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MINUTES OF THE 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
HELD MAY 14TH AND 15TH, 1982, ON THE LOYOLA CAMPUS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Registered and present during the Annual General Meeting were 35 members of the Board of Directors, 68 guests and panelists, as well as 106 delegates (or alternates) from local associations. In all, thirty-two associations were represented. Total attendance was approximately 220.

The conference was opened by Mr. Owen Buckingham, President, at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, May 14th, 1982. Rev. Alex Morris, a Past President, then chaired a Plenary Session on 'Influences on the Family'. This was followed, after a coffee break, by four workshops on the same subject.

1. and 2. Opening Remarks and Introductions

The annual business meeting opened at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Buckingham welcomed the delegates and introduced the guests present - Kirsti Jarvis, President of The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation; Fred Sawyer, Chairman, Board of Trustees, CHSPTF; Joan Mansfield, Central Vice-President (responsible for Quebec and Ontario), CHSPTF; Bill Asherman, Life Member of CHSPTF and member of our Board of Directors; Gerrie Blum, representing the New York PTA and Doug McCall, liaison from PAPT to our Board of Directors.

3. Parliamentarian

Rev. Alex Morris was appointed parliamentarian. Mrs. Fay Richardson, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, stated that a quorum of local associations was present. Joan Mansfield and Gerrie Blum were appointed scrutineers for voting.

4. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Morris/Canavan (Edgewater) that the agenda be accepted as circulated. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Adoption of Minutes of 37th Annual General Meeting

MOTION: Milne-Smith/Kandalgaonkar that the Minutes of our 1981 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. President's Report

Mr. Buckingham spoke to his President's Report (pp. 1-4, Book of Reports) mentioning that the two main concerns this year, taking most of our time, had been School Reorganization and our Court Case Bill 101. A tape outlining our case to be shown later in the afternoon under Rights Committee Report.

Week of May 25th is the annual meeting of our national organization, The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF), to be held in Charlottetown, PEI. Barbara Milne-Smith and Anne MacWhirter will be our delegates to the Fitness & Nutrition workshop held prior to National's annual meeting. This workshop chaired by Sylvia Adams.

Owen Buckingham and Marion Daigle to attend remainder of annual meeting. We are entitled to three voting delegates, plus our President.

The President repeated the final paragraph of his report, again thanking the Executive members and Board of Directors for their much valued assistance.

A correction was made to page 7 of the Book of Reports. Under liaison to other educational organizations please change FCPPQ to read FCPIM. The report then reads: FCPIM - The Fédération des comités de parents de l'île de Montréal - a provincially legislated body when is means to represent the eight school boards of the island of Montreal. Doreen Canavan, a member .....

7. Treasurer's Report

B. Bouchett apologized for lack of audited statement to present to this meeting. We have been requested by the M.E.Q. to submit our 1982/83 request for funds by May 25, 1982.

Further to the letter circulated to the local associations in April regarding the Board of Directors' recommendation that the membership fee be increased from $4. to $5. - MOTION: Bouchett/Canavan (Edgewater) that the membership fee be raised from $4.00 to $5.00. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Bouchett presented the proposed budget for 1982/83 which had been based on the Annual General Meeting's acceptance of the proposed fee increase. MOTION: Bouchett/Code (Macdonald High) that the proposed QFHSA budget be accepted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. QFHSA Executive Task Force on School Reorganization (p. 19)

M. Daigle stated that the report doesn't reflect the amount of time and energy spent by all Home & School members and School Committee members have spent on this issue. The report therefore only covers the highlights. This evening's Plenary Session will provide the latest update from various educational groups. Everyone is urged to attend to take back information to local Task Forces since the summer has to be used for continued work and study. MOTION: Daigle/McBridge (Edgewater) that this report be accepted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Reports of Standing Committees

a) Nominations - p. 18

All names have been sent to all locals as required. Nominations are as follows:

Celia Davids - Executive Vice-President (1 year term)
Gordon Perry - Recording Secretary

To vote on four Vice-Presidents from the following five names:

Dawn Barrett
Marion Dagle
Caspar Esselaar
Anne MacWhirter
Donna Manzo

The voting was then held. It was also noted that there would be a call for nominations from the floor to fill the position left vacant by Celia Davids (a 1 year V.P. term).

b) Constitution - p. 27

MOTION: Milne-Smith/Payan (Willingdon) that the Constitution Committee, through the Board of Directors, write formally to our legal counsel, Mr. William Miller, instructing him to apply to Quebec to have the number "fifty" members of the Board of Directors deleted from our Charter. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Student Accident Insurance - p. 26

Everett Alexander outlined the reasons and implications behind the change of insurance company for the coming school year. He also noted an error in his report: Tom Merson - a representative of the Parents Committee of the Lakeshore School Board; not 'from the Lakeshore Board'. MOTION: Alexander/Amarica (Malcolm Campbell High) that we accept the proposal submitted by Reliable Life and, further, that we enter into a two year contract. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nominations

It was announced that 77 delegates had voted and that the following four persons were elected to two-year terms as Vice-Presidents:

Dawn Barrett	Caspar Esselaar
Marion Daigle	Anne MacWhirter

MOTION: Milne-Smith/Thomas (Dunrae Gardens) that Donna Manzo be nominated to fill the position left vacant by Celia Davids becoming the Executive Vice-President.

MOTION: Richardson/Code (Macdonald High) that nominations close. CARRIED (Elected unopposed)

d) Resolutions and Policy - green sheets

MOTION: Purvis/Morris that the disposition of the 1981 Resolutions be accepted as listed in the Annual Report. CARRIED

Resolution 82/1 - Constitution Act (Canada) 1981

MOTION: Purvis/Lambert (Edinburgh) that this resolution be accepted.

Joan Mansfield suggested the following editorial changes: to add words "be asked to" after the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation; and further to add "to" while deleting "that it" before the words 'assist Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations....'. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 82/2 - Reaffirmation of Resolution 79/3

Resolution 79/3 - High School Leaving Examinations

Correction: Change from Town of Mount Royal High School Home and School Association to from QFHSA Resolutions Committee.

MOTION: Purvis/Bozel (Macdonald High) that this resolution be accepted.

Joan Mansfield spoke concerning the details of this resolution since there have been many changes since 1979. As it now stands, she feels it reflects adversely on the research of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations.

