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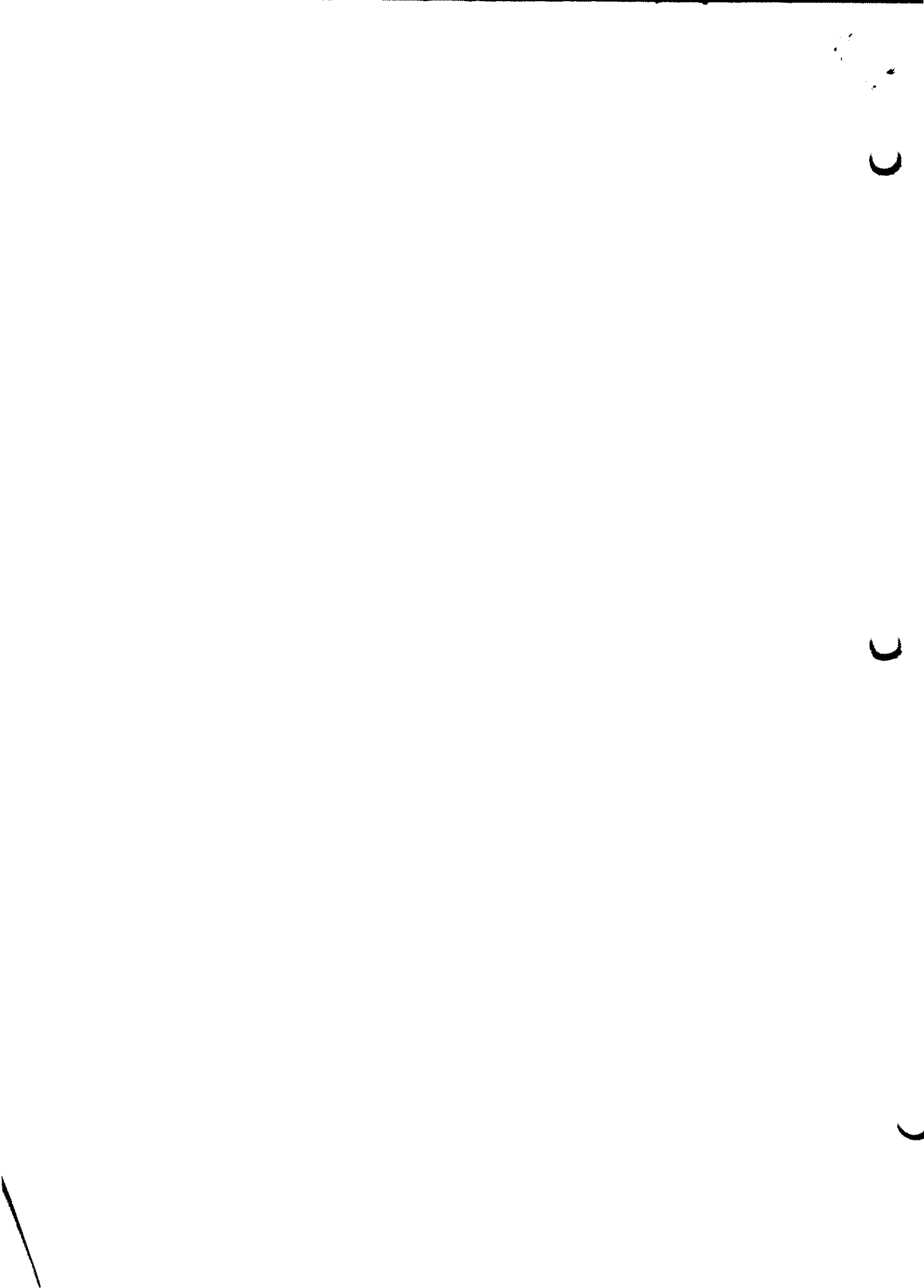


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MINUTES OF THE 43RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
HELD MAY 8 AND 9, 1987, ON THE LOYOLA CAMPUS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Registered and present during the two-day Annual General Meeting (AGM) were 75 delegates from 30 local Home & School Associations; 19 members of the Board of Directors, QFHSA (additional 7 board members were listed under their schools); 25 invited guests; 12 workshop leaders; 16 observers from our Group Affiliate Members and/or Individual Supporting Members. Total attendance 142.

Conference was officially opened on Friday morning, May 8, 1987, by the President, Mrs. Sylvia Adams. A Plenary Session, on "New Directions", followed. Panelists were Judy Magill, a professor from the School of Social Work, McGill University; Louise Delisle-Laberge, a guidance counsellor with the St. Croix School Board, and Graham Weeks, director of the Job Generation program, YMCA. The panelists represented, respectively, the family, the school and the community. Following a mid-morning break, there were three concurrent workshops, each led by one of the panelists.

Welcome and Introductions

The annual business meeting was opened at 1:55 p.m. by the president. The head table was introduced: Jon Percy, Recording Secretary; Winifred Potter, Parliamentarian; Barbara Milne-Smith, Acting Resolutions Chairman; Caspar Esselaar, Treasurer; Helen Koepe, Executive Vice-President.

The president welcomed the delegates and introduced some of the guests present: Barbara Milne-Smith, Central Vice-President of The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF) who was representing the President; Mary Bawden, President of the Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations; John Parker, Honorary President of QFHSA; Maureen Lindsay-Morris, President of the Lakeshore Teachers' Association; Jan Langelier, Vice-President of the LTA and President of Macdonald High Home & School Association; Elizabeth Leslie, Commissioner with the Lakeshore School Board; Don Ross, Director-General of the Richelieu Valley School Board; Tom Bean, Principal of Sunnyside Elementary School in Rock Island and past Paterson Award winner; Rod Wiener, Chairman of the South Shore Protestant Regional School Board, and a member of the Board of Directors of QFHSA; Ann Cumyn, Chairman of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education, and Education Committee Chairman, QFHSA; Murray Orlando, Head Teacher at St. Michael's High School in Low, Quebec.

Reminders from the president for the remainder of the afternoon. There is a lot of work to be done and we must all work hard. Read out the Guiding Principles for the work of our Federation. Our 1987 theme is "Footsteps into the Future". Our annual meeting is meant to review our actions over the past year and to lay the foundation for the coming year. Outlined some of the procedures with regard to the business meeting. Stressed our "no smoking" policy as Home & Schoolers.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors) / Amarica (Board of Directors) that Dr. Winifred Potter be appointed as parliamentarian. CARRIED

Credentials Committee

Val Carpenter, registration coordinator, reported that 25 associations were represented, out of 53 Home & School Associations in good standing. This is sufficient for a quorum.

Scrutineers

MOTION: Minto(Beacon Hill)/Wiener(Board of Directors) that Marguerite Dunlop and Jean MacDonald be appointed scrutineers. CARRIED

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Nickoletopoulos(Malcolm Campbell)/Langelier(Macdonald High) that the agenda be adopted, as circulated. CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes of 42nd Annual General Meeting (1986)

An error was noted on page 6, item 8.4 (Student Accident Insurance Committee Report), 1987/87 should read 1987/88.

MOTION: Peppy(Board of Directors)/Esselaar(Board of Directors) that the 1986 Minutes be adopted, as corrected. CARRIED

5. Business Arising from 1986 Minutes

There was no business arising.

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

President highlighted some sections of her report and updated some:-

- * Congratulated Membership Chairman, Carol Ohlin, for her hard work and for the increase in membership over last year.
- * Under Finances, we are still awaiting a reply from Mr. Ryan re our grant request for 1986/87. Have also just submitted a grant request to Secretary of State under Official Languages Communities Program.
- * Bill 101 Court Case - mentioned what a frustrating, learning experience this has been; saluted Calvin Potter, chairman of the Rights Committee, for his dedication and efforts in this area for ten years. One of the strengths of our organization is its continuity.
- * The office hopes to acquire a computer/word processing system in the near future.
- * Our brief on nursing/health care services in the schools was excellent. Marion Daigle was thanked for her hard work on this.
- * Touched on two conferences she had attended: "Future Directions in Education" and "Management of French Language Schools" and what a learning experience both had been. Copies of her reports on these conferences were available to anyone wishing to read them.
- * Annual Meeting of Canadian Home & School coming up shortly: Quebec delegates will be Sylvia Adams, Helen Koeppel, Nancy Peppy and Caspar Esselaar.

MOTION: Adams(Board of Directors)/Koeppel(Board of Directors) that the president's report be adopted. CARRIED

7. Financial Reports

7.1 Auditor's Report

MOTION: Esselaar(Board of Directors)/Lacey(Board of Directors) that the

auditor's report, for our year ended August 31, 1986, be accepted.
CARRIED

Treasurer clarified several points in the report. There were no questions from the floor.

7.2 Proposed Budget 1987/88 (Book of Reports, p.19)

MOTION: Esselaar(Board of Directors)/MacWhirter(Hopetown, Shigawake, Port Daniel) that the budget be adopted.

Budget is based on unchanged membership fee for families and for groups. A new item in the budget was the photocopier and its supplies and our hoped for computer and computer supplies.

Vote: in favour all; none opposed.

CARRIED

7.3 Finance Committee Report (Book of Reports, p.18)

MOTION: Esselaar(Board of Directors)/Peppy(Aylmer) that the Finance Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

Marion Daigle thanked the treasurer for his hard work both on our books and on financial statements. Applause.

Reports - Standing Committees, Liaisons

8.1 Membership (Book of Reports, p.20)

First recommendation: that membership fee remain the same.

Second recommendation: that the basis on which membership awards are given be changed (from number of families to number of students). Discussion re method.

MOTION: Ohlin(Board of Directors)/Auclair(Keith) that this report, and recommendations, be adopted.

CARRIED

The incoming Membership Chairman, Norma Rennie, past president at Windermere Home & School, was introduced.

8.2 Student Accident Insurance (Book of Reports, p.11)

Recommendations: that we accept Reliable Life student accident insurance for 1988/89 and that we offer both Option A and Option B for the 1987/88 school year.

MOTION: Esselaar(Board of Directors)/America(Board of Directors) that we accept the recommendations made.

CARRIED

8.3 Fall Conference (Book of Reports, p.7)

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

CARRIED

8.4 Constitution, Resolutions and Statement of Policy

8.4.1 Proposed Amendments to By-laws

Require 2/3 majority in order to pass.

Article II, Section 3(b)(11) (on page 5; refers to unit membership)
Change to read: (ii) Any individuals desiring to participate in, support and promote the objectives of Federation and who remit their annual membership fee directly to the Federation office.

MOTION: Daigle(Macdonald High)/Ohlin(Board of Directors) to adopt amendment.

CARRIED

Article II, Section 4 (on page 5; refers to Past Presidents and Life Members)

Change to read: 4.(A) All Past Presidents of Federation shall be Honorary Members of Federation, except the Immediate Past President who, as a member of the Executive Committee, is a full voting member of Federation.

4.(B) All Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation Life Members, residing in Quebec, shall be considered paid up members of Federation.

MOTION: Peppy (Aylmer)/Amarica(Board of Directors) to adopt amendment. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Article II, Section 6 (on page 5; refers to local Home & Schools)
Change to read: Applications for new Maintaining and Interim Member Associations must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION: Langelier (Macdonald High)/Ohlin (Board of Directors) to adopt amendment. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Article II, Section 7(a) (page 5; refers to voluntary dissolution of a local Home & School Association)

Change to read: (a) A decision by an Association to disband can only be taken by a two-thirds vote of members present at a General Meeting....

