

AGM 2019 COMMITTEES

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Nominations: Brian Rock, Chair

Awards and Prizes: QFHSA Selection Committee

List of 2019 Awards and Prizes:

- Gordon Paterson Award
- Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award

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Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations
La Fédération Québécoise des Associations Foyer-Écoles

75th Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet



Home & School: Today and Tomorrow

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Novotel Hotel
2599 Alfred Nobel, Ville Saint Laurent, Québec
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2018- 2019 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AS MEMBERS



Beacon Hill Elementary (LBPSB)

Membership Chair – Pauline Deep

Edgewater Elementary (LBPSB)

Membership Chair – Andrea Purcell

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP from 2017-2018

Forest Hill Elementary Sr. (LBPSB)

Membership Chair – Colleen Sardinha

John Rennie High School (LBPSB)

Membership Chairs – Kim Fraser & Teena Margaritis

Royal West High School (EMSB)

Membership Chair – Heidi Rackover

2018-2019 NEWSLETTER PRIZES

Lord Aylmer Elementary

Newsletter Coordinator: Natalie Filiou

Beaconsfield High School

Newsletter Coordinator: Corrinne Tendo

WELCOME TO NEW HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary (WQSB)

St. Michael High School (WQSB)



GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS 2019



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

Beacon Hill Elementary

Christine Barnes
Mike Kudzia
Marie Masserey

Beechwood Elementary

Wendy Kaufman Afalo

Children's World Academy

Laura D'Adamo
Kimberly Jones
Grace Petrucci

Dorval Elementary

Cal Morin

Edgewater Elementary

Tara Cheevers
Kimberly Eccleston

Evergreen Elementary

Jennifer Buraglia
Melinda Paradis
Susan Nowak

Forest Hill Jr Elementary

Leah Barrington

Gardenview Elementary

Elena Giatras

Genesis Elementary

Anita Catalani
Patty Marinelli
Sandra Pisegna
Tina Rosato

John Rennie HS

Kim Fraser

LaurenHill Academy

Clara Esposito
Roula Sitaras
Nia Vellopoulos

Lindsay Place HS

Kim Soule

Lord Aylmer Elementary

Melanie Beaudoin
Angele Duval Belanger

Merton Elementary

Pamela Birkett
Melissa Downer
Natalie Filiou

Dalia Giorgi

Samantha Patel
Jacqueline Stein·Elman

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary

Sheila Desormeaux
Susana Melo
Amy Patrick

Douglas Phillip

St Charles Elementary

Maureen Koggel

St Patrick Elementary

Stephanie Davidson
Jael Symes

Sarah Williams

St Thomas High School

Marilyne Boyer
Bobbi Brown

South Hull Elementary

Crystal Chabassol
Allana Hayes-Stevenson

Westwood High School

Julie Gibeault Goyer
Sylvia Graham

Wilmington Elementary

Luisa Carpio-Mak

Congratulations!

UNSUNG HERO AWARDS 2019



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

Beacon Hill Elementary

Jennifer Ankcorn
Catherine Fini
Julia Genoni
Melissa Lim
Neil Linsdell
Darcy Moncada
Gillian Skinner

Beechwood Elementary

Tara Morin
Jen Robinson
Viki Zerdok

Children's World Academy

Nicky Giulietti
Ivy Kwan

Dorset Elementary

Valerie Desmarais
Angela Mancuso

Dorval Elementary

Christina Del Zingaro
Natalie Earby

Edgewater Elementary

Athanasia Antonopoulos
Teresa Borelli

Evergreen Elementary

Jo-anna Bevan
Melissa Bindon Leseay
Nellie Dionne
Chris Doiron
Chelsea Dunford
Dawn Gillean
Jennifer Gilligan
Tracy Gottardo
June Herron
Georgia Kollias

Evergreen Elementary cont'd

Lynn MacDowell
Rachel Mattsson
Sacha Michailides
Sarah Simunic
Athena Soupliotis
Monique Szabo

Forest Hill Jr Elementary

Maeghan Blaise-Andrew
Sophie Plante

Gardenvue Elementary

Will Allooh
Kimberlee Collette
Maria Dym
Lisa Fong
Esther Kay

Alicia Tandubuana

Genesis Elementary

Rosanna Anobile
Josie Cammisano
Nadia Christafaro
Cynthia DiFruscia
Robert Fillipin
Sabrina Livornetti
Lydia Tawil

John Rennie HS

Mandy Paquet

Lindsay Place High School

Barbara Schnider
Oksana Yakimiw
Lord Aylmer Elementary
Melissa Downer
Natalie Filiou

Lord Aylmer

Elementary cont'd

Julie Laverdure
Amanda Matthews
Jennifer Ouellette
Lianne Pickard

Macdonald High School

Jamie Guy

Merton Elementary

Miri Bowen
Sarit Brener
Anna Fiori
Lisa Hochberg
Lisa Kunitzky
Debbie Santini
Natalie Sofer
Jessica Tobman
Mindy Zuenshine

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary

Melissa Alary
Jacqueline Barbieri
Sylvie Domergue
Vanessa Samatas-Church
St Charles Elementary

Julie Savoie

South Hull Elementary

Liliane Hajjar

Westwood High School

Gisela Kramell
Julie Potvin

Willingdon Elementary

Luisa Carpio-Mak
Isabelle Gaul
Catherine Lavoie
Genevieve Trudeau

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet. The 2018-2019 school year has been an active and productive one for the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, as well as for our local associations.

