youth Sexuality, with a classroom guide for teachers. Health facts and moral questions on this issue were designed to help teens face pressures and make difficult decisions. Moral and Religious Education teachers could make use of this material.

March 21st was the International Day for Eliminating Racial Discrimination, another problem highlighting our children's living in a global community. In some large school boards more than 50% of students are from so-called "ethnic" backgrounds, with numbers increasing each year. Perhaps H & S locals may wish to plan celebrations of this with special programs next year.

Susan Lussier and Mary Gurekas have done a fine job with publicizing activities about peace. The question of war toys was one main problem posed last year. The Lakeshore School Board, together with W.I.N.D., ran a contest for students to express their ideas about such toys to newspaper editors. Last June International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War held their 8th World Congress in Montreal. Included in their extensive program were workshops involving youth, medical students, Students Against Nuclear Extermination and International Peace and Justice Tour. A National Film Board production, "Mile Zero," is now available for schools and parents. This is a record of a cross-Canada tour of four young Montrealers to promote peace. Since it is of particular interest to high school students, Home & School locals may wish to borrow the video of this trip from the National Film Board. All schools in Lakeshore Board took part in the international PEAL FOR PEACE day last fall. The Canadian Federation of University Women sponsored an essay contest on WHAT I AM PREPARED TO DO FOR PEACE. While it is true that our children do not possess much political clout, it is also true that their being able to use language (reading, writing, speaking and listening) to express their fears, questions and feelings about peace may make it possible for them to change some things in a world which often seems bent on self-destruction. Parents and teachers have done much already, but our children are waiting for more "new directions."

Our committee wishes to thank the H & S people who put out the HOME & SCHOOL NEWS for their more than generous help in publicizing social affairs issues.

RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989
Submitted by Calvin Potter, Co-Chairman

Your Committee met several times during the year to initiate action and to monitor progress on a number of issues.

Law 101 Court Action

In the opinion of our legal counsel, the passage of time since the commencement of our court action against Law 101 had made our parent co-plaintiffs vulnerable to arguments pertaining to 'entitlement to sue'. The Board of Directors authorised the Committee to find new co-plaintiffs to supplement the existing ones. This proved to be more difficult than anticipated because the people we were seeking were not in normal contact with Home & School locals. Eventually we advertised in the newspapers, and that insertion generated some fifty enquiries. From this response our legal counsel selected ten candidates, all of whom have agreed to allow their names to stand. Legal counsel is now in the process of revising the factum and appointing a litigation lawyer to handle the court paper work. Our target date for filing is June, for a hearing in the fall.

We are disappointed with the Supreme Court decision released in March on the Régime Pédagogique. Anyone reading the decision will be appalled by the flimsy empirical base to the judgement despite the wealth of empirical data available. The Chairman of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards (QAPSB) denounced the decision when he appeared as a guest on station CJAD. Professor Y.B. Kelebay on the Faculty of Education, McGill University, assailed the decision on the opp-ed page of The Gazette on April 14, 1989, saying the Court erred on two counts. Obviously the issue should be re-heard. And our court case is an excellent vehicle for that.

Implication of Law 107 for School Rights

The School Reorganization Committee of QFHSA is responsible for the brief on Law 107. But the Rights Committee, concerned about the lack of availability of background material so that parents could see in perspective the issues raised in the brief about Law 107, initiated a project to provide such material. The Committee approached Mr. Harry Kuntz, Secretary of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education, last summer with the suggestion that he write a brief history of the development of the educational system in Quebec. He agreed, and by Christmas in collaboration with the Chairman of the Rights Committee a 39 page article was submitted entitled: "Whither the Protestant School System in Quebec". A foreword is to be written by Dr. John Simms, Chairman of the QAPSB, and we plan to make copies available to school commissioners and executive of local Home & Schools. An eight page synopsis is being prepared by Mrs.

Charlene De Conde, the editor of the QFHSA NEWS, and the plan is to run it as a centre page insert in the NEWS.

The Meech Lake Accord

At the 1987 AGM a resolution was approved calling for the abrogation of Section 59 of the Constitution of Canada before the Meech Lake Accord is approved by parliament and the provinces. In the summer of 1987 QFHSA prepared a brief in accordance with the resolution and submitted it to the Joint Committee of the House of Commons and the Senate. We requested to be heard, but were not invited. Subsequently we submitted briefs to the Senate Committee hearings on Meech Lake and to the Ontario Select Committee on the Meech Lake Accord. We were heard by both, and as the record of those proceedings indicate, QFHSA was the only witness to raise the issue of Section 59 -- the only voice to object to a cancer that is eating away at the basic concept of the Charter of Rights: the equality of all Canadians.