Discussion. Barbara Milne-Smith thought should be more than a simple majority vote. Vi Minto thought dissolution might indicate a lack of interest.

MOTION: Lacey (Board of Directors)/Colomb (Macdonald High) to adopt this amendment. (Vote: 1 opposed) CARRIED

Article V, Section 5 (on page 11; nominations to Executive Comm.)

Change to read: Subsequent nominations for Federation Officers may be made by a group of individual members, such nominations to be accompanied by the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) Members in good standing and indicating nominee's acceptance. These nominations from the membership must be received in the Federation office not later than two (2) weeks before the Annual General Meeting, shall be circulated to each Maintaining Association, each Area Council and each member of the Board of Directors, and shall be included on the official ballot.

Discussion: Perhaps two weeks wasn't sufficient. Another member questioned the need for 25 signatures; might be taken into advisement when making a future amendment.

MOTION: Milne-Smith(Board of Directors)/Amarica(Board of Directors) to adopt this amendment. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Article VIII, Section 3(b) (on page 13; procedures at general meeting)

Change to read: application for such privilege to be presented in writing to the Federation's Executive Secretary prior to the consideration of resolutions at the time scheduled on the agenda.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Peppy (Aylmer) to adopt this amendment. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Article VIII, Section 3(f) (on page 13; procedure at general meetings)

Change to read: Members of the Board of Directors shall have one vote each (i.e. even if they are an official voting delegate for their local association they still have only one vote).

Barbara Milne-Smith explained the rationale behind this change.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/America (Board of Directors) to adopt this amendment. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Article VIII, Section 4(b) (on page 14; refers to Board of Directors, QFHSA)

Change to read: One-third of the members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

MOTION: Daigle (Macdonald)/Sladen (Edinburgh) to adopt this amendment. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution to amend our Letters Patent

To delete the following phrase:

"which follow the course of study authorized by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Education."

Marion Daigle outlined background to this proposed change.

MOTION: Esselaar (Board of Directors)/Minto (Beacon Hill) to adopt this resolution. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Disposition of 1986 Resolutions (Book of Reports, pp.23-24)

Barbara Milne-Smith outlined some of the highlights of this report. Mentioned 86/4 SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST CHILDREN and the acceptance of children's testimony.

Also stated that our brochure (from 1985) on TEENAGE PARTIES: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND TEENS will be a part of an Alcohol/Drug Abuse Kit being prepared by CHSPTF.

1987 Resolutions

Barbara Milne-Smith outlined procedures for resolutions. Resolutions also appeared in April issue of our newspaper and were circulated to all local associations prior to AGM. Resolutions may be voted 'for' or 'against' or may be referred back to the Resolution Committee [tabled] for further study.

Resolution 87/1 THE LUNCH BOX PROJECT

Submitted by Edinburgh Home & School Association

MOTION: Joan Gross (Edinburgh)/Sue Sladen (Edinburgh) to accept this resolution.

Joan Gross outlined origin of project; a Challenge '86 grant provided funds for project undertaken by McGill dietician students. QFHSA President, Sylvia Adams, mentioned importance of good nutrition; Jan Langelier, President of Macdonald High H&S and V.P. of the Lakeshore Teachers' Association, expressed teachers' concerns about good nutrition for their pupils; thanked Joan Gross.

Vote on motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approximately 4000 copies of the booklet are available through QFHSA. President said she would take project to The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation. Winifred Potter, parliamentarian, suggested that a copy be sent to the School Council Island of Montreal (agreed to add them to "destinations"); promised to try to promote booklet there.

Resolution 87/2 ASSESSMENT OF WRITING SKILLS OF
SECONDARY V STUDENTS

Submitted by Secondary Language Arts liaison to MEQ

MOTION: Bonnie Hasan (Lachine High)/Carol Ohlin (Board of Directors) to accept this resolution.

Ann Cumyn, QFHSA Education Committee chairman, spoke in favour of resolution. English Language Arts committee felt that they already had a sufficiently diverse English program, the new language curriculum is just being put in place and government is not giving new program a chance. Lucy Fazio, Seigniory, thought students should take this examination. Ada Columb, Macdonald High, mentioned they had heard a teacher speak about it and the parents there were comfortable with new program. Jan Langelier, Vice-president, Lakeshore Teachers' Association, said that the students writing the French language test originally knew it was "not for real" and that this might account for poor results by students.

Vote on motion: Opposed - 3.

CARRIED

Resolution 87/3 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS
FOR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Submitted by QFHSA Bilingualism Grants Committee

MOTION: Marion Daigle (Macdonald High)/Anne Kiss (Board of Directors) to accept this resolution.

Marion Daigle outlined background to this resolution. Monies contributed to Quebec are for maintenance and development of English language education and English and French, second language instruction. Urged support of resolution; new 1988 Quebec/Canada agreements due for signing. Cal Potter, co-chairman, QFHSA Rights Committee, pointed out that the Meech Lake Accord means that provinces can opt out of financial arrangements; receive money and write their own guidelines.

Vote on motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 87/4 NEW CURRICULUM - FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Submitted by Macdonald High Home & School Association

MOTION: Anne Gagné (Macdonald High)/Carol Mitchell (Macdonald High) to accept this resolution.

Marion Daigle spoke in support of resolution; continuing problem in schools of lack of up-to-date textbooks suited to changing curriculum. We are behind in the English sector in the implementation of the régimes pédagogiques because of lack of teaching materials.

Vote on motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 87/5 ALLOCATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL NURSES

MOTION: Anne Kiss (Board of Directors)/Paulette Nickoletopoulos
(Malcolm Campbell High) to accept this resolution.

Anne Kiss outlined background to resolution; emphasized changes in role of school nurses over the years.

An amendment to the first "Be it Resolved" had been proposed by Edgewater Home & School Association - that the second part of this statement be deleted as follows:-

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that QFHSA urgently request that the Ministry of Health and Social Services increase the allocation of nurses to student population and furthermore increase immediately the nursing time allocated to schools classified as 'high risk', and

MOTION: Angelika Redahl (Edgewater)/Jessica Tertoolle (Greendale) to amend this resolution as outlined.

Edgewater spoke to amendment. All schools should have an increase in nurses. Suggested that if amendment were defeated 'high risk' should be defined in background of original resolution.

Vote on amendment. For - 3; opposed - remainder. AMENDMENT DEFEATED
Vote on original motion. Opposed - 1; For - remainder. CARRIED

Meeting directed QFHSA to approach the two ministers concerned and seek out meeting with them to discuss our brief. Marion Daigle thanked all those who had responded to our survey on nursing services in their school.

8.4.4 Additions to Statement of Policy (derived from 1986 resolutions)

QFHSA supports/endorse:-

Under EDUCATION to add:

24. The integration of peace education into the present school curriculum.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Daigle (Macdonald High) to accept this Statement of Policy. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Under SAFETY to add:

6. The obligation of parents to educate their children in road and public transport safety.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Cloutte (Keith) to accept this Statement of Policy. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Traffic Safety School Brigades in the schools. (86/2)

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Cloutte (Keith) to accept this Statement of Policy. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Under WELFARE to add:

14. The right of children's testimony being entered into evidence in cases of sexual offences against children. (86/4)

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Kiss (Board of Directors) to accept this Statement of Policy. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Editorial changes under EDUCATION - SYSTEM

7. Access to English Protestant schools within a reasonable distance, even in rural areas, for English speaking residents.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Amarica (Board of Directors) to accept reworded Statement of Policy. CARRIED

8. Maintenance of confessional school boards until the Canadian Constitution guarantees elected English language school board systems with administrative and pedagogical English language support systems.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Auclair (Keith) to accept reworded Statement of Policy. CARRIED

Editorial changes under MISCELLANEOUS

1. A Centre of Science and Technology in the province of Quebec.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Esselaar (Board of Directors) to accept reworded Statement of Policy. CARRIED

2. Review and disallowance of ministerial regulations by members of the National Assembly.

MOTION: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Esselaar (Board of Directors) to accept reworded Statement of Policy. CARRIED

8.4 School Reorganization Committee (Book of Reports, p.12)

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Cloutte (Keith) moved adoption of this report.

Marion Daigle outlined work done by this committee during past year. Two main issues: (1) active participation in CELE (Committee on English Language Education) and (2) problems of rural schools.

Introduced Murray Orlando, Head Teacher at St. Michael's in Low, Quebec, and also a member of the Assembly on Rural Schools. Mr. Orlando said the Assembly is asking MEQ for (1) moratorium on closure of schools in rural areas during 1987/88 and (2) comprehensive study of quality of education in rural areas, transportation, language programs and special education.

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Peppy (Aylmer) that these two resolutions [of the Assembly on Rural Schools] be directed to Resolutions Committee and Education Committee for study and that local associations be alerted to problem.

After discussion, the motion was reworded to read: Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Kiss (Board of Directors) that QFHSA accept the two recommendations of the Assembly on Rural Schools and that we further ask the Bilingualism Grants and School Reorganization Committees to examine the two recommendations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Nominations Committee (Book of Reports, p.3)

Names of those willing to stand for office were read: President - Helen Koepe; Executive Vice-President - Carol Ohlin; Vice-Presidents (two year terms) - Vi Minto, Marcus Tabachnick and Jessica Tertoolle.

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Walker (Board of Directors) that the proposed slate be accepted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Congratulations to those agreeing to let their names stand; sincere thanks

to Sylvia Adams, outgoing president, for her dedication.

8.7 Rights Committee

Our recent correspondence with Dr. Ralph Garber of the Canadian Council on Social Development re the Language Panel Committee bias was reviewed along with an overview of the Rights Committee work over the past 10 years. Only two MPs have actively supported our efforts to obtain federal financial support (through the Language Panel of the Court Challenges Program). Have spent \$85,000 to date; another \$25,000 would be needed to get to Quebec Superior Court level. Our eight year wait has resulted in the erosion of our co-plaintiffs entitlement to sue; need to find new co-plaintiffs; have asked Alliance Quebec if we can access their files of families with language/schooling problems.

Discussion with delegates of ways and means. Mary Bawden, President, Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations, said that they would help if asked.

MOTION: Potter (Board of Directors)/Amarica (Board of Directors) that the delegates accept the recommendation of the Rights Committee that they should continue on doing what they have been doing [trying to have our court case against Law 101 heard in court]. CARRIED

**8.8 Elementary Language Arts Consultation Committee/MEQ (Book of Rpts. p.22)
Esther Wearing, QFHSA Liaison**

MOTION: Lacey (Board of Directors)/Daigle (Board of Directors) to adopt recommendation made by liaison that QFHSA newspaper inform school community of new English Language Arts program. CARRIED

**9. Adoption of Remaining Reports
Safety/Transportation Committee**

Gaspé delegates wished to bring up problem that occurs with children getting off school buses on the highway. All buses do not put on yellow lights before they stop and use the "stop arm". Felt that perhaps all school bus drivers could be instructed to use their yellow hazard lights as a precautionary measure; would the Safety Committee look into this.

MOTION: Cumyn (Macdonald High)/Koeppé (Board of Directors) that we adopt the remaining reports en bloc. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10. Additions to Agenda
None.**

11. Date and Site of 1989 AGM

Suggestion made that we look for a new site for conference for 1989. Also remarked that the early May weekend (Mother's Day) was a bad time.