MOTION: Perry/Milne-Smith that this resolution be referred back to the Resolutions Committee to study the present position and make a more realistic proposal. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cal Potter spoke concerning the immediate action of the M.E.Q. when the original resolution was presented in 1979.

Emergency Resolution 82/1E - Amendment to the Canadian Constitution, 1981, by the deletion of Section 59.

MOTION: Purvis/Keightley (John XXIII/Dorval High) that this resolution be accepted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Add destinations: Secretary of State; Minister of Justice

Courtland Park Home & School, Dorval, asked for details regarding Section 59. Answer provided by Cal Potter.

Emergency Resolution 82/2E - Francization of English Institutions

MOTION: Purvis/Gatien (Westpark) that this resolution be accepted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Statement of Policy

MOTION: Purvis/Walker (Edgewater) to discuss the proposed statement of policy.

Mr. Buckingham called for discussion.

Doreen Canavan (Edgewater) spoke to letter sent by Edgewater H&S to B.Milne-Smith/M. Purvis regarding the Policy Statement.

MOTION: Canavan (Edgewater)/Daigle (Edgewater) that the Policy Statement be tabled for further study. Agree - 54; Disagree - 6; Abstentions - 17.

Parliamentarian, Alex Morris, noted that the motion to table was out of order because the vote was taken to discuss. The Statement of Policy was then further discussed.

B. Milne-Smith, explained that this Statement of Policy represented resolutions passed by previous Annual General Meetings - none of the statements represented anything new that had not been discussed with delegates. The background to all the resolutions was in the office but that a list of just the RESOLVEDS represented some 64 pages of material.

W. Asherman confirmed the origin of the Statements, as outlined by B. Milne-Smith. The resolutions as they are listed stand. If the delegates wish to change them then they can put forward new resolutions at an A.G.M.

J. Mansfield said that not all resolutions become policy. Some resolutions call for an action. What is policy is a principle which is durable. Suggested we consider each one and agree on those which are the principles under which we have been working over the years. If there are doubts - refer; if opposed to a statement then defeat it.

C. Potter we should start the process of deciding whether we are going to make a distinction between resolutions and policy. This would be a good opportunity to initiate the process; resolutions to become policy would have to be circulated again to the locals to be reaffirmed for next year's AGM.

D. Canavan spoke agreeing with Dr. Potter's suggestion; that it go back to committee, that material go back out to locals for in depth discussion and for policy statements to be decided on at the next AGM.

K. Jarvis (President, Candn. Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation): a committee has spent a great deal of time looking at the resolutions passed over the years; beginning now the resolutions adopted each year should then be presented the following year for inclusion in a policy statement; should look at present statement and if there is

nothing there that is in conflict with what delegates feel now you should go ahead with them; statements in conflict with what delegates feel could be referred back to committee.

J. Smith (Willingdon) spoke briefly outlining how only the executive members at her school had studied statements. They had agreed with all of them except corporal punishment and fluoridation.

MOTION: Milne-Smith/Ellingsen that we study statements one by one, accepting those we are in agreement with, defeating those we do not like and sending those we are unsure of back to committee.

Agree - 42; Disagree - 23; Abstention - 1

EDUCATION

1) Constitutional protection of minority language education and the right of naturalized citizens to equal access to such education.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) The teaching of French as a second language in English schools from Kindergarten on. CARRIED (For 62; Against 4)

3) Accountability of provincial governments to the federal government for the use made of grants[1] for second language teaching and minority language education. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4) School and public libraries (development). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5) Individual parent-teacher interviews.
MOTION: Morris/Milne-Smith to refer to committee.
DEFEATED (For 22; Against 28; Abstentions 16)

6) The use of distinctly Canadian textbooks. CARRIED

7) The elimination of sex and/or race stereotyping in school textbooks.
CARRIED

8) Amendment of the Quebec government's book policy to delete restrictions on the purchase of English books, textbooks and documents by school boards. CARRIED
Editorial change: "restrictions" to read "conditions"

9) Provision by school boards of special education for mentally and physically handicapped children in cooperation with municipal and voluntary agencies. CARRIED

10) Identification and provision of programs for intellectually and creative16 gifted children. CARRIED

11) The right of the disabled to equal access to educational opportunities.
CARRIED (For 64; Against 0; Abstentions 2)

12) Extracurricular driver education for high school students.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13) Family life education in elementary and high schools.
CARRIED (For 63, Against 3)

14) Environmental education. CARRIED (For 62; Abstentions 4)

15) Education for international understanding and peace.
CARRIED (For 63: Abstentions 3)

[1] Editorial change made to make word "funds".

16) The setting and evaluation of high school leaving examinations by the school board under accreditation to the Department of Education.
carried (For 60; Against 2; Abstentions 4)

17) The inclusion in high school leaving examinations of essay-type questions. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18) Compulsory health education program K to Secondary 3.
CARRIED (For 62; Abstentions 4)

EDUCATION - SYSTEM

1) Universal adult franchise in election of school board members.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) The right of parents of elementary and secondary students to vote for and hold office on school boards having jurisdiction over their child's school. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Local autonomy for school boards within the broad outlines and objectives agreed within the Department of Education.
MOTION: Canavan/Daigle to refer to committee. CARRIED

4) Special measures to ensure the preservation of the last English school in a district.
MOTION: Canavan/Bouchett to refer to committee.
CARRIED (For 59; Against 2; Abstentions 5)

5) Federal government funding of elementary, secondary and higher education without infringement of provincial autonomy in education.
Discussion: D. Canavan remarked that it appears to contradict #3 under Education.
MOTION: Canavan/Bozel to refer to committee.
CARRIED (For 64; Abstentions 2)

6) Financial aid to university students in the form of scholarships, loans and bursaries.
R. Kandalgaonkar: Suggested it should be referred (how many loans are repayed by the students).
B. Milne-Smith: Against referral (point at issue is government help of bright but needy students).
MOTION: Kandalgaonkar/Canavan to refer to committee.
DEFEATED (For 28; Against 37; Abstention 1)
The delegates then agreed (by a vote of 65 to 1) to accept this as a policy statement.