In the past year we have continued our fight for the abrogation of Section 59 and the immunization of Section 23 from the 'distinct society' clause of the Meech Lake Accord. In the light of our experience before earlier hearings we revised our brief and submitted it to the Select Committee of New Brunswick. We were heard on February 9th in Fredericton. We followed the day after the Quebec Liberal Party and we had the clear impression our message was better received. Unfortunately we apparently do not fit the agenda of the local Montreal media, so we received no local coverage regarding our message. But as you can confirm from the video of the proceedings, our message was understood and digested by the members of the Select Committee. We are not working in vain.

Since Parliament reconvened in April, the issue of Meech Lake is again in the news. In that context the Executive has written Prime Minister Mulroney again, recalling his comments of 1985, and asking that the abrogation of Section 59 be made a prerequisite condition for the universal approval of the Meech Lake Accord.

Finally in closing this report I wish to call attention to two matters. First, all the activities of the Rights Committee are financed from donations to the Rights Fund. We are indebted to those donors. Not one cent has been drawn from the operating funds of QFHSA since the Rights Fund was commenced in 1977. Second, we would not have been able to sustain this array of activities we have without the steadfast and conscientious participation of the members of the Committee; we are indebted to them.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (Elacc) - MEQ
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989
Submitted by Esther Wearing, QFHSA liaison

Elacc has covered many areas of concern to both teachers and parents this year. Report cards and reporting to parents has been of primary concern.

A sub-committee has been set up to put together a booklet for parents and teachers explaining the "New Language Arts Program". This booklet has been drafted in the form of a question/answer format. The committee hopes that this booklet will make parents more comfortable with the new program and that it will help parents communicate their concerns to the teacher with a better understanding of what is going on in the classroom. The booklet will be available from your school board in September.

Elacc recommends the following good books for primary grade children to read:-

The Grouchy Ladybug, by Eric Carle
The Secret Birthday, by Eric Carle
The Two Bad Ants, by Chris Van Allsburg
They Sought A New World, by William Kurelek

Elacc recommendations for articles for parents to read:-

"Reading and writing stories: Children creating meaning",
 by A. Elizabeth Franklin, The Reading Teacher, 1988.

"Writing: A window on children and their reading" by
 Gloria Blatt and Lois Matz Rosen, English Quarterly,
 Vol. 20, No. 2, Summer '87.

"Understanding stories through repeated read alouds: How
 many does it take?", The Reading Teacher, February '88.

Elacc continues to share concerns about the Language Arts program in the elementary grades. As your parent representative I would appreciate hearing from you about YOUR concerns and observations of your children in this new program. I have enjoyed my year representing you on this committee.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

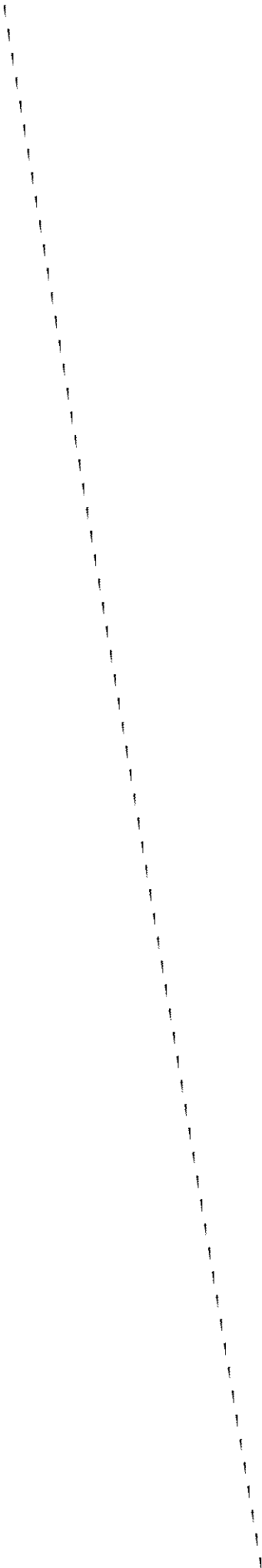
Submitted by Insurance Committee

The Committee recommends that we continue with the Reliable Life Insurance Company for the school year 1990/91 in view of their service and benefits, combined with a reasonable premium cost. The proposal recommended for the 1990/91 school year is Option A (\$5.50/student, \$3000 Life Insurance, \$500 dental work/tooth) and Option B (\$10.50/student, \$3000 Life Insurance, unlimited dental expenses/tooth¹ for 5 years and \$500/tooth until age 20, with greater protection for disability and/or loss of limb(s)).