MOTION: Daigle (Board of Directors)/Esselaar (Board of Directors) that the AGM delegates empower the Board of Directors to select site and set conference fee (after consideration of budget) and date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1987-88

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

Helen Koeppe, President

If last year's agenda was exciting and thought provoking, this year's has been equally thought provoking and frustrating as well rewarding.

We achieved a break-through in financing and a set-back in the acceptance of our deployment of school nurses brief - a mere letter of acknowledgement. We managed to keep plugging away at our concerns about equality rights in education across Canada and have finished a thorough brief in response to Bill 107 - the proposed legislation to replace the Education Act.

Membership - Despite the fact that membership decreased slightly, full marks go to Chairman Norma Rennie for her efforts. The emphasis was on membership development off-island this past year, with workshops held in the Gaspé, Magog, Thetford Mines and Aylmer. Various members of the executive accompanied workshop leaders (not available locally) to these places in response to local needs. The projects were made possible by a grant applied for under the OLCP of the federal Secretary of State.

Finance - Grant submissions to the provincial government were finally answered. \$15,000 was received for 86/87 and a similar amount promised for the current year. The federal Secretary of State's office makes possible a great deal of our work promoting parent involvement, especially in the areas off-island. It was gratifying to be able to take Margaret Mitchell, MRE consultant of the LSB to the Gaspé; John Ryan and Ann Board of the Quebec Reading Association to the Eastern Townships and to Thetford Mines; and Prof. Baggeley to Aylmer to talk about the effects of television viewing on our children.

NEWS - This is the important vehicle for our message: that of improving the quality of life, social services and education for children in Quebec. The new editor, Charlene de Condé has introduced many changes gradually over the year and has made the NEWS more readable, exciting and informative. Many locals made use of the NEWS to report on their activities, thus sharing with parents across Quebec and across Canada since copies are mailed to all other provincial federations.

Constitutional Accord of 1987 - The Rights Committee presented a brief on February 29, 1988 in Ottawa to Senate Committee hearings into the Meech Lake Accord. They also presented a revised brief to the Select Committee of the Ontario Legislators on March 24, 1988, also in Ottawa. Concerns were expressed about the lack of uniformity in language of education rights across the country and about the varied interpretations given key phrases in the Accord.

School Reorganization - Bills 106 and 107 were given careful study by the committee (thanks to chairman Marion Daigle) and a strong brief was prepared following consultations within Quebec Federation and with other organizations involved with education in Quebec.

New Premises - We hope to have found a new home by May 7, 1988. Our lease at 2535 Cavendish was not renewable due to the ongoing expansion of a CLSC in the same building.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1987-88 (Continued)

CHSPTF - Quebec Federation was represented by four delegates (C. Esselaar, N. Peppy, Helen Koepppe and Sylvia Adams) in Moncton, N.B. at the Annual General Meeting, June 1987. Sylvia Adams, Past President of QFHSA, was elected Central Vice President and Barbara Milne-Smith of our Board of Directors, in addition to being elected Treasurer, was awarded a Life Membership.

The mid-term of CHSPTF held in December 1987 in Ottawa was attended by your Past President Sylvia Adams, President Helen Koepppe and Marion Daigle of QFHSA as chairman of both the Canadian Home and School Membership Committee and the Bilingualism in Education Committees.

Maintaining our affiliation with CHSPTF gives us a window on the problems and preoccupations of parents across the country. We can only benefit from the experience of sharing with others on a national level.

Liaisons - QFHSA has sent representatives to meetings of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards and to the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Home and School. In addition representatives were sent to special meetings of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council when invited.

QFHSA in return has benefitted from the attendance of Ann Cumyn, chairman of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council, Grace Hone, LSB Commissioner, V.P. of QAPSB and Ken Cooke, of the PAPT, regularly at our Board of Directors meetings.

QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

H. Koepppe

QAPSB Board of Directors meetings were attended by the president and in her absence were reported on by A. Cumyn (who was also attending as chairman of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education).

The major ongoing area of concern for the boards was the continuing negotiations with the MEQ regarding the funding of school boards [budgetary rules]. Draft brief on this topic was readied by mid-March.

Discussions on the proposed legislation re education (Bills 106 and 107) were also on the agenda at most meetings. Brief was prepared. A new committee was established to study and make recommendations regarding technical and vocational education in the Protestant sector.

The QAPSB presented a brief to the Senate Committee on the Meech Lake Accord and to the Select Committee of the Ontario Legislature both held in Ottawa and wrote a letter expressing its views to the legislature of New Brunswick.

New commissioners were invited to a very successful workshop in January in Montreal. Spring conference was held in conjunction with QASA at Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City in April.

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QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS (Continued)

Seven recommendations were made to the MEQ regarding QAPSB opposition to the collection of NOMINATIVE information on special education students by the MEQ. QAPSB is willing to turn over information to MEQ, but does not feel information should be tied to a name, i.e. anonymous.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: OFF-ISLAND WORKSHOPS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

Jessica Tertoole

Four off-island trips were organized to Magog-Gaspé-Thetford Mines and Aylmer. Workshops requested by Locals and sponsored by QFHSA, thanks to a grant from Secretary of State.

The topics covered were: Stress, Safety, Whole Language Learning and Media Awareness: Children and T.V. Members of the executive who were included in the workshops were: Helen Koeppé, President, Marion Daigle, Publicity, Marais Tabaechnick, V.P., Caspar Esselaar, Treasurer, Jessica Tertoole, V.P. and David Brodtkin, Sunnydale Home and School.

A lot of interest was created by these visits and considerable participation on the part of membership was generated everywhere.

QFHSA presented Home and School pins to local executive members and/or school principals, as well as books for school libraries.

We hope to "do" four more workshop trips during the next school year.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICES

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

Pat Lewis

It would appear that the many problems facing young people in Quebec have not changed in content, but have increased in number and extent. Health, safety, international peace and relationships within the family remain key questions which Home and School locals, as well as our provincial organization, are trying to address.

Alcoholism, drug abuse and smoking all require attention. Home and School has published a flyer on Teen-Age Parties, as a guide for parents and teens, and this information is now available from our office. Several groups have sponsored anti-drug campaigns; again, pamphlets are available. In the Montreal area DIAL-A-FACT has been set up as a phone line system to give information to callers on the hazards of drugs and alcohol, with numbers of 288-0800, or toll-free 1-800-861-4640. The Moral and Religious Education curricula of several school boards includes materials and resources on these problems. The CBC NEWSWATCH programs have helped as well.

National Non-Smoking Week was celebrated in January this year, and a number of organizations, including Canadian Home and School, participated in a drive to reduce the number of young people, particularly girls, who smoke cigarettes.

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICE (Continued)

Bill C-51, legislation to restrict the advertising of cigarettes, is still stalled in Parliament. At least, Quebec has passed a law making it illegal to smoke in most public places, including schools, except in designated areas. The Quebec Minister of the Environment has offered to help enforce this law in all municipalities. Most of our schools appear to have restricted smoking, but only a few schools are entirely smoke-free. As a health hazard, tobacco is one of the most obvious and dangerous. But, because the tobacco industry is still quite profitable, more work needs to be done by our locals to protect our students.

In September of 1987 school nurses were further restricted in schools in Quebec. The excellent survey undertaken by Home and School has been ignored, in spite of its warnings about the consequences of too few nurses in our schools. Loretta Danylo, who has joined our committee reports that more pressure should be put on the Montreal people responsible for allocation of nurses. Locals may write or call the C.S.S.S.R.M.M., 3725 St. Denis, Montreal H2X 3L9 (Phone: 286-5675).

Home and School locals are becoming increasingly aware of family violence and child abuse, as these problems are exposed more and more by the media. A rapidly changing society and the alternation of roles in the family have increased the risks to children. More and more the schools are being challenged to take over trying to find solutions, but our teachers need support from both administration and parents. Freyja Fischer has written an excellent report on her ideas as a new member of our committee, and our office may supply locals with a copy.

The 1987 United Nations' Year of Shelter for the Homeless was one which is intimately connected with the questions of peace education in our schools. Susan Lussier has done a fine job with publicizing materials and resources for such a curriculum in our Home and School NEWS. A number of schools report the formation of active peace clubs, and the celebrations of Peace Days and other activities have been widespread. Much remains to be done, of course, but Home and School locals should be proud of what they have been able to accomplish in the face of the growing and complex problems which beset our society.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988
Gisela Amarica, Chairman

Two suggested changes to QFHSA By-laws were made and brought to the Board of Directors meeting, January 23, 1988.

- 1) That monies given QFHSA in trust from a disbanded local association, have a time limit placed on them.

The Constitution Committee felt that no time restriction should be made.

- 2) That the number of Vice-Presidents on the Executive Committee be changed from 8 to 5 and the quorum changed correspondingly.

The Constitution Committee disagreed with changing number of Vice Presidents, but thought the idea of changing quorum from a fixed number to a proportionate number had merit.

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CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE (Continued)

The Board of Directors concurred with our recommendations regarding these proposed changes and you will be asked to vote on the following amendment:-

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.

A vote of at least two-thirds of the Federation membership present is needed to effect this change.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

Vi Minto, Chairman

Committee Members:

Board of Directors : Vi Minto, Vice President (Chairman)
Diane Lacey, Vice President
Caspar Esselaar (Treasurer)

Non-board Members : Wendy Buchanan (John Rennie)
Doris Brown (Keith)
Maryanne Mongeau (Dunrae Gardens)
Beverley Hayes (Gaspé)

Alternate : Frances Kalman (Lindsay Place)

The Nominations Committee, acting in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, met on January 20, 1988 to review the mandate and guidelines for the committee. On March 15, 1988 the committee met to consider and verify the credentials of those nominated. As there remained one vacancy for Treasurer, the chairman was delegated to call suggested names to recruit a nominee before April 30, 1988. Said name will be included by May 7, 1988, if received.

The names of those willing to stand for office were circulated to all local associations and will be voted on at the A.G.M. Those standing for office are:

Recording Secretary	:	Jon Percy
Vice President (2 yr. term)	:	Wendy Buchanan Ken Kalman Diane Lacey Nancy Peppy
Vice President (1 yr. term)	:	Beverley Hayes

**THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION
(CHSPTF) SUMMARY OF 1987-88 ACTIVITIES**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988
Sylvia O. Adams - Central Vice President, CHSPTF

CHSPTF's 1987 Annual Meeting was held at the University of Moncton, Moncton, New Brunswick. Nine provinces were represented, British Columbia being unable to attend. Particular highlights were the N.B. hospitality and becoming acquainted with the Acadian culture of our country.

Four resolutions were adopted; they concerned the attempt to prohibit the sale of beer and wine in grocery stores, the promotion of drug and alcohol abuse awareness, smoke-free schools for children, education rights and the constitution.

CHSPTF valiantly tried to convince Health and Welfare Canada to continue its sustaining grant to the CHSPTF. Health and Welfare professes to desire "health for all by the year 2000"; it particularly notes the importance of prevention and the role that education plays in achieving this goal. Despite this, Health and Welfare withdrew its miniscule sustaining grant from the very kind of organization that not only strives toward the same ends, but one that has the network, in place, that can reach the people Health and Welfare needs to reach in order to attain its objective.

Committees have been busy; their role is to coordinate activity and to advocate for changes at the national level.