7) Confidentiality of students' personal files and right of access by parents and guardians to personal, medical and other records of their child.
MOTION: Morris/Davids to refer to committee. (Mr. Morris said that with Charter of Freedoms now in place and Freedom of Information bill to be passed by government shortly, some of the above statement may now be redundant.) CARRIED (For 57; Against 6; Abstentions 3)

8) Parents' participation in schools as volunteers using educations, technical and other skills. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Morris/Stronach (Edgewater) to refer remaining sections to locals. These are the sections on "Health", "Safety", "Teachers" and "Welfare". Because of nature of our organization and to allow as full participation as possible by locals for discussion, acceptance, rejection and input to Resolutions Committee. CARRIED (For 56; Against 10)

e) Rights Committee - p. 15

The report was preceded by a showing of our videotape on our Bill 101 court case. C. Potter, Chairman, then highlighted some of the points in the report of his committee. Mentioned Dean Ouellet, Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal, had just issued a report saying there were all kinds of defects in the regulations that flow from Bill 101. It is the Common Law, not Civil, that dictates public law in Quebec. Lord Denning's judgement in his hearing of the Canadian Indians' case in London has helped to strengthen our case. We now have three lines of defense - the BNA Act, the Canadian Constitution 1981 and the Common Law which applies in Quebec - we, therefore, have a very good case to put before the court in the Fall.

The audiovisual tape is available to local associations for showing on request. The Committee will also send along a speaker if so requested.

f) Publicity Committee - p. 11

The need for funds for the various committees of Quebec Federation was stressed and the possibility of some type of fund raising campaign by Quebec Federation was suggested to the local delegates present for their views. The support of the locals by way of a show of hands was requested and given. From the discussion it appeared likely that the fund raising event on a provincial level would be a raffle.

g) Membership Awards - p.20

Fay Richardson, Chairman, Membership Development, made the awards to the winning schools.

Elementary schools	Edgewater	87.99%	M'ship chm. - Heather McBride
	Beacon Hill	87.86%	M'ship chm. - Susan Maughan
	Dunrae Gardens	76.19%	M'ship chm. - Helga Marcus
	Windermere	68.72%	M'ship chm. - Joan Coveyduck
Offisland	New Carlisle High	69.44%	M'ship chm. - Sharon Farrell
	Howick	51.28%	M'ship chm. - Carole Creswell
High schools	Lachine High	55.72%	M'ship chm. - June Tosh
	Macdonald High	41.26%	M'ship chm. - Anne Peterson

h) Newsletter Awards - p. 9

The following schools won prizes for producing what the NEWS committee felt were the best newsletters by a local association during the past year.

Thorndale Elementary and Eardley Elementary

i) Safety/Transportation Committee - p. 28

Speaking for Marilyn Ashby, Chairman, of this committee, Judy Bock spoke to the subject of Smoking and Health. On behalf of Quebec Federation, she had attended a workshop in Ottawa on the topic of smoking and young people. The concept of a 'generation of non-smokers' was developed under the auspices of the federal Health & Welfare Department. The target of this project will be young people but the secondary target will be all the significant adult examples, i.e. parents, teachers. Not widely known is the fact that the majority of the public does not smoke and also that smoking does damage the non-smoker. The time has come to improve what we do at the elementary school level. There is a great deal of material available to help develop a non-smoking program for each

school.

10. Adoption of Remaining Reports

MOTION: McBride (Edgewater)/Walker (Edgewater) that the remaining reports in the Book of Reports be accepted. CARRIED

11. Date and Site of 1983 AGM

MOTION: Milne-Smith/Posner (Westpark) that the Annual General Meeting 1983 be held on the Loyola campus again during the first week of May, if feasible. CARRIED

MOTION: Bozel (Macdonald)/Stubbs (Edgewater) that the Leadership Conference be held the first week of October. CARRIED

12. Installation of new Executive

Will take place at the Awards Luncheon, May 15th.

13. Other Business

MOTION: McBride (Edgewater)/Turner (John XXIII/Dorval High) that the Board of Directors of Quebec Federation decide on the fee for 1983 AGM. CARRIED

14. Adjournment

MOTION: McBride (Edgewater)/Vaillancourt (Waterloo) that the Business Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1982-83

Presented at the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Owen Buckingham, President

Influencing the quality of life has long been one of the objectives of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations. By speaking out on the issues that concern us as parents, we hope to bring about change that will provide a healthy and satisfying future for young people.

For several years now educational issues have been at the forefront of concerns of this organization. It would appear that they may well reach a peak in the coming months.

Knowing the dedication and support given by our local associations, and our members in general, the Board of Directors of QFHSA have been able to act on a number of these vital issues over the past year.

School Reorganization

The challenge of the government plan for school reform will be facing us in the form of legislation in the very near future. The QFHSA Executive Task Force will be calling upon the active participation of all our members on this issue. You can see from the Committee's report, elsewhere in this Book of Reports, that it has been a particularly busy year.

Court Action 101

As Dr. Calvin Potter, Chairman of the Rights Committee, noted in the recent edition of the NEWS - Justice Delayed is Justice Denied. Every effort is being made to bring this case to court but the wheels grind very slowly. Please give careful attention to the Rights Committee report on upcoming actions.

Teacher Contract Negotiations

This has been a year of frustration in the area of teacher contract negotiations and, at the time of writing this report, no clear decisions have emerged from the conciliation process. QFHSA has monitored the situation very carefully throughout - telegrams were sent on behalf of our membership to government officials deploring the situations arising out of Bills 70, 105 and 111. We urged both parties to settle their differences by negotiation or submit to mediation and/or binding arbitration. On March 7, 1983 QFHSA was invited to make its views known at the Parliamentary Commission hearings on education. I feel that we had a good hearing and that our views were listened to. Many thanks to Doreen Canavan for chairing this committee.

Finance

Maintaining a secure financial position in order to maintain a secure independent status is always an ongoing concern for QFHSA. To this end the Publicity Committee launched a provincial fund-raising campaign and a gala social evening. Home and Schoolers, School Committees and many other friends of QFHSA responded to this cause. These funds will go a long way in overcoming our deficit position as well as providing a cushion for operating in the coming year. See Sandra's report for the results of the campaign. Sandra Keightley, Chairman, and her committee are to be commended for the many, many hours of time and energy given to this project. Home and School is indeed fortunate.

Membership

Once again I want to thank those many local membership chairmen who have worked so hard to maintain membership at the 'grassroots' level. A special welcome to new locals who have joined this year.

I wish all of you had been at our gala evening in March. Each of the special guests who spoke about the vital role that Home and School plays within the fabric of Quebec gave QFHSA a real boost. Keep up the good work for 1983-84.