At the 1988 Annual General Meeting we voted to accept the Reliable Life Insurance Company's plan for this coming school year (1989/90). Option A above is the same as the one we currently endorse; Option B is an improved dental, plus other benefits, plan. (Option B, as it now stands, has an \$8 premium cost.

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

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FACT/PAPT CURRICULUM COUNCIL

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1989

Submitted by Marguerite Dunlop, liaison

- I This year the council has continued to maintain liaisons with the various subject associations. In this way the Council, which gives annual grants to the associations, keeps abreast of their various activities and concerns.
- II The Régime Pédagogique was again a topic of discussion. Mr. Paul Vachon, Director General of the "Direction générale de l'évaluation et des ressources didactiques" of the MEQ, spoke to us about our many areas of concern -- e.g. publication of school board results; the steps the MEQ has taken to develop a "model" reporting system, etc.
- III A. The PEP (i.e. Program Evaluation Project) continued its work. In June 1988 the Social Studies Committee presented its report on Social Studies in Grade 3, and in April of this year, the Kindergarten committee presented its report.
- B. Two new PEP committees were struck -- one on Secondary Language Arts and one to evaluate the Canadian History Program.
- IV "The Curriculum Council News", the Council's newsheet, was again published this year, but the Directory of Resources is being dropped because of lack of interest.

The Curriculum Council continues to conscientiously fulfill its mandate of informing teachers about curriculum and acting as their voice in discussing curriculum with the MEQ .

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

to

THE CANADIAN HOME & SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION

Helen Koeppe, President

Membership and Membership Development

We have experienced a modest but encouraging increase in membership (and three new local Home & School Associations), plus an impressive increase in group affiliate members (school boards, teacher groups, etc.). Outreach, to off Montreal island parents, with workshops, theatre presentations and resource people is ongoing through the auspices of a grant from the Department of the Secretary of State, Canada (through their Official Language Communities Program).

School Reorganization

The new Education Act (Law 107) was passed December 23, 1988. Parts of the new Act are being implemented as soon as July '89. Portions of the act, re language school boards, are being submitted to the courts for a ruling on their constitutionality. The Ministry of Education realizes that educational rights in the minority language (English) must be clarified by the courts and are avoiding a challenge to the law in the courts by submitting the questions themselves. This will also save the school boards court costs.

Constitutional Accord 1987 [Meech Lake]

QFHSA sent a delegation to the February '89 hearings into the Accord, held in Fredericton, New Brunswick, to speak to our Brief. We urged uniformity of language of education rights across Canada as a prerequisite to signing the Accord. A video of the presentation has been obtained.

Teacher Appreciation Week, February 1989

Orders flowed in and materials were dispatched to the many local associations and schools (who learned about the project through the huge general mailing in Quebec to all H&S Associations, our Group Affiliate Members, the School Boards, etc., plus a large publicity campaign carried out by Marion Daigle). We even had a request from the teachers' federation of Nova Scotia. We send our "tip of the hat" to Sonja Anderson for her brilliant germ of an idea that has "mushroomed". The spores are well scattered nationwide. Bravo Sonja.

Children's Literature Project

An anthology of submissions from students in schools with a Home & School Association (limited this first year because of uncertainty of numbers) will be published and distributed at our April AGM. Prize winners are being selected by a province-wide group under the aegis of QFHSA Education Chairman, Ann Cumyn.

Mid-term Meeting of local Home & School Presidents

Turnout was so overwhelming that two groups, meeting concurrently on a Saturday morning in early February at our office, were able to discuss locals' problems and share possible solutions with QFHSA Board of Directors members. The lively dialogue continued during the pleasant shared informal lunch which followed. A second meeting, later on in the year, is more than likely.

Regime Pedagogique [curriculum] Court Case

A recent Supreme Court ruling on the Protestant school boards' court case has been a set back to the Protestant education community in Quebec. Section 93 of the Constitution Act supposedly guarantees the rights of minorities to manage and control their own schools and, therefore, to determine what is taught in those schools. The Supreme Court has ruled otherwise to our dismay.