Home and School was dismayed to be excluded from the National Forum on Post-Secondary Education, sponsored by the Secretary of State. This serious omission underlined the necessity of continuously have to advocate to have the "parent voice" included in the partnership that concerns itself with education.

Teacher Appreciation Week was the high priority undertaking of the year. It was extremely successful and will be more finely honed for next year. Parents, students and teachers had the opportunity to pause and enjoy each other and to say "thank you".

CHSPTF has been a "partner" amongst the educators planning an exciting "National Health and Social Issues Exchange '88", to be held at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, June 5-7, 1988. Twenty-four Home and School representatives from across Canada are invited to attend, expenses funded by Health and Welfare Canada. Subjects to be addressed are AIDS, Child Abuse, Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Your CHSPTF executive has worked diligently, and has contributed that necessary "parent" voice in the planning stages.

Mid-Term Meeting, Ottawa, Dec. 1987: dealt with a busy agenda plus meeting with (a) representatives from the Canadian Public Health Association regarding concerns of mutual interest, (b) National Health and Welfare officials/consultant re a National Drug Strategy, (c) Association of Universities and Colleges regarding post-secondary education matters, (d) the Ottawa Board of Education Literacy Coordinator, (e) President, Canadian Teachers Federation.

Plans are now well underway for 1988's Annual Meeting in Thunder Bay, Ontario. A superb workshop on literacy is being planned - subject to funding by Secretary of State. This will lead all Home and Schoolers toward a contemporary understanding of literacy, as we move toward the International Literacy Year, 1990. CHSPTF is an appropriate vehicle for this undertaking.

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**THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION
(CHSPTF) SUMMARY OF 1987-88 ACTIVITIES - Continued**

All Home and School members wear three hats - local, provincial and national. To do our job well, we must constantly remind ourselves that this is the strength of our organization.

ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE/ELACC

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

Esther Wearing, Representative

The ELACC has met four times to date. Two issues have been addressed this year. Spelling in the "Whole Language Program" and the need for a "Parent/Teacher" kit to explain the philosophy of the new Program to Parents.

Many articles were written and discussions were held on the issue of spelling. Parents are concerned that no formal teaching of words is being done in the schools. They are concerned with their child's lack of progress in this area.

Research shows that there is a marked improvement in children's spelling when taught the "Whole Language" way. More writing is going on in the classrooms today than ever before. Children are taking more risks with their writing and, therefore, initially making more spelling mistakes. These mistakes disappear when developmentally experientially the children are ready to self-correct between ages 11 - 12. Correct spelling is encouraged when their writing is intended for an audience other than themselves. This issue will be touched on in the Parent-Teacher Kit.

A sub-committee, consisting of myself, Gayle Goodman, Anne Trott and Wilma Pennefather, has been set up to design a kit for teachers and parents. This kit will try to help teachers communicate to parents the "philosophy" of the "Whole Language" program. The kit will stress the already important role parents have played in their children's whole language experience and how the schools are working, along with the parent, in promoting and strengthening these skills. The kit will be ready within a year. Stay Tuned!

SECONDARY LANGUAGE ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

Bonnie Hasan, Liaison

The Council has met five times this year, while several sub-committees met and worked continuously to gather information and provide feedback from other organizations, from the schoolboards, from the teachers and from the classrooms.

As the new Language Arts Programme is about to be put into use Provincewide, our members have been closely monitoring and developing the methods of implementation and evaluation, making sure that the teachers are comfortable with both the programme and the method of evaluating the programme.

At the same time, some of our other issues and concerns are - media in the classroom, copyright laws, the gifted, computers and language arts, Vocational Education and language arts, Individualized Paths for Learning, Oracy programmes and teacher re-training.

QUEBEC HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

Charlene de Condé, Editor

Many changes have taken place at the NEWS over the past year. After many years of service, which continued long after their children were no longer in school, both editor Dorothy Chant Hannah and layout artist Gordon Perry" retired from the NEWS. Their years of service meant the NEWS appeared on schedule and kept Home and School members well-informed about the issues which affected the education system in Quebec.

Theirs have been hard shoes to fill, but we have made a fairly smooth transition, thanks to the help of Donna Sauriol, who not only coordinates all the material that comes to the office and gets it to the right people, but also tracks down editorials, photos, additional copy. She edits, marks up late copy, stays up long hours proofreading and finalizes the paper. And she does all of this on top of her office duties. Donna deserves a lot of credit for the copy you see.

Diane Radu has done an excellent job coordinating "Focus on the Locals," which fills at least three pages of the paper each issue. It is one of the most important contributions because it's about you, the local Home and School members, and about the activities which H & S sponsors at your schools. Your copy has been interesting and filled with good ideas from which we can all benefit. Keep up the good work and send along any suggestions you might have. We always appreciate your input.

Other contributors include Gordon Robertson and Jon Percy, who often contribute editorials; Don Smith, Safety Scene, which keeps all of us informed about laws and information concerning health issues, road safety, anything that keeps our families safe; Susan Lussier, Peace column, a forum where ideas about peace, environmental issues, non-combatant toys and games of cooperation, rather than competition, are discussed.

In addition, we have editorial contributors like former president Sylvia Adams, Superior Council of Education delegate Ann Cumyn, as well as Helen Koeppel, H & S president, who shares her concerns with us in each issue.

Last but not least is Carol Ohlin, who quietly encourages us and suggests ways of making our job easier and our product better.

All these people assure us of a quality newspaper and as you read this it becomes clear that though it says Charlene de Condé, editor and layout, in the masthead, there is a dedicated group of people working together who really make the NEWS a success.

As the new editor, I have tried to add more photos to let others see themselves and I have tried to gather more current material to keep the NEWS readable and up-to-date. We now include reports from the Board committees and we would also like stories from the locals on teachers, H & S presidents and members who make your locals successful. And, as I said at the beginning, suggestions from our members and story ideas. The NEWS is for and about Home and School. Help us make it better and keep it informative.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1987

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988
Helen Koeppel, AGM General Arrangements Chairman

The 43rd annual general meeting was held May 8 - 9 at the Campus Centre on the Loyola campus of Concordia University. The theme of QFHSA conferences for the 1986-87 year was Footsteps into the Future.

There were 75 delegates present from 30 local Home & School Associations; 11 observers (Group Affiliate Members or Individual Supporting Members); 19 members from the QFHSA Board of Directors; plus invited guests and workshop participants. We were very pleased to have Mary Bawden, President of the Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations, attending our AGM.

The plenary session on Friday, May 8th focussed on New Directions in keeping with the theme of the year. A panel of speakers representing Home, School and the Community showed how positive action can be generated to help young people prepare for and adapt to change. The panelists then headed separate workshops following the plenary for the delegates interested in further discussion of the issues raised earlier in the plenary session.

The Friday afternoon business session highlighted annual committee reports, the 1987 resolutions, 1987/88 budget and election of officers. The Friday evening dinner featured the keynote speaker, Ms Sheena Hanley, president designate of the Canadian Teachers Federation, who spoke to the theme of the conference. Her address was later highlighted in the NEWS.

On Saturday morning, the kick-off session led by Sylvia Adams, QFHSA president, was followed by the presentation of the annual membership and newsletter awards. This was followed by four stimulating, concurrent workshops. The award luncheon on Saturday was the occasion for a presentation to 1987 Paterson Award winner, Don Barnes, formerly principal of Macdonald High School. The new executive of QFHSA was installed and outgoing president, Sylvia Adams was also honoured.

Special thanks go to the many Committee members without whose efforts this opportunity to meet together once a year to review, to revise and to reflect would not have been possible.

Sylvia Adams	Frances Kalman	Jon Percy
Betty Brunet	Diane Lacey	Sharon Robinson
Valrie Carpenter	Gordon McGibbon	Angelika Redahl
Judy Cloutte	Barbara Milne-Smith	Ann Trzcienski
Marion Daigle	Carol Ohlin	Nicole Walker
Anne Gagné	Gordon Perry	esp. Donna Sauriol

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988
Submitted by Ann Cumyn, Chairman

Most of the identifiable areas in education are being well looked after this year by our very capable liaisons with the PAPT-PACT Curriculum Council, English language arts committee, secondary language arts committee, etc. Your education chairman has consequently been contributing to QFHSA through participation in the School Re-organization Committee. It is essential to remind everyone that the bottom line in education is the child and that a major criterion in the examination of any projects to change the education system must be the effect of such change on the quality of education that each child receives.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988
Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith

In 1987 we had five resolutions. They all passed and were sent off as directed. The details of answers received will be found in the report under Disposition of 1987 resolutions. Since all of our 1987 resolutions were "action" resolutions rather than "policy" resolutions, no additions have been proposed for our Statement of Policy.

This year three resolutions for our 1988 Annual General Meeting were circulated on March 11th with a fourth, an emergency resolution re the proposed changes to the Quebec Education Act, to be circulated as soon as it is ready.

DISPOSITION OF 1987 RESOLUTIONS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988
Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith

Our resolutions were sent off, with explanatory letters, to their designated destinations. The following answers were received:

87-1 - Lunch Box Project

The Office of the Minister of Health and Social Services thanked us for our work in this area.

In September the [Montreal] Gazette had an article telling about this booklet.

It has been a very popular booklet and we have had requests for it from schools, colleges and health centres all across Canada, as well as from all parts of Quebec. Our stock is now almost gone but, so far, we have not found anyone to fund a further printing.

This resolution has now been forwarded to the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation for consideration at their 1988 Annual Meeting.

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DISPOSITION OF 1987 RESOLUTIONS (continued)**87/2 - Assessment of Writing Skills of Secondary V Students**

No reply was received from the Ministry of Education to our objections to this further "test". Assessments were carried out on French language students, but testing of English students appears to have been dropped, at least for now.

87/3 - Accountability for the Use of Federal Grants for Official Language Programs

We did not receive any answers to this resolution. The expiry date of the present agreement was March 31, 1988, and we again this year have a resolution pointing out loopholes in the accounting process.

87/4 - New Curriculum - Financial Services

Mr. Claude Ryan, Minister of Education, wrote to say that this problem will receive particular attention this year. He said a special effort would be made to ensure that more English materials will be available and he said he will closely monitor progress during the course of the year.

87/5 - Allocation and Deployment of School Nurses

Ms. Thérèse Lavoie-Roux, Minister of Health and Social Services, wrote to us to say her Department is in the process of elaborating comprehensive programs for the entire network including services offered in the schools. She told us she had submitted our brief to be considered in their deliberations. Her letter was reprinted in full in our February QFHSA NEWS. Mr. Claude Ryan, Minister of Education wrote us thanking us for bringing this to his attention. He is preparing a report detailing the situation and will try to see what measures all feasible to try to ameliorate the situation.

FOLLOW UP ON 1935 RESOLUTION**1985/7 - EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND THE CONSTITUTION**

We are still receiving replies from provincial premiers on this topic and have followed up with letters trying to explain their misconceptions regarding equality of language rights across Canada. QFHSA has also submitted position papers to the Joint House/Senate Committee, the Senate Committee of the Whole, and the Ontario Select Committee, to these committees' hearings on the Constitutional Accord, 1987 (Meech Lake). We were heard by the latter two committees, in Ottawa, early this year.