Resolutions

As you have seen in your preparations for this AGM, QFHSA members have been very active in organizing their concerns in resolution form. This is one of the most effective means we have of communicating our concerns to government and to other organizations, etc. As always the resolutions elicit response and action from many different quarters. I would encourage every local to become involved in this endeavour. Barbara Milne-Smith and her committee are ready and willing to help.

Liaison with Other Groups

Communication with other interested groups is essential to keep up to date with what is happening in Quebec. Many of our members have given time and expertize on behalf of QFHSA and we appreciate their efforts:

Primary Language Arts	-	Colleen Bismuth
Quebec Safety League	-	Marilyn Ashby, Marilyn Pollock
Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards	-	Barbara Milne-Smith, Joyce Payan
Central Parents Committee/PSBGM	-	Gisela Amarica
LSB Parents Committee	-	Janet Manning
Lakeshore School Board	-	Allan Locke
Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal	-	Joyce Payan
FCPIM	-	Gary Stronach

Attending our Board of Directors on a regular basis were: Rod Elkin and Bryden Murray from PAPT, Mrs. Grace Hone of QAPSB and Doug McCall of Alliance Quebec.

On the National Level - First and foremost QFHSA continues to be an active participant in the Canadian Home and School and Parent Teacher Federation. Mark June 8 - 12, 1983 on your calendar. QFHSA is host for the Annual Meeting this year in Ottawa and all Home and School members are cordially invited to attend meetings as observers. Why Ottawa? CHSPTF is featuring the capital city area this year and Quebec offered to be host.

Barbara Milne-Smith is organizing the general arrangements and will fill you in as the date draws near - no doubt at this AGM. Come along and find out about the many issues highlighted by parents across this country. That is an education in itself. As well, you will have the opportunity to meet some super people.

Last year's National was in Charlottetown, P.E.I. held in June, 1982. Delegates from Quebec were: Owen Buckingham, President; Marion Daigle, Ann McWhirter and Barbara Milne-Smith.

Through a grant from National Health and Welfare a workshop on Fitness Nutrition was held prior to the Annual Meeting. One of the results of this workshop is the production of a bilingual pamphlet entitled 'No Way to Treat our Kids! / Comment gâtons-nous nos enfants?' in cooperation with Fitness Canada. This pamphlet will be launched during National Physical Activity Week, May 15 - 23, 1983. I hope all locals will actively participate in this campaign.

At the 1982 CHSPTF Annual Meeting, Joan Mansfield of Quebec was acclaimed President for a two year term.

In November, 1982 a mid-term Presidents' meeting was held in Toronto, Ontario. We discussed, among other things, the possibility of a workshop on Smoking and Youth at this year's Annual Meeting.

Other Functions

In June, 1982 Dawn Berrett, Vice-President, attended the Annual Meeting of the New Brunswick Federation of Home and School Associations in Moncton, N.B. I have recently returned from the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations' Annual Meeting in Windsor, Ontario, where I was asked to bring greetings on behalf of QFHSA.

Last November I represented QFHSA at the Annual Meeting of the New York Parent Teacher Association.

This has been an incredible year for education in Quebec. I have been impressed with the hard work and time consuming efforts of the Home and School Association members in our local schools. The members of the Executive and Board of Directors of QFHSA have expended tremendous time and energy on all the various committees and projects to which we have been committed.

I wish to thank each and every one of you for your generous support to me during my presidency.

THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION
SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES OF OUR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (CHSPTF)
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Owen Buckingham, President, QFHSA

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

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

- Bilingualism
- Drug and alcohol Abuse
- Smoking and Health
- Child Abuse
- Fitness & Nutrition
- Home Influence

THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION Cont'd.

Our National organization also maintains liaison with the following organizations:-

Canada Safety Council	Children's Broadcast Institute
Candn. Commission for UNESCO	Internat'l Union of Family Organizations
Candn. Council Smoking & Health	U.N. in Canada Association
Candn. Red Cross Youth	Vanier Institute of the Family
Candn. Minister of Education	Canadian Education Association

The lists above merely illustrate some of the varied committee and liaison work done on behalf of parents across the country. CHSPTF makes representations to the federal government, the Council of Ministers of Education, the Canadian Education Association, the Canadian School Trustee's Association, etc.

As mentioned in my Annual Report I attended the mid-term meeting in Toronto in November, 1982. Finding ways and means to improve the financial status of National is a growing concern. Finding suitable corporate donors is everyone's concern these days. Finding a sponsor for a two day workshop on Smoking and Health at our 1983 Annual Meeting was also on the agenda.

The Child Abuse kits prepared by National for wide distribution among our locals across Canada are proving worthwhile.

The French editions of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse kits are nearly ready for distribution.

The bilingual pamphlet prepared by our National committee on Fitness & Nutrition is ready for Canada-wide distribution. It is hoped that all locals will participate in this project during National Physical Activity Week, May 15 - 23, 1983. Sylvia Adams of Montreal is National Chairman for Fitness & Nutrition. The pamphlet is financially supported by the Contributions Program of Fitness Canada.

Every local Home and School Association is encouraged to participate in our National organization. Call our provincial office for information on any activity which may be of interest.

The QFHSA Home and School NEWS has a special column on the activities of Canadian Home and School

Among the many volunteers serving at the National level are several from Quebec:

President	- Joan Mansfield
Treasurer	- Calvin Potter
Constitution Resolutions and Policy Committee	- Barbara Milne-Smith, Chairman
Fitness & Nutrition Committee	- Sylvia Adams, Chairman
Bilingualism (Special Assignment)	- William Asherman
Life Membership (Special Assignment)	- Marion Daigle
Nominations (Special Assignment)	- Ann McWhirter
Ottawa Liaison (Special Assignment)	- Tina Lahoar

QFHSA EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL REORGANIZATION
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Marion Daigle, Chairman

Needless to say, this has been another busy year for all Quebecers interested in the issue of school reform.

June 21, 1982 - Dr. Camille Laurin, Minister of Education, launched the government plan for school reform; The Quebec School - A Responsible Force in the Community.

June 22, 1982 - Mr. Ernest Spiller, former Associate Deputy Minister of Education (Protestant), met the QFHSA Board of Directors at the annual Think Tank. He outlined the main points of the school reform plan zeroing in on the theme of control and management of the school system. Copies of the plan were distributed to all locals for study during the summer holiday. Our QFHSA Task Force made plans to write a brief.