This year we celebrate our 75th anniversary, and what a journey it's been.

We have stood by the parents and families in our community, acting as a collective voice to represent their needs in our ever-changing society. Our current theme 'H&S Today and Tomorrow' speaks to the long-standing partnership that we value and honour with our local associations, and one we look forward to upholding; today and tomorrow.

We strongly believe in the dynamic participation of parents in every step of their child's education. We encourage and support that journey and continuously work, for our part, to discover and promote the many ways we can help to enrich and empower our parent members.

My sincere appreciation goes out to our QFHSA Executive Committee, the QFHSA Board of Directors, the local association Presidents, Executive Members, and volunteer members who are incredibly dedicated to the enrichment of our schools and to the support of their students.

A final thank you to our Executive Director Carol Meindl, Membership Coordinator Marlyn Brownrigg, Administrative Assistant Mimi Tabaczuk, and former Administrative Assistant Sheila Desormeaux, for their excellent work within our organization.

Yours in education,

Linton Garner, President

2019 GORDON PATERSON AWARD

In 1973, thanks to the initiative and generosity of past president Doreen Richter, a new award was created to recognize an outstanding educator who had given long service to Quebec education and had encouraged the participation of parents.



~ Mr. Dion Joseph ~

Mr. Dion Joseph exemplifies the definition of the Gordon Paterson Award. Dion has been an educator for over 22 years. In 1997, as a newly-graduated teacher at Beaconsfield High, the first committee he joined was Home and School. There Dion quickly realized the impact of parental involvement within the school community and has continued encouraging and supporting Home and School Associations ever since.

As an educator, Mr. Joseph organized school trips, planned graduation activities and ceremonies. He was part of staff council and the SAC. Dion was the PTU delegate and he was Head of the Physical Education Department of Macdonald High School. The Dion Joseph Award is handed out yearly to a graduating student at Macdonald High School who is involved in athletics and is also heavily involved in the school.

As an administrator, Mr. Joseph has spent many years on several LBPSB committees: Intercultural Committee, the in-school admin PD planning committee, he is the GMAA administrative representative and to top it all off, he is a mentor to new Vice Principals.

Even as busy and involved as Mr. Joseph is, he always has time to encourage parents to be involved in the school. Dion attends every meeting at PETES and is always there to welcome and thank parent volunteers at every school event. There has never been an event at PETES where Mr. Joseph is not happily changing garbage bags, selling concessions or barbecuing a burger right alongside the parents.

Dion treats the school as his home, and everyone is welcome. His door is ALWAYS open whether it is for a chat or to answer concerns from a worried parent.

All of these qualities and so many more make Mr. Joseph a wonderful addition to the long list of Educators that have been honored with the QFHSA Gordon Paterson Award.

**QFHSA would like to offer its own congratulations and appreciation
by presenting the 2019 Gordon Paterson Award to Mr. Dion Joseph.**

QFHSA AGM 2019 – Speaker Bio

Fariha Naqvi-Mohamed



Fariha Naqvi-Mohamed is a journalist, blogger, social media influencer and passionate ambassador for diversity. Fariha has made history as the first woman to wear the hijab on Quebec television in her role as a video journalist for CityNews Montreal. She is the second television journalist to wear the hijab in Canadian history. Fariha goes behind the scenes to share stories from Montreal's diverse communities in a segment entitled Diverse City. It is the only segment of its kind in Canada.

She is the editor and founder of CanadianMomEh.com [<https://www.canadianmomeh.com>] and writes a weekly op-ed column every Friday in the Montreal Gazette.

Fariha was awarded the 2018 Community Builder Award by the Canadian Pakistan Affiliated Chamber of Trade (CPACT) for her community work. She also received a Recognition Award as a Canadian Woman Making a Positive Difference by Human Concern International at their 38th Annual Charity Gala. The Conservative Party of Canada recognized Fariha as a Woman of Influence in the West Island of Montreal.

She spoke at We Day Montreal 2019 and shared her experience of breaking glass ceilings to an audience of 2000 students who had earned their ticket to attend through community service. She spoke of how she pursued her dream to work as a television journalist in an industry where no one looked like her. She also spoke about overcoming adversity, being bullied as a child and working hard to create the change she needed when she was young.

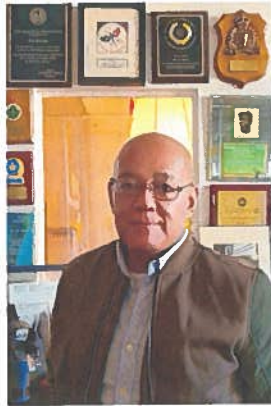
Fariha was a keynote speaker at the Harmony Movement conference held at Lakeside Academy in Fall of 2018.