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
Proposed Budget for the Year ended August 31, 1989.
 (with comparative Budget Figures to August 31, 1988)

	<u>1989</u>	<u>1988</u>
<u>Incomes</u>		
1988/89 M'ships, Family - 5,000 @ \$9.	\$ 45,000	
M'ships, Groups, Schools - 60 @ \$35.	2,100	
M'ships, Groups, Others - 20 @ \$35.	700	
1987/88 M'ships, Family - 4,800 @ \$9.		\$ 43,200
M'ships, Groups - 90 @ \$35.		3,150
Interest & Miscellaneous	2,500	2,675
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	\$ 50,300	\$ 49,025
	=====	=====
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Affiliation Fees @ 80 cents (Families)	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,840
Affiliation Fees @ 10¢ (Groups)	330	315
Secretarial Salary, including benefits	23,220	21,656
Temporary Office Help	---	5,000
Rental, Offices, includes taxes	8,500	8,000
Administration & Insurance	2,850	2,600
Printing & Stationery	4,500	4,000
Telephone & Telegrams	2,500	3,879
Postage & Courier	4,000	6,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000	2,500
NEWS, Home & School [newspaper] (net)	18,000	20,500
Office Equipment & Maintenance	1,000	1,000
Conferences & Travel	2,500	5,000
Committees	1,500	4,000
Copier & Computer Supplies	2,500	5,000
Capital Equipment	2,000	---
Contingency Expenditures:	3,000	---
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	\$ 81,400	\$ 93,290
	=====	=====
<u>Amount Needed to Break Even</u>	\$ 31,100	\$ 44,265
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¹ Translation costs, preparation of briefs and unforeseen expenditures.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN EDUCATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1988

Marion Daigle, Chairman

Members of the Committee: Marion Daigle, Dr. Calvin Potter

1. The committee reviewed the Evaluation of the Official Languages in Education Program final Report received July, 1987. The report is not sympathetic to the concerns re funding for minority language education. The report refers to the 'excellent' system of education enjoyed by the English speaking minority in Quebec - compared to the struggle for educational services in French by the French speaking minority outside Quebec.

The protocol for the agreements on official languages in education expires on March 31, 1988.

2. In October, 1987 QFHSA was represented, along with representatives of other English speaking organizations, at the Secretary of State Regional Consultation on the orientation and objectives of the Secretary of State's Official Languages Programs - held in Montreal.

Concerns expressed by QFHSA:

- the lack of consultation by the provincial government with school boards and organizations concerned with the educational needs to be met by these funds, particularly for the English speaking minority.

- the lack of real accountability by the provincial government to the federal government re the expenditures of these monies.

- the definition of 'additional costs' as stated in the 1983 Canada/Quebec Agreement - based on false premise - language system rather than our present confessional system.

- particular concern about the drain of funding from the English language system to provide for second language instruction in French, particularly for French immersion (not recognized by the provincial government - yet English speaking students must pass French to earn a high school leaving certificate - the only system in Canada to have this requirement).

- It was an open forum of discussion but the subsequent report from the Regional Secretary of State office on this consultation did not express the depth of the concerns of those represented there.

3. Resolution 88-2 Accountability for the Use of Federal Grants for Official Language Programs

As a follow-up to its findings this year, the Official Languages in Education Committee has up-dated Resolution 87/3 for submission to the 1988 AGM.

In addition a similar resolution has been submitted to the 1988 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Home and School Parent-Teacher Federation by the CHSPTF Official Languages in Education Committee.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting 1988
Marion Daigle, Chairman

Assisted by Carol Ohlin, Executive Vice-President, Donna Sauriol, Executive Secretary, Calvin Potter, Chairman Rights Committee and Gordon McGibbon, Member, Rights Committee - a full year of activities evolved under Publicity.

QFHSA 1988 Theme:

STOP: LOOK and LISTEN - Promoting Parent Potential - a full range of publicity materials were prepared for schools and the media to promote the 1987 Fall Conference on Leadership and for the 1988 Annual General Meeting.

National Teacher Appreciation Week - February 7-14, 1988 - this first time project initiated by the Canadian Home and School and Parent Teacher Federation was highly successful. After a late start information for both schools and media was developed. Posters, buttons and the Idea File from CHSPTF were very helpful. It is expected that the project will become an annual affair and plans for 1988-89 should begin shortly after the CHSPTF Annual Meeting in June.

Rights Committee - publicity to our local associations, group affiliate members of the Quebec and Canadian government, the various media related to the QFHSA brief on the Constitutional Accord (Meech Lake) was circulated. In particular, NEWS releases and documentation were distributed concerning QFHSA's appearances at the Senate Committee hearing on the Constitutional Accord on February 29, 1988 and again at the Ontario (Legislature) Select Committee hearings on the Constitutional Accord on March 24, 1988.

Off-Island Workshops - publicity prepared for workshops and conferences held in Gaspé, Eastern Townships, Thetford Mines and Aylmer/Hull area during the school year.

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1988
Marion Daigle, Co-ordinator

The first Annual Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF) sponsored National Teacher Appreciation Week was held February 7-14, 1988. All local Home and School Associations, group affiliate members and other organizations interested in education were invited to participate in celebrating our schools by showing our appreciation to teachers, principals, support staff, etc. who are responsible for the education and well-being of our children.

Parents, students, school board personnel, etc. in various parts of the province took part and while an idea file was provided for incentive, each school found its own way in showing appreciation.

It is expected that the project will be repeated on an annual basis and next year should be even better. Many letters of appreciation were received from teachers, principals, school boards about this week. On the national level, letters of encouragement for the project were received from the Hon. Jeanne Sauvé, Governor-General and Honorary President of CHSPTF, Prime Minister Mulroney, The Canadian Council of Ministers, Canadian School Trustees Association, Family Service Canada.

BUZZELL AWARD COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1988
Submitted by Helen Koeppe, Chairman

Committee met March 16, 1988. Meeting attended by: Jon Percy, Carol Ohlin, Marion Daigle and Helen Koeppe. Regrets received from Charlene De Conde.

The Committee was unanimous in its choice of Caspar Esselaar to receive the 1988 Buzzell Award, to be presented at the AGM, May 7th.

QFHSA has been exceedingly fortunate to have had Caspar Esselaar to lead us through these challenging years. As the voice of fiscal responsibility combined with his unique good humour, he has exemplified the role of a parent volunteer and has given generously of both his professional expertise and of his time in service to the community.

PATERSON AWARD COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1988
Submitted by Sylvia Adams, Chairman

Committee met March 16th, 1988. In attendance were: Val Carpenter, Jessica Tertoolle, Marguerite Dunlop and Sylvia Adams, chairman.

The Committee met and reviewed several excellent submissions. After lengthy discussion, Patrick Baker was chosen to be 1988's recipient of the Gordon Paterson Award. The Greendale Home & School Association submission noted that Pat Baker's contribution extends beyond his own school, and that his positive attitude and constant encouragement have been an inspiration to parents.

LASALLE AREA REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1988
J. Cloutte, Area Representative

During the past year, Lasalle High School has been undergoing many changes.

In September Mr. R. Eggleton, Principal, began introducing positive steps to help attract students to Lasalle High. An excellent booklet outlining programs, facilities, and special resources was prepared and distributed.

Keith School has had two very successful fund-raising events, the bazaar in November and the chocolate bar drive in March. All proceeds were used to provide field trips, and other extras for the students.

A large group of parents have been participating in all events held in the school.

Lasalle High, Cecil Newman and Keith Elementary Schools have contributed news on a regular basis for the Home and School column which has appeared fairly regularly in the local paper.

MEMBERSHIP

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988
Norma Rennie, Chairman

<u>Membership</u>	<u>March 31/87</u>	<u>March 31/88</u>
Associations submitting membership lists	49	43
Associations which have not submitted lists	4	3
Number of Family Memberships through a H&S local	4,828*	4,515*
Supporting Members who have not joined through a H&S local	42	50
Group Affiliate Members	86	76

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

1987/88 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

This year's membership awards were based on student enrollment.

	<u>%</u>	<u>Membership Chairman</u>
<u>On Island Elementary Schools</u>		
Beacon Hill Elementary	58	Pat Stagg and Lauren Sullivan
Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield	58	Marilyn Tooley
Courtland Park (Dorval)	54	Judy Stanway
Elizabeth Ballantyne	51	Carol Porteous
<u>Off Island Schools</u>		
Hopetown-Shigawake-Port Daniel	34	Bertha Hayes
Baie Comeau	31	Barbara Rioux
<u>Secondary Schools</u>		
Macdonald	24	Beverly Moore
Lindsay Place	23	Roslyn Karpman
<u>Special Mention</u>		
Christmas Park Elementary		Pam Schneider
Dunrae Gardens Elementary		Amy Howick
New Carlisle High		Starr Sinclair
Valois Park Elementary		Peggy Thomas
Windermere Elementary		Barbara Johansen

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Family Membership Fee for 1988/89 be \$9.00 as voted upon at the Board of Directors meeting on March 19, 1988.

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

Sylvia Adams, Chairman

Members: Marion Daigle, Nancy Peppy, Helen Koeppe (ex-officio)

1987/88 Priorities:

1. Proposed Legislation - Bills 106 and 107
2. Assembly of Rural Schools
3. Committee for English Language Education

Bills 106 - 107 - tabled in the National Assembly on December 15, 1987.

January, 1988 - QFHSA struck a sub-committee to study the bill and its implications for the future of education in Quebec. Three areas of concern were identified for careful study: parent participation (orientation committees), powers of the Minister of Education, confessional school boards - language school board. At the time of writing this report the sub-committee is preparing a brief for submission to the Parliamentary hearings in Quebec, to be held after April 15, 1988. The brief and possible emergency resolution to be ratified at the 1988 Annual General Meeting.

Members of the sub-committee - Marion Daigle, Calvin Potter, Rod Wiener, Gordon Robertson, Ann Cumyn, John Parker, Carol Ohlin, Helen Koeppe (ex officio).

Assembly of Rural Schools - Nancy Peppy, Liaison from QFHSA, Off Island V.P.

The Assembly of Rural Schools first began in April, 1987 with concerned parents, educators, community members and administrators gathering in Low, Quebec to discuss the quality of rural schools and their very existence. The Committee that was formed at this Assembly then met later in April to ratify two main resolutions, one requesting a moratorium on the closure of rural schools and the second, that the MEQ undertake a comprehensive study on the quality and availability of education in rural schools. These resolutions as well as a petition were presented to Claude Ryan. As yet no reply has been received. The assembly then sent representatives to QFHSA's 1987 AGM, the FCPQ's 1987 AGM in Cap Rouge, as well as the "Colloque" sponsored by the MEQ in Tadoussac, Oct. 1987. The Assembly, although small in number has been very busy and should be given much credit for all the work they have accomplished. They have held regular meetings, the last being in Campbell's Bay March 19, 1988, where the "rural point of view" on Bill 107 was discussed. They have, however, agreed that even with a membership drive presently underway they have much to consider with respect to their future growth, whether to continue as an individual organization or to combine with another, such as QFHSA, in order to become more vocal and effective.

Committee for English Language Education (CELE) an umbrella group of educational organizations interested in English language education.

Fall-1987 - the committee had 3 priorities: Demographics and Pedagogy; Second Language Instruction; Social Services in Schools.

January 1988 - the above concerns were tabled until after consideration of Bills 106 and 107.

At the time of writing this report no clear position or concensus has been formulated on the main issues contained in the proposed legislation.