September 12, 1982 - Board of Directors Meeting - it was recommended that Dr. Laurin be invited to the Fall Leadership conference in October.

October 16, 1982 - Fall Leadership conference - Dr. Laurin spoke to delegates from all over the province on the government plan. It was obvious that the representation there were not in favour of his reform.

November 12, 1982 - QFHSA was invited to present a brief on school reform to the sub-committee of the Superior Council of Education. This session was attended by Owen Buckingham, President; Rose Kendalgaonker, Vice-President and Marion Daigle, Vice-President and Chairmen of the Task Force.

The brief stressed that the government plan is unacceptable to the QFHSA membership. Several recommendations were made to the sub-committee. It was circulated to all locals and to other educational organizations.

On the whole it was well received and several locals responded with constructive suggestions.

November 20, 1982 - A Rally at the High School of Montreal - organized by a Committee under chairmanship of Doreen Richter, Chairman, PSBGM Task Force was attended by many Home and Schoolers protesting the government reform plan. Joyce Payan and Casper Esselaar of the QFHSA Task Force were very active on this Committee.

February 1983 - Resolutions - AGM 1983 - Two resolutions were submitted by the QFHSA Task Force for consideration at the Annual General Meeting on May 6, 1983; School Boards and local autonomy and School Board Elections.

March 7, 1983 - Parliamentary Commission on Education hearings held in Quebec City, represented by Owen Buckingham, President, and Sylvie Rankin, President, Lakeshore Regional Council. While the brief dealt mainly with the issues re the teacher/government dispute, references were made to the question of school reform, once again stressing the plan is unacceptable.

QFHSA EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL REORGANIZATION (Cont'd.)

March 25, 1983 - Press Conference - Quebec City - Dr. Camille Laurin, Minister of Education announced 'amendments' to the original proposed plan of reform. At the time of writing this report, the QFHSA Task Force is studying these announced changes.

Along with the countless QFHSA Task Force meetings, liaison has been maintained with the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, the Lakeshore School Board, the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, the Group of 14, various Parent Committees, etc.

There is a strong possibility that legislation for school reform will be introduced by the end of April, 1983 and, therefore, the delegates to the Annual General Meeting will be called upon for advice and action at that time.

REPORT OF THE RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Calvin Potter, Chairman

The Rights Committee (originally the 101 Action Committee) was set up by the Executive Committee in July 1977. At that time the social climate in Quebec was deteriorating and relations between the linguistic communities were accordingly strained. The 39 page Brief on Bill 1 that had been prepared and submitted by Federation had not been given a hearing by the Committee of the National Assembly, nor was our telegram to Premier Levesque requesting an interview to express our concerns and priorities accorded a positive response. The Executive Committee, conscious as it was of the implications of the deteriorating scene, set up the 101 Action Committee to oversee all the initiatives, actions and responses of the Federation in relation to Bill 101.

Since that hectic first year, the name of the committee has been altered to the Rights Committee.

The activities of the Rights Committee, however, continue to reflect the mission 'nature of the committee'.

Top priority of the Rights Committee in the past year has been the matter of a date for the hearing of QFHSA's case against Bill 101. That action was initiated in December, 1978, and we applied for it to be inscribed in December 1979. Exasperated by the delays, in December 1981, legal counsel applied to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court, District of Montreal, for an early hearing. In January 1982, that motion was rejected. At the same time the Master of the Rolls was instructed by the Chief Justice to set a date for the Fall 1982 session of the Court. In the Spring, 1983, that date has still not been announced.

At the March, 1983, meeting of the Board of Directors, the Rights Committee recommended that QFHSA again petition the Prime Minister of Canada that Quebec's Bill 101 be referred directly to the Supreme Court of Canada. The Board approved and passed a motion to that effect. A petition-resolution has been drafted by the Rights Committee and will be presented to the AGM for ratification.

REPORT OF THE RIGHTS COMMITTEE (Continued)

During the year the Rights Committee continued its policy of keeping the provincial premiers informed on QFHSA's position on educational language rights. Individual letters of transmittal were written to key premiers, with an enclosure of the resolution of the 1982 AGM calling for the deletion from the Canadian Constitution, 1982, of Article 59. That article exempts the Province of Quebec from the provision of article 23 (1) (right base on mother tongue) until such time as the National Assembly of Quebec should choose to opt in. A copy of QFHSA's resolution was also sent to Prime Minister Trudeau, and to the leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Joe Clark.

In September, 1982, a two-page reply was received from Prime Minister Trudeau, and also a two-page reply from Mr. Clark.

In January, 1983, a five-page reply was drafted to the Prime Minister's letter. It was signed and transmitted by the President. Copies of that letter were sent to all provincial premiers, accompanied by letters of transmittal that commented on the replies received from each provincial premier and that requested their continuous support of the principle of equality of minority language education rights for all Canadians.

A reply was also written to Mr. Clark's letter.

This series of actions required a number of meetings for the committee, and could not have been completed without the continuing co-operation of all members of the Rights Committee, and particularly without the steadfast attendance and participation of Rose Kandalgaonker, Barbara Milne Smith, Betty O'Connell, June Ellingsen, Rod Weiner, Gordon MacGibbon, John Parker, and our President, Owen Buckingham.

HEALTH ISSUES ANIMATION
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Marilyn Ashby, Chairman

1. Safety: At our request the Back to School Campaign sponsored by the Quebec Safety League in September 1983 will emphasize the difference between the disembarkation rules for MUCTC buses and school buses. Recommended safety programs are available through the office.

2. Youth and Smoking: Workshop presented at Leadership Conference in October. It would be very helpful for next year's plans to know what schools have been presenting programs (either through Home and School or other staff) and how extensive the programming is.

3. Child Abuse: Much has been learned regarding usage of this kit. A report is available from the office of QFHSA. Plans are to animate usage of the kit in an area with a high presentation rate of child abuse at social service and possibly to present our findings (hopefully successful) to the International Congress on Child Abuse to be held in Montreal in 1984. A highly recommended pamphlet on parenting sponsored by Mutual Life of Canada is included in the delegates kit for AGM.

4. Drug Use and Abuse: A new Co-ordinator is required for this position. A community education kit will soon be available from National and will require animation by the locals.

SECONDARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Submitted by Carol Wilson

The S.E.L.A.G. only met for 2 full days this year due to budget restraints and teachers' strike. Because of this, the mandate of all committee members have been extended for an additional year.