Fariha is a public speaker, community organizer and bridge builder. She is the CEO of a social media marketing firm, Social Diversity Media Inc. Fariha is a firm believer in working towards interfaith harmony. Her blog, CanadianMomEh.com is the number one Diversity blog in Canada.

Born and raised in Montreal, Fariha is a mom of two and is now raising her own family on the West Island where she grew up. Fariha has served on the governing board and Home and School Associations of her children's elementary and high schools in the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

QFHSA AGM 2019 – Speaker Bio

Fo Niemi



Bilingual and multicultural, Fo Niemi is a graduate in social work from McGill University. He also studied political sciences at Concordia University, with focus on judicial activism and the civil rights movement in the US and Canada.

His extensive resumé includes policy review, design and development; employment system review and employment equity policy development; critical race, gender, class and sexual orientation analysis; training on systemic discrimination, implicit and unconscious racial bias, and racial profiling (in law enforcement and customer service); assistance and support to victims of discrimination, and civil rights litigation, mediation and prevention.

In addition to his full-time position as CRARR Executive Director, Mr. Niemi has held numerous part-time positions, including the Chair of the Montreal Urban Community Transit Corporation's Complaints Examination Committee (1990-1991) and Commissioner with the Quebec Human Rights Commission (1991-2003). During his term at the Human Rights Commission, he chaired the Commission's historic public hearings in 1993 on discrimination and violence against gays and lesbians.

He has served as member of an advisory committee on the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; as Chairman of the Court Challenges Program of Canada (1997), and as Member of the Board of directors of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation (1996-1998); the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council (2001-2013) the Canadian Bar Association's Committee on Racial Equality in the Legal Profession (2003-2004); the Advisory Committee to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada (2005) the City of Montreal Task Force on Democracy (2003-2006) and the Quebec Government's Task Force on Racial Profiling (2003-2006).

Mr. Niemi is a devout Trekkie.

PAT LEWIS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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



~ Ms. Carolyn Larocque ~

Carolyn has been an elementary school teacher for 34 years. Her formative years as a teacher were in Quebec City, where she taught at Holland School for 4 years. A native Montrealer, she returned to teach at numerous schools in the West Island and spent one-year teaching at an international school in Accra, Ghana. Now at St. John Fisher Sr. School since 2010, she is one year away from a fulfilling career, which she has thoroughly enjoyed.

Passionate about helping others, she helped create the Social Action Team at St. John Fisher Sr. School in 2011. The team's mission is to improve the lives of people in our community and around the world through concrete actions. The students from the Team learn about local and international organizations working on social justice issues. Based on this, they create posters and raise awareness among all students of the issues they are helping to address.

The students in the Team organized events to sell baked goods, rainbow loom bracelets, Rice Krispies treats, and have sold greeting cards they have designed. They painted "Kindness Rocks" for The West Island Palliative Care Compassion Run. They have raised awareness on anti-bullying in the school through "Pink Shirt Day" and organized an annual raffle of goods donated by parents and local businesses. They have encouraged students from the school to donate non-perishables for "Scare Away Hunger", socks, hats, mitts, snowsuits and books to benefit those less fortunate. To date, the Social Action Team has raised over \$20 000.

The organizations we have supported these past 8 years are: Smile Train, Free the Children, Montreal Children's Hospital, Right to Play, Canadian Red Cross, The Old Mission Brewery, Suitcases for Africa, Communitywings, VOBOC, Dans La Rue, St. Michael's Mission, UNHCR, OnRock, The Native Women's Shelter of Montreal and West Island Palliative Care. The Team continues to make the world a little brighter!

**QFHSA is pleased to present the Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award to
Ms. Carolyn Larocque for the work she has been doing with the students of
at St. John Fisher Sr. School.**

75th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Novotel Hotel

- 10:00 - 10:30 am Registration, Continental Breakfast & Coffee
- 10:30 - 10:45 am Welcome and Greetings
- 10:45 - 12:00 pm Forum on Bill 21: Ban on Religious Symbols
Guest Speakers: Fo Niemi and Fariha Naqvi-Mohamed
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm **LUNCH and Guest Speaker: Russell Copeman**
Executive Director of QESBA: Quebec English School
Boards Association
- 1:00 - 3:00 pm **AGM Business Session I**
Installation of Board of Directors for 2019-2020
- 3:00 - 3:15 pm Coffee Break
- 3:15 - 4:10 pm **AGM Business Session II**
MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER AWARDS
Door prize draw
- 4:10 - 5:00 pm Regional Councils

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75th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

5:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Novotel Hotel

- 5:00 - 6:00 pm Cocktail hour ~ *Grand Salon Foyer*
Cash Bar - *relax and mingle*
- 6:00 - 9:30 pm Awards Banquet ~ *Grand Salon Ballroom*
Master of Ceremonies: Wanda Leah Trineer

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Gordon Paterson Award

Dion Joseph, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School

Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award

Carolyn Larocque, St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary School

Unsung Hero Awards

Golden Torch Awards

- 9:30 – 11:00 pm DANCE



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