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SCHOOL REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

Members of CELE are:

Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations
 Alliance Quebec
 Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards
 Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers
 Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers
 Quebec Association of School Administrators (Protestant)
 Quebec Association of Catholic School Administrators
 Quebec Association of Protestant Directors-General
 Association of Directors of English Education
 Faculty of Education - McGill University
 Federation of Parents Committees of Quebec - Anglophone sector
 English Speaking Catholic Council

QFHSA members attending: Helen Koeppe, Sylvia Adams, Marion Daigle

PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARD OF GREATER MONTREAL

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

Valrie Carpenter, Liaison P.S.B.G.M.

The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM) held public monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month. This year simultaneous translation was provided for Francophone parents. Public elections were held for the 15 commissioners who sit on the Board.

This year various parents voiced their concerns to the Board during a question period. They expressed dissatisfaction over the school board elections, overcrowding at Ecole Secondaire Van Horne and requested a French language high school west of Decarie.

Approval by the commissioners was given to the following research projects:

- a) Reasoning Skills in Children Aged 8-10
- b) Reading and Spelling Skills of French Immersion Children
- c) Values and Sex Education in Secondary Schools

Again the charge for noon hour supervision of bused children was discussed and there is to be no change in the policy for the coming year.

This year teachers from Meadowbrook School presented an overview of the Pilot Program for Gifted and Talented Children based on the Renzulli Enrichment Triad Model to the Board and the observers who were present at the February meeting.

LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL
REPORT TO QFHSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MAY 7, 1988

The Lakeshore Regional Council (LRC) is composed of Home and School Presidents (or their designates) from local Associations 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 and if necessary take action on educational issues of common concern. The Council also provides a means whereby members can keep up to date on important issues in education, such as educational reorganization. Equally importantly, the Council provides a forum for presidents to exchange information and ideas about programs and activities of local associations. The "local exchange" portion of each meeting gives presidents an opportunity to compare notes on their local successes and failures in programming and fundraising.

The Executive during the past year were:

President.....	Jon Percy
Vice-president.....	Gordon Robertson
Vice-president.....	Margo Herron
Vice-president.....	Norma Rennie
Secretary.....	Barbara Paschalidis
Treasurer.....	Sally Poirier

During the past year the Council met approximately every 6 weeks. Attendance at meetings has been good, usually 15 to 20 members. The enthusiasm and interest of the members continued at a high level. Special guest speakers included Helen Koeppé, President of QFHSA, and Tom Merson of the West Island Education Foundation. A panel consisting of Joel Hartt, chairman of the Lakeshore School Board, Jan Langelier of the LTA, and Marion Daigle of QFHSA and Anne Cumyn of the Protestant Committee of the superior Council of Education presented a stimulating discussion on Bills 106 and 107, dealing with school reorganization. This provided presidents with an excellent opportunity to learn more about the potential impacts of the new legislation and to voice their concerns.

On March 3rd the Council presented a special Canadian Home and School and Parent Teacher Federation plaque to Gordon Robertson for his long and outstanding service to education in the West Island community. The presentation took place at a well attended reception hosted by Valois Park Home and School Association. In addition to presenting the plaque, the Council forwarded a substantial sum of money, donated by Gordon's many friends and admirers, to the CHSPTF Trust Fund. This will be used

to further the important work of the Federation in promoting education and the wellbeing of children and youth throughout Canada.

The Council also participated in an abortive attempt to establish a comparable council within the PSBGM area. This is a worthwhile endeavour and efforts to form such a group should continue in spite of the initial disappointing setback.

Looking back I think that I can conclude that it has been a successful year for the Council. It 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 Lakeshore Presidents 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

MRE (Moral and Religious Education) COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1988
Submitted by Betty Lou Manker, Chairman

Activities this past year consisted mainly of representing this committee at Federation meetings, and other conferences where it was important to have the presence of a QFHSA representative. This convenor continues to represent the Federation through liaison with the MEQ's Moral and Religious Education office, the United Nations and other groups.

Activities at the local level consisted primarily of coordination of school safety patrols programmes, and encouragement of such a programme which contributes to the moral development of children. An annual Church parade is organized in order to bring together representatives of the Church, school, pupils, parents, and representatives of concerned organizations, including Home & School Associations, which sponsor the programmes.

As requested in the QFHSA newspaper, MRE concerns may be directed to this convenor.

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1988

Diane Lacey, Conference Chairman

The Fall Conference was held at Lindsay Place High School, Pointe Claire, on Saturday, October 17th, 1987, with the theme "Promoting Parent Potential." The President, Helen Koeppe, began the day's events and set us on the right track with her opening remarks: "On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!"

Replacing the traditional Plenary Session was an additional set of workshops since this "hands-on" information seemed to be preferred by participants. Reports of the workshops appear in the November 1987 issue of the Home & School NEWS:

- Workshops I:
- 1) Presidents: Make YOUR Home & School Work
Jessica Tertoolle, Doris Brown
 - 2) Effective Communication with Children - STEP
Pamela Normandin
 - 3) School Committee/Home & School: Complementing Each Other
Stephanie Stubbs, Angelika Redahl
 - 4) Looking after the Books - Dollars and Sense
Anne Gill
- Workshops II:
- 5) Taking Minutes: It's a Science!
Jon Percy
 - 6) Problem Solving: How to voice your concerns effectively
Sylvia Adams
 - 7) Use the Home & School NEWS to put YOUR school on the map
Charlene de Condé, Diane Radu
 - 8) Make a mint for your school: Spend it wisely
Susan Curtin, Nancy Peppy
- Workshops III:
- 9) Parent Power: Making YOUR Child a life-long reader
John Ryan, Pat Shupe
 - 10) Depression in Adolescents
Linda Ryan
 - 11) Peer Pressure and Parents
Mike Kropveld

Attending were approximately 80 delegates representing more than 30 Home & School local associations, as well as 20 members of the QFHSA Board of Directors, and about 25 participants from 12 Group Affiliates, including 5 representatives of the First Nations Education Council.

Hospitality was provided by the Lindsay Place High Home & School, and muffins were donated by Christmas Park and Dunrae Gardens Home & School Associations.

Displays were University Scholarships of Canada, Parfait Fund Raising, Prestige Fund Raising, Sunsweet Fund Raising, Livres BABAR Books, Photo-Art, and MacGregor Meats. Conference photographs were donated by Photo-Art.

The Conference organizing committee included:

- General Arrangements - Diane Lacey
 Displays - Caspar Esselaar, Diane Lacey
 Hospitality - Frances Kalman, Roslyn Karpman, Marci Paci
 Program - Helen Koeppe, Diane Lacey, Jessica Tertoolle
 Publicity - Marion Daigle
 Registration - Ann Cumpn, Vi Minto, Nicole Walker
 Kits - Gordon McGibbon

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1988
Submitted by office

Recommendation: that we accept Reliable Life Insurance Company's Student Accident Insurance policy for 1989/90 with the same terms we accepted at our 1987 Annual General Meeting for school year 1988/89. This policy included both Option A (\$3.50/student, \$1000 Life Insurance, \$500 dental work/tooth) and Option B (\$6.00/student, \$1000 Life Insurance, unlimited dental expenses/tooth for 4 years and \$300 dental work/tooth after 4 year period).

OFFICE SERVICES COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1988
Submitted by Marcus Tabachnick, Vice-President

In February of 1988 we were informed by our landlord, FDL Company Ltd., that the lease for our current office at 2535 Cavendish Blvd., Suite 212, would not be renewed. Several other tenants also located on the second floor of 2535 Cavendish, were similarly informed.

FDL had four office spaces available, all located on Cavendish Blvd., just north of our present location. It was felt that if we could conclude satisfactory arrangements with FDL for one of these offices, that it would cause the least amount of disruption. After several visits by various members of the Executive to each location, we came to a verbal agreement with FDL for one of them.

While the lease has not yet been signed, most of the details have been worked out. Effective July 1st, 1988, the new address of QFHSA will be 3285 Cavendish Blvd., Suite 562.

All other aspects of the QFHSA office continue to operate in a most efficient and effective manner due to the outstanding effort put forth by Donna Sauriol, our Executive Secretary.

GASPE AREA REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1988

Anne Macwhirter, Area Representative

Our three local organizations joined together in New Carlisle on September 30th to hold an Area Conference with visitors from QFHSA and special speakers Margaret Mitchell (Lakeshore School Board), Faye Griffiths (area nurse) and Jim Sullivan (Ministry of Education). Our three locals continued on throughout the year to do many things for our schools.

NEW RICHMOND

Faithful volunteers continue to serve soup and light lunches to students at noon hour. A Santa Claus suit was bought in '87 and Christmas treats were given to all students.

In February, parents showed their appreciation to teachers by giving them balloons, corsages, home baking and a free two hour noon break so that all teachers could have lunch while parents supervised at school.

A public speaking contest will take place in May and perhaps a regional contest will be held for all schools who participate locally.

NEW CARLISLE

As in past years, regular monthly meetings also included programs for parents to enjoy and learn about topics such as: drug awareness, Christmas crafts, student quiz, CASA information session, Feeling Yes/Feeling No program.

Reading Week, with its annual Book Fair, was celebrated in February. A record number of books was sold enabling us to purchase over \$1000 worth of new books for our library.

Teachers were treated to home baking and recess snacks during Teacher Appreciation Week. The school board members joined the NCHS staff for lunch on Friday. Buttons depicting the theme "We Love Our Teachers" were presented to Director General Lynden Bechervaise and School Commissioner Chairperson Fern Howatson by Area Rep. Anne Macwhirter.

HOPETOWN/SHIGAWAKE, PORT-DANIEL

A "Bits & Bites" newsletter was composed in March and distributed to the parents. It featured "A" teacher, news, famous sayings and future projects.

Some meetings featured special programs such as "Feeling Yes/Feeling No" with guests Faye Griffiths (school nurse) and social workers Faye Hussy and Nicole Brideau. Information sessions were given by Director General Lynden Bechervaise on Bills 106 & 107; Kenny Ward on Adult Education and an RMCP officer on the topic of drug abuse.


Teachers were saluted during Appreciation Week by gifts of corsages (compliments of Laurie Hayes). Both schools were treated to baked goodies and a luncheon put on by the parents. The Baby Picture contest winner was Mrs. Bertha Hayes.

Once again, you can see that Home & School is alive and well on the Gaspé Coast.

REPORT TO THE 1988 A.G.M. - QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Submitted by: Donald Smith
Chairman, Transportation/Safety Committee

- 1.-Comité provincial de concertation des programmes de sécurité routière en milieu scolaire. (This committee brings together many groups interested in road safety at the school level. Among the members of the committee are the M.E.Q. (Quebec's Ministry of Education), the R.A.A.Q. (Quebec's Automobile Assurance Board), several police forces, parents' groups, including Q.F. H.S.A., etc.). Attended four (4) meetings, alternating between Quebec City and Montreal, except for one meeting held at the Institut de Police du Québec in Nicolet.
 - 2.-Attended and participated in four (4) meetings to set up a workshop in Victoriaville regarding road safety at the school level. Also attended and participated in the workshops held in Victoriaville on March 26th, 1988.
 - 3.-Attended and participated in two (2) meetings in preparation for a similar workshop to be held in the Trois-Rivières area in the Fall of 1988.
 - 4.-Attended and participated in a committee set up to look at, study and draw up recommendations for a comprehensive and complete programme for the education of school bus drivers.
- Note: Items 2, 3, and 4 are directly and/or indirectly related to item 1.
- 5.-Visit to Andrew Stuart Johnson Memorial High School (Thetford Mines) on March 25th, 1988, at the request of the local H&S, to talk to the elementary and high school children on road safety. An evening session with the parents was also held.
 - 6.-Continued contributions to SAFETY SCENE (Q.F.H.S.A. News).
 - 7.-Attended church service of safety patrollers at St. Mary's in Kirkland on May 3rd, 1987.