Guides

The Secondary School Curriculum Language Guide was reviewed at the December meeting and subsequently was sent for printing. A working project on alternative strategies for the Language Guide was discussed at the March meeting. The following new guides are now available - Literature III and the North American Literature Guide.

Evaluation

There has been ongoing work by the evaluation sub committee preparing guides for formative evaluation. Committee members (if teachers) have been requested to use the proposed evaluation forms for subsequent feedback to subcommittee. Other committee's members have given these forms to other teachers willing to help in this project.

Implementation

There have been 2 sessions on implementation held this year which were quite successful.

Textbooks

There have been no newly approved titles as yet but all titles will be designated Cycle I and Cycle II. Annotated Guide is presently being prepared. Titles are being typed into computer.

Next year's proposed areas of interest will include classroom management, teacher preparation and use of computers in Language Arts.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Submitted by Bryna Gertenberg

This year the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee started a newspaper column, "Just Ask Bibi" which attempted to answer parents' questions on the subject. Unfortunately no letters were received so the format of the column needs to be revised. The facts on drugs and alcohol in the column are based on data coming in to the main office, newspaper clippings, as well as in-depth research done by Bryna for Concordia on the Etiology of Alcoholism.

From this information, it is suggested that a new approach be adopted vis a vis the drug and alcohol abuse program in the schools. It is the opinion of this committee that parents of primary school pupils be made aware of all the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse and that they should realize that their activities concerning drugs and alcohol serve as the prime model for their children. A concurrent program taught at the primary level should make the youngsters themselves aware of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse before they get into the drug scene in high school. This could be incorporated into the existing health education program. It is also hoped that primary level teachers could be made aware of the personality profiles of children who could be potential abusers and help them before they get hooked.

QUEBEC HOME & SCHOOL "NEWS"
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Dorothy Chant Hannah, Editor

Five issues of the "NEWS", representing approximately 70,000 copies, have been published since 1982 AGM.

The paper has two primary functions; first an informative gathering of data and happenings in Education as applied by and to the Federal, Provincial and local levels of schools and their Boards, and second, as a very necessary communication media between the Provincial Home and School Association, the Local Associations and the individual members.

We, of the Editorial Board, sincerely trust these goals are being achieved in interesting and concise presentations.

In this instance of a "grass roots" paper, the result reflects on the input of its readers - whether by submitting items of interest for circulation to your peer associations or by the positive/negative criticism of your publication.

Some members of the Editorial Board must put a great deal of time and effort into the preparation of these issues and all members must do their their part as this is strictly a "Volunteer paper".

The local associations are asked to help us continue publishing a "NEWS" that is representative of anglophone education in Quebec by contributing to and reading THEIR paper.

Editorial Board

Sandra Keightley	- Publicity	Gordon Perry	- Layout
Joan Mansfield	- Policy	Barbara Pedan	- Focus on the Locals
Alex Morris	- Editorials & Policy		
Fay Richardson	- Policy	Marilyn Pollock	- Safety Scene
Jon Percy	- Rewrite		

1982 Newsletter Award Winners

Edgewater Elementary and Courtland Park Elementary (Dorval)

Congratulations to both these schools for putting out what the Editorial Board considers to be the best and most informative newsletters to their parents.

PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARD OF GREATER MONTREAL LIAISON
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Joyce Payan, QFHSA Liaison

On behalf of QFHSA, this representative attended the regularly scheduled monthly public PSBGM meetings and a few of the special meetings that were called. Of particular interest were the subjects:-

Francization - QFHSA had sent the PSBGM a copy of our resolution 82/2E Francization of English Institutions. It appeared on their agenda of October 27th only to be tabled until the November 24th meeting. At that time it was briefly discussed and it was decided to seek further legal counsel on this topic.

Outside Organizations - Rental Policy - All fund-raising events sponsored by school committees and Home and School will have no charge for the use of the Board's facilities.

School Closings - See Major School Change Report

White Paper on School Board Reorganization - PSBGM/CPC submitted a brief to the Superior Council of Education and they were heard in December.

It is recommended that QFHSA continue this liaison.

AREA REPORT NDG
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Joyce Payan, Area Representative NDG

This has been a busy year for both Hampstead and Willingdon Schools. Hampstead conducted a fund-raising campaign to finance additional computers for their school. They received the computers in early January and they have been engaged in learning more about computers ever since.

At Willingdon the oldest students have had a series of "hands-on" sessions with their new computer and their teacher, Mrs. Marshall.

Last November, Willingdon and Hampstead Schools sent representatives to the Parent Rally held at the High School of Montreal to oppose Camille Laurin's White Paper.

Parents from Willingdon and Hampstead were represented at the Bill 111 Rally at Westmount High School held in late February.

On March 9th Willingdon held an open house for parents and prospective parents.

A Book Fair was held April 20th at Willingdon School during "I Love to Read" week. This event had to be re-scheduled due to the contract dispute.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Report to the Annual General Meeting
Submitted by Marilyn Percy, Treasurer

PROPOSED BUDGET OFHSA

September 1, 1983 - August 31, 1984

RECEIPTS

Membership Fees (6,000 x $5.00)	$ 30,000
Interest and Miscellaneous	800
	30,800

EXPENDITURES

Affiliation Fees (6,000 x 75¢)	4,500
Secretarial Salary	18,000
Rent/Light/Taxes	7,400
Insurance and Administration	2,500
Printing and Stationery	3,500
Telephone	2,200
Postage	6,000
Sundry	3,500
NEWS (net)	11,500
Committees	5,000
	64,100
Amount needed to break even	33,300

TEACHING OF FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Gisela Amarica, Chairman

Over the last year material was gathered and evaluated. As a member of Canadian Parents for French, information from other provinces was easily obtained. French immersion programs differ from school board to school board. In the other provinces parents are asking for and pressing the school boards to extend French programs and French immersion.

Lakeshore Area 111
Report to the Annual General Meeting 1983
Jon Percy, Area Rep.

All four local associations had a very active and successful year. As has been the case with most locals across the province, a great deal of time and effort was devoted to the school reorganization issue. Joint Home and School/ School Committee Task Forces have been very busy in all areas; arranging information meetings,circulating literature and petitions and raising funds.....in short, doing their utmost to derail Dr. Laurin's "reform" plans.

Edgewater: A popular and highly successful enrichment program gave students the opportunity to participate in classes in music appreciation, creative drama, ballet, baby sitting, pottery and French conversation. The Safety Committee sponsored a wide range of safety programs covering everything from railway safety to bicycle safety. The committee has also organized a"buddy" system within the school and are putting it into operation on a trial basis. The Christmas Fair proved to be both popular and profitable.

Macdonald: The school celebrated its 75th anniversary during the fall term and the Home and School Association joined in with the rest of the school community in developing and putting on a very successful homecoming program. The Association donated a commemorative plaque to celebrate the event and participated actively in the many activities. A successful craft fair (the 5th annual) saw more than 30 artisans exhibiting and offering their works.

Dorset: The local sponsored an effective nutrition program designed to assist the youngsters in developing good eating habits. The ever popular ski and skate exchange was once again a profitable success for the association. The group also sponsored a very popular program of after school movies that was much appreciated by the students.

Hudson: A computer course for parents sponsored by the local proved to be such an overwhelming success that it had to be repeated to cope with the demand. Fund raising activities included a book fair and the annual skate and ski sale. A driver education course was also sponsored by the local association. High school students participated in an exchange program with students from Maryland. The Home and School hosted a dinner for the visiting students and their host students during February.

MEMBERSHIP
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Submitted by Marion Daigle, Co-chairman

Membership, as of April 12, 1983, read as follows:-

Associations submitting membership lists	60
Group Affiliate Members	9
Associations which have NOT submitted a list	6
Number of Family memberships (through a H&S)	5867
Supporting Members (individuals families who have not joined through a local H&S)	73

In June, 1982, during a Membership Development tour of the Gaspé, Richmond High Home and School Association was formed. We welcome their active involvement in this area.

In Fall, 1982, a new Home & School formed at Ecole Primaire Pointe Claire and the Home & School at Lasalle High was reactivated. Each of these groups has been very active during the year as well.

We are encouraged by an increased number of group affiliates, including a school board - St. Maurice Valley Regional School Board.

We were sorry to lose Betty Bouchett as co-chairman; she has moved out of the province. There will be a need for a Membership Chairman in 1983-84. The strength of the organization is dependent upon the 'grassroots' membership.

The Membership Chairmen at the local level have worked long and hard and their efforts are much appreciated. The following are the awards for 1983.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS - based on approximate number of families in school.

Elementary Schools on Montreal Island

Beacon Hill	92.38	Membership Chairman - Lalescka Schreier
Edgewater	86.28	Membership Chairman - Cindy Corbett
Dunrae Gardens	72.47	Membership Chairman - Helga Marcus
Christmas Park	71.53	Membership Chairman - Sandra Krusel

Off-island

New Carlisle	79.20	Membership Chairman - Diane Dobson
Eardley	64.13	Membership Chairman - Pat Bütter

High Schools

Lachine	33.71	Membership Chairman - June Tosh
Macdonald	31.93	Membership Chairman - Annie Petersen

Special Award

Hudson H&S - Hudson Elementary
Hudson High
Mt. Pleasant Elementary
93.2% - Membership Chairman Sandra Laurin

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983

Gaspé Area Representative's Report:- Anne MacWhirter

The Gaspé area had a very successful conference during a three day blitz in June, 1982. The topic of the visit was Bill 101 - Our Day In Court. QFHSA was well represented by Calvin Potter, Marion Daigle and Sandra Keightly. They were accompanied by the Executive Secretary, Donna Sauriol. Meetings were organized by Anne MacWhirter, Area Representative and began in Matapedia with a 10:00 a.m. meeting and luncheon. The A.V. tape of Bill 101 was shown at each locality. The group then visited Escuminac, where some interest was shown although there is no organized Home & School body. A supper was prepared by the New Richmond area parents on the same evening. A Home & School Executive was elected at the meeting and sworn in to assume their duties immediately. The group has been active all during the year with meetings and various projects. We are pleased to have a new Home & School group in the area.

On the following day, a meeting was held at New Carlisle, the largest Home & School organization on the Gaspé coast. During the afternoon, the Montreal visitors relaxed at a Sunday School picnic and spoke informally with many people and then, it was back to work on Saturday evening with the final meeting at Hopetown, Shigawake, Port Daniel Home & School meeting. A large number of interested parents attended and fielded relevant questions concerning the Bill 101 action.

The year has been successful and plans are being made for a successful 1983-84.

Off-Island Newsletter:-Anne MacWhirter

Fitness & Nutrition:-

During the year 1982-83 off-island locals were invited to participate in a Fitness program initiated by the Fitness and Nutrition chairman for Quebec. Buttons with the logo 2 miles were distributed to each off-island school along with a 2 day newsletter describing the suggested program. 2 wards Fitness

The stipulations were as follows:- a program involving exercise three times a week for 15 minute periods would be followed for ten weeks. At the end of that time, a ribbon would be awarded to each successful participant. The ribbon would say I'm a "six"-cess, I did it!

Newsletters were also sent with a sample button to Provincial Fitness and Nutrition Chairman. Also, a sample was sent to Russ Kirby--Participaction. Response has been favourable, and the project is considered a "Six" - cess!

CENTRAL PARENTS COMMITTEE (PSBGM)
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Gisela Amarica, liaison

CPC meetings are held monthly and were attended regularly. Items discussed and concerns of the members are similar to those of Quebec Federation.

Materials given out at these meetings, or on request, have proved very helpful to us.

It is recommended that we continue our liaison with this body of parents.

Report to the Annual General Meeting 1983
INSURANCE COMMITTEE
Everett Alexander, Chairman

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY

You will remember that at the 1982 Annual General Meeting you unanimously accepted the plan submitted by Reliable Life Insurance Company as the one we would recommend to parents.

Furthermore you accepted Reliable Life's offer to go into a two year contract, thereby holding the line on price. As you will recall, the cost of the plan is:-

with $1000. death benefit	$3.50 per student (girl or boy)
with $2000. death benefit	$5.50 per student
with $5000. death benefit	$7.50 per student

at the option of the parent.

Unfortunately, last year the change of insurance company seemed to cause confusion amongst our members because only 3,416 students registered with Reliable Life so that a large number of students obviously registered with other companies.

It seems, therefore, that in order to avoid the same uncertainty this year we should make every effort to spread the word around that in our opinion Reliable Life offers the best deal available on the market today.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Gisela Amarica, Chairman

The Committee did not receive any suggestions for change or amendments to the Constitution from local associations. No changes or amendments are proposed by the Constitution Committee.