Donald Smith

RIGHTS COMMITTEE

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Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1988

Elizabeth O'Connell, secretary

In follow-up to the AGM 1987, a motion was passed by the QFHSA Board of Directors at the May meeting, registering opposition to the terms of the agreement in the Meech Lake Accord. The motion was brought to the annual meeting of The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation where it was passed as a resolution.

Within the time constraints required, the committee submitted a brief in July 1987 to the Special Joint Committee [Senate and House of Commons] on the 1987 Constitutional Accord, but we were not invited to be heard. This brief was also submitted in February 1988 to the Committee of the Whole of the Senate of Canada on the 1987 Constitutional Accord and we were heard on February 29, 1988, in Ottawa.

On the basis of information gathered from the Senate Committee hearings we revised our brief and submitted it to the Ontario Select Committee on Constitutional Reform on the 1987 Constitutional Accord. We were heard (in Ottawa) on March 24, 1988.

On April 18, 1988, the co-chairman of the Rights Committee, Calvin Potter, was a guest of Joe Cannon, CJAD. The subject discussed was the effects of the Meech Lake Accord on minority language educational rights in Quebec.

In September 1987, we held a meeting with the executive of Alliance Quebec to explore the possibility of a coalition of opposition to the Meech Lake Accord and the possibilities of using their facilities to access new potential co-plaintiffs in our court action against Bill 101. The problem of entitlement to sue, because of the passage of time, has been a source of concern for the committee and we are in the process of drafting an advertisement in this regard. We are also seeking external financial assistance in this search.

While continuing in its work to forge ahead on QFHSA's court challenge to Bill 101, despite obstacles, the Rights Committee of QFHSA acts as a constant watch-dog in its efforts to protect from further erosion and, in fact, to regain constitutional minority language educational rights for our children and the future parents of children in our educational system. The most precious thing we can hand down to them is our inherited rights and as events in Quebec in the last ten years have illustrated, these rights can no longer be taken for granted.

Committee Members: Calvin Potter and Rod Wiener, Co-chairmen; E. O'Connell, Secty; Marion Daigle, Publicity; S. Adams, C. De Conde, S. Drake, J. Ellingsen, G. McGibbon, B. Milne-Smith, C. Ohlin, and Helen Koeppel, President, QFHSA, ex-officio.

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QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

to

THE CANADIAN HOME & SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION

Helen Koeppel, President

Membership and Membership Development

Despite the priority placed on increasing membership and the desire to measure up to the CHSPTF 87-88 goal of increasing membership in each province by 5%, we decreased slightly. QFHSA put extra emphasis on off-island (outside Montreal Island) membership development this year by sponsoring visits to the Gaspé, to Magog in the Eastern Townships, Thetford Mines, and the Aylmer district by members of the Executive and workshop leaders not locally available. We were able to do so by applying for and receiving a special grant from the Secretary of State through the OLCF (Official Languages Communities Program).

School Reorganization

Since slightly before Christmas 1987, when the bills were released for study, Quebec Federation has been involved in consultation with other organizations involved in education and within the Federation to determine what should be the response of our parents to:

Bill 106 - An act respecting school elections

Bill 107 - Proposed legislation to replace the Education Act

A brief has been prepared by the committee under the chairmanship of Marion Daigle and will be presented to delegates to the QFHSA Annual General Meeting, May 7th for comment and additions before presentation to the provincial government commission in mid-May. In brief, these bills are designed to change our present denominational system into a linguistic one.

Meech Lake Accord

QFHSA presented a brief to the Senate Committee hearing representations regarding the 87 Canadian Constitutional Accord, in Ottawa in February, and also to the Select Committee of the Ontario legislature regarding the 87 Constitutional Accord in March (also in Ottawa). We are concerned that there is not equality of rights regarding the language of education across Canada. Section 23 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Section 59 of the Constitution 1982 are the specific targets of our concern, as are the varied interpretations given various sections of the Accord.

Teacher Appreciation Week

The recognition was well-received by all teachers fêted by our local associations. The good word spread fast, and next year, with all the first year "bugs" out of the way, promises to be an eagerly anticipated event, an "early spring tonic" for our hard working conscientious profs.

QFHSa - Helen Koeppe - Continued

CHSPITF AWARD

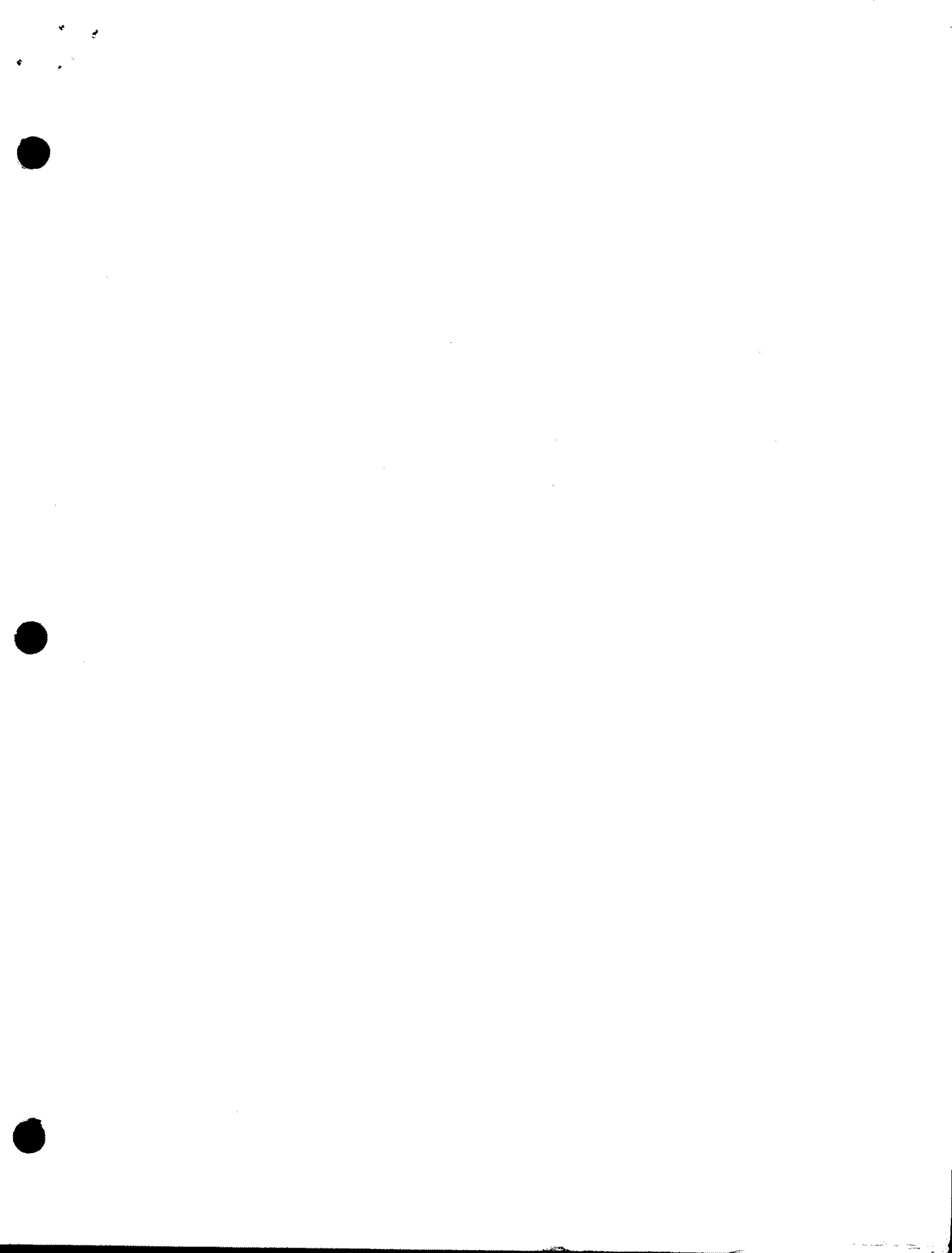
QFHSa was very pleased to honour Gordon Robertson, a long time friend of Home & School in Quebec, with the CHSPITF Plaque at a social evening held March 3rd. Attending were Gordon, his family and his many friends from Home & School, his church and his community. The heartfelt tribute to Gordon also raised approximately \$1500 for the Canadian Home & School Trust Fund - to be used for the benefit of children all across Canada. QFHSa also thanks Marion Daigle for organizing this wonderful event.

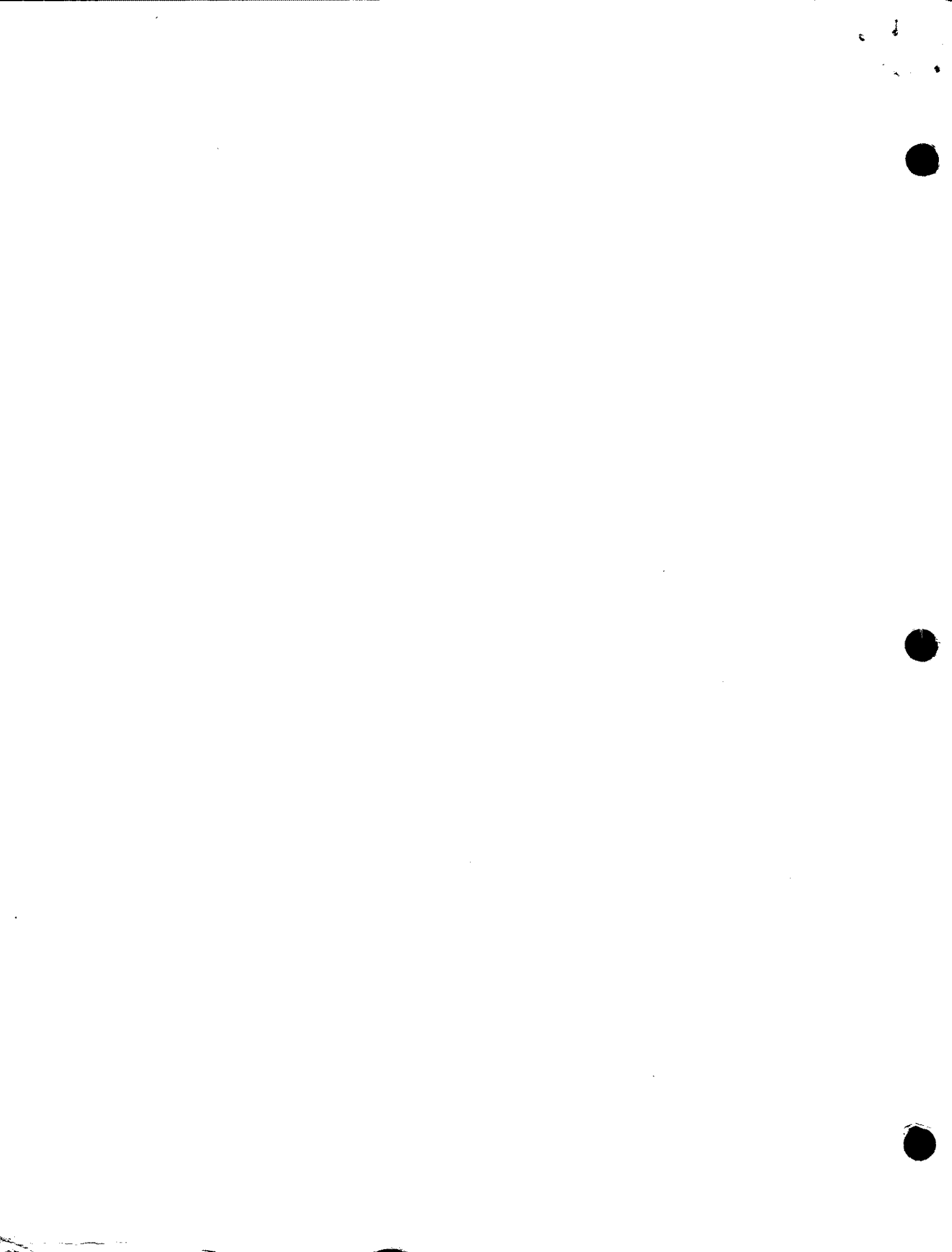
BRIEFS

New premises - necessary. Lease not being renewed as our space needed by an ever-expanding community health organization (CLSC).