As asked by the Annual General Meeting 1982, legal counsel was asked to take the necessary steps to change the number of directors on the board.

The Committee also met with the Resolutions Committee to study the resolutions and policy statements referred for further study by the AGM '82.

Presently the Committee is working on the revision of the constitution for local Home & School associations.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Co-chairmen - Sandra Keightley and Gordon Perry
Members - Rose Kandalgaonkar, Fay Richardson, Grace Lindstrom and Joan Locke

May 82 - QFHSA Publicity Committee members, S. Keightley and G. Lindstrom, attended a special General Meeting and 52nd Annual Meeting of the Quebec Society for Crippled Children on May 18. A resolution was presented to change the name from 'crippled' to 'disabled'. The election of officers and directors of their Board was also held. A slide presentation entitled "One in Ten" was shown and Gary Carter (of the Expos) announced the Tag Day for September 1982.

Jun 82 - Membership/Publicity mini-conference in the Gaspé. During a three day period we visited five communities to make presentations. For further details of this visit see the September issue 1982 of the NEWS.

"KIDS ARE WORTH IT !" promotion. Buttons were made up and became very popular. This theme was carried out throughout the fund raising campaign as well. The buttons were first given out during the Gaspé trip. We are presently having them reproduced in French.

Sep 82 - Press releases announcing the upcoming Leadership Conference were sent out to the media. Dr. Laurin's appearance at our conference resulted in excellent media coverage on both radio and T.V.

Oct 82 - A Publicity/Newsletter workshop was held at the Leadership Conference. The workshop was chaired by S. Keightley and the resource persons were Linda Piercey, editor of the Eardley School newsletter and Virginia Bell, reporter with the West Island NEWS AND CHRONICLE (and a member of Christmas Park H&S). The Eardley newsletter had won a prize, along with Thorndale, for best newsletter at our 1982 AGM. The Eardley newsletter costs very little to publish, is informative and eye-catching, and Linda offered helpful insights into doing this type of letter. Virginia Bell gave delegates an idea about 'deadlines' and emphasized that schools are welcome to forward articles to the newspaper at any time. A general discussion then took place with members from different schools suggesting other ideas.

Home & School PRESENTATION PINS were available for the first time at this conference and have since been purchased by many local associations (cost $5.00 each). Many schools seem pleased to now have a "keepsake" type of pin which they can present to a retiring principal or H&S President or member who is moving and leaving the community. These pins are still available from the H&S office and will also be available at the Registration Desk at our 1983 AGM.

Nov/Dec '82 Final arrangements were made for the Fund-Raising and Gala Evening. During most of 1982, prizes, permits and entertainment had to be arranged and involved extensive efforts by this Committee.

PUBLICITY COMMITTTEE, cont.

Jan 83 - Raffle tickets were first made available and the majority of our local associations and many school committees participated. Over $15,000 has been added to QFHSA's General Operating Account. The support and efforts of all involved in this project are positive proof of the vitality of our organization.

Mar 83 The GALA SOCIAL EVENING was held at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club on March 18th and resulted in a very enjoyable evening, thanks to over 300 Home & Schoolers and special guests. A more detailed write up on the Gala can be found in the April issue of the NEWS.

Apr 83 - A press release was sent to the media regarding our 1983 AGM to be held on the Loyola campus of Concordia University, May 6 and 7.

Several special PRESS RELEASES were sent out at various times during the year dealing with:-

1) Safety and School Children (an ongoing campaign of ours and in conjunction with the Quebec Safety League).

2) The resolution passed at the 1982 AGM asking the Prime Minister of Canada and the ten Premiers to support as the first amendment to the Canadian Consitution, 1981, the rescinding of Section 59.

3) Advising the press we had sent a telegram to Premier René Lévesque urging the government to <u>negotiate</u> a fair settlement with the teachers.

4) And following the passage of Bill 111 a further telegram asking that they repeal Bill 111 and Bill 105 and return to the negotiation table immediately.

5) Our brief to the Parliamentary Commission Hearings on Education in Quebec City (we were heard March 7th).

6) After studying the proposed 'amendments' put forward by Dr. Laurin to the White Paper on School Reorganization, the Executive Committee reaffirmed their Policy Statement of November 21, 1981. This was forward to the press with a covering press release.

The Publicity Committee wishes to thank everyone for their support during a very busy and fulfilling 1982/83.

Rose Kandalgaonkar, Publicity Committee member, attended all the Rights Committee meetings throughout the year, representing the Publicity Committee.

LIAISON WITH QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS
Presented at the Annual General Meeting 1983
Barbara Milne-Smith and Joyce Payan

This year we alternated attending their regular Board of Directors and special meetings as observers.

They have again had to spend a majority of their energy resisting Dr. Laurin's proposed school reorganization plan. Dr. Simms met with Dr. Laurin to tell him of their objections to the plan and their conviction that we should keep our confessional board system. They organized a very successful Parents' Rally in November, all local Task Forces continued fund-raising activities, and, in September and again in April, they mounted publicity campaigns to inform the public of the drawbacks to the plan.

They made a very good presentation in November to the Superior Council of Education. They told them that the Minister's plan violates the fundamental principles that lie at the heart of the North American tradition of a democratic education system.

They started publishing an excellent small bilingual paper, "En Garde", to help keep people up to date on our educational problems.

A court case was instigated concerning the denominational school rights guaranteed by the British North America Act. This is in addition to cases pending concerning Laws 57 and 101 and on the relationship between Bill 101 and the Canadian Constitution.

They also met in December with Mr. Gerald Godin, the Minister in charge of Bill 101, to ask for some relaxation of the francization rules that must be implemented by December 31, 1983. Mr. Godin was very sympathetic to their concerns and agreed to look into their requests.

Along with the rest of the province they were opposed to the government's heavy handed approach to the teachers' contract negotiations and were particularly against their Bill 111. They therefore formulated a resolution asking (1) the government to rescind the bill, (2) the teachers to return to the school and (3) both parties to resume meaningful negotiations. They also made an excellent presentation to the Parliamentary Commission on Negotiations.

AREA REPORT - COTE ST. LUC - WAGAR HIGH SCHOOL
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Nina Stein, Area Rep

Dr. H. de Groot, Principal, Wagar High School

In recognition of his outstanding efforts and bravery during