Deployment of School Nurses - excellent brief received only a disappointing letter of summary response from the Minister responsible for Health and Social Affairs.

Quebec Reading Association - a very cooperative participant in both our Fall Leadership Conference and in our off-island workshops. Promoting good reading habits early in life is a message well-worth imparting to parents.







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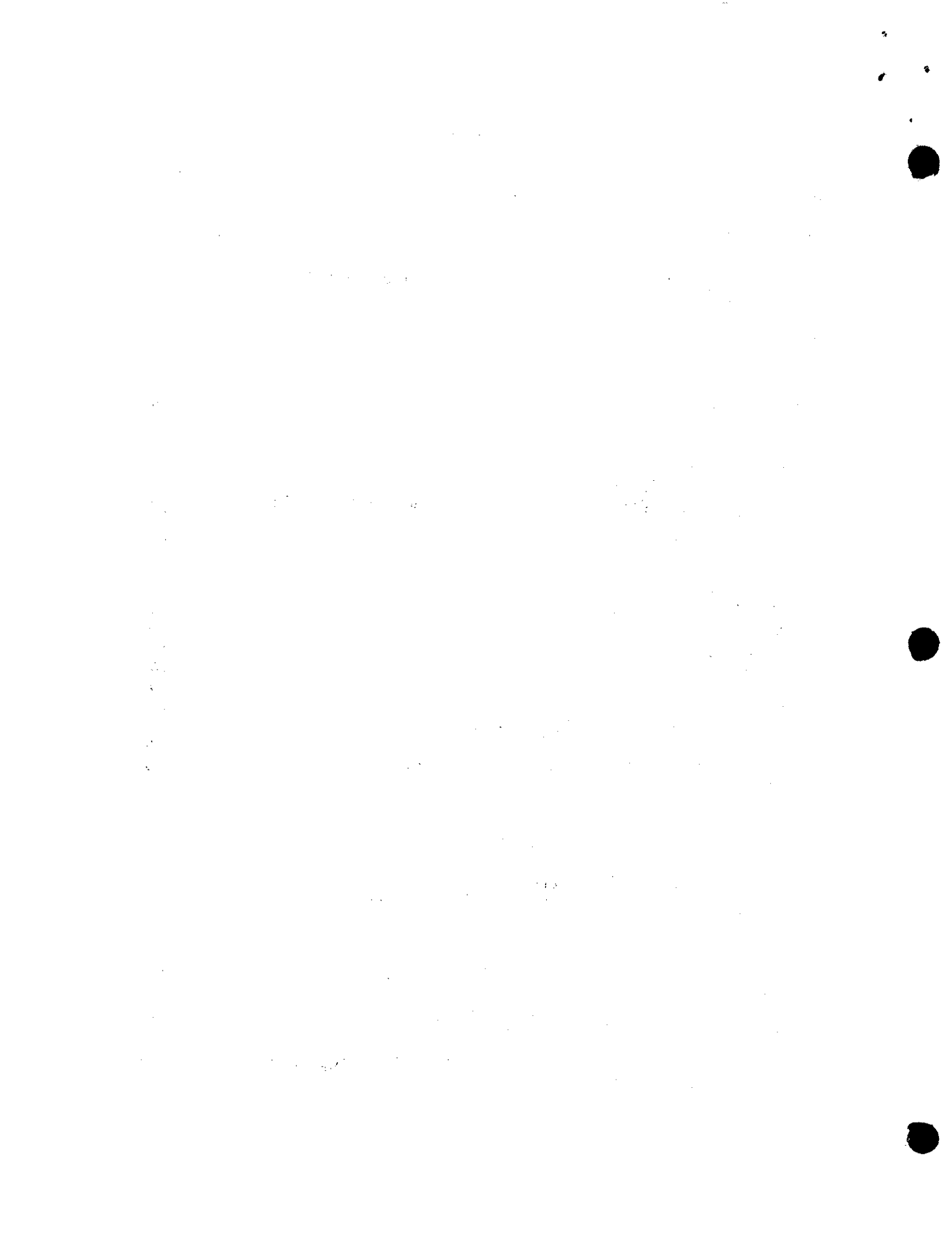
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MINUTES OF THE 42ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
HELD MAY 2 AND 3, 1986, ON THE LOYOLA CAMPUS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

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

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

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

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

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

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

CARRIED



Credentials Committee

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

Scrutineers

Appointment of scrutineers, for balloting purposes, deferred.

3. Adoption of Agenda

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

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

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

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

5. Business Arising

President noted that most items are listed under upcoming business.

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

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

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

7. Financial Report

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

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

CARRIED

There was no discussion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vote taken on MOTION re Finance Committee Report. CARRIED

8. Reports - Standing Committees, Liaisons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vote taken on MOTION re Membership Committee Report. CARRIED

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

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

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

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

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

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

8.3.2 Resolutions 1986

Resolution 86/1 SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' EDUCATION COURSES

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

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

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

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

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

Vote on motion, with editorial changes.

CARRIED

Resolution 86/2 TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOOL BRIGADES

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

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

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

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

Vote on motion, with editorial change.

CARRIED

Resolution 86/3 ROAD-CROSSING SAFETY

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

CARRIED

Resolution 86/4 SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST CHILDREN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vote on amendment: CARRIED, with 5 abstentions.

Vote on amended resolution: CARRIED, with 5 abstentions.

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

Resolution 86/5 PEACE EDUCATION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS Peace Education involves -

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

Vote on amended resolution, with editorial change:

CARRIED

8.3.3 Additions to Statement of Policy

QFHSAs supports/endorse:-

Under EDUCATION - to add:

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

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

CARRIED

Under HEALTH - to add:

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

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

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

Under WELFARE - to add:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We have reduced our factum from 21 articles of Bill 101 to 4 articles.

Discussed the question of toys; they can be barred from province if equivalent is not available in French.

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

Vote on Motion to adopt report. CARRIED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vote on motion: CARRIED

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

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

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

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

Vote on amendment: CARRIED

Vote on amended resolution: CARRIED

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

9. Adoption of Remaining Reports

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

10. Additions to Agenda

There were none.

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

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

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

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

12. Installation of New Executive Officers

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

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1986-87

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1987

Sylvia O. Adams, President

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

PRIORITIES

Membership

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

Finance

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

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

Bill 101 Court Case

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

Office

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1986-87 (continued)

ONGOING ASSIGNMENTS

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

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

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

Deployment of School Nurses Questionnaire and Brief

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIAISONS

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

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

Au Revoir

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

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1987

Marion Daigle, Chairman

Committee Members

Board of Directors

- Marion Daigle, Chairman
- Nicole Walker
- Bonnie Hasan

Non-Board members

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

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

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

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

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

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THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION

Summary of the 1986-87 activities
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987
Sylvia O. Adams, Executive Committee, CHSPTF

Resolutions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

General Remarks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUEBEC HOME & SCHOOL "NEWS"

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Dorothy Chant-Hannah, Editor

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

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

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

Our paper is completely staffed by volunteers:

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

Editor

Dorothy Chant-Hannah

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

On-island

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

Off-island

Elementary School - Ayer's Cliff Elementary School

High School

John Rennie High School (Pointe Claire)

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

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Helen Koeppe, Conference Chairman

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

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

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

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

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

Committee members were:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Key figures responsible for organizing the 1986 AGM were:

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

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

Dorset School

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

Edgewater School

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

Hudson and Mount Pleasant Schools

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

Macdonald High School

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

Allancroft School

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

Beacon Hill School

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

AREA REPORT - LAKESHORE III AND IV (Continued)

Christmas Park School

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

Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield

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

Windermere School

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Ann Cumyn, Chairman

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

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

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

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987
Submitted by office

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

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

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

WESTERN QUEBEC AREA REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987
Trudy Drummond

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PATERSON AWARD COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Marion Daigle, Chairman

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

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

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

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

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

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICES

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Pat Lewis

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

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

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

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

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICE (Continued)

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Gisela Amarica, Chairman

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

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

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Marion Daigle, Chairman

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

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

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

Committee members - Marion Daigle, Sharon Robinson.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Anne Kiss, Chairman

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

This has three objectives:

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

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

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

AREA REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE (continued)

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

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987

Anne Kiss, Member

Topic: Questionnaire Re Health Services in Schools

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MULTICULTURALISM : LIAISON WITH QUEBEC ASSOCIATION
 INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987
Gisela Amarica

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

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

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 8, 1987

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Helen Koeppe

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

Among items discussed at the meetings were:-

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

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

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

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

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

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 8, 1987

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Marilyn Percy, chairman

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

1986/87 MEMBERSHIP AWARDSOn Island Elementary Schools

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

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

Off Island Schools

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

Secondary Schools

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

High school figures are based on student enrollment.

Special Mention

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recommendation

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

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

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

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

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

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

86/4 - Sexual Offences Against Children

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

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

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

86/5 - Peace Education

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

DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTIONS (continued)

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

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

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

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

85/14 and 15 - Family Violence and Wife Battering

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The executive during the past year were:

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

Liason representatives were as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

New Richmond School

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

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

New Carlisle

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

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

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

Hopetown-Shigawake-Port Daniel

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

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

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

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

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

Ecole Primaire Pierrefonds

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

Northview Elementary School

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

Spring Garden Elementary School

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

Sunnydale Elementary School

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

Valois Park Elementary School

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

Lindsay Place High School

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

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

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

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

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

Among the issues that were discussed were:

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

SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1987
Submitted by Donald Smith

Meetings:

Comité provincial de concertation des programmes de sécurité routière en milieu scolaire:

June 19, 1986 in Quebec City
October 9, 1986 in Montreal
January 22, 1987 in Quebec City

"Task Force" within the aforementioned Comité in regard to courses for school bus drivers:

June 9, 1986 in Drummondville

"Information Committee" within the aforementioned Comité for implementation of the school programs developed by the Comité for use in schools under the Professional and Social Development Program.

August 27, 1986 in Trois Rivières
October 28, 1986 in Shawinigan

NEWS:

Contributions and editing of the Safety Scene of QFHSA NEWS.

SEAT BELTS:

Preliminaries in response to Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations proposal to the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation regarding installation of seatbelts in school buses.

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Sylvia Adams, President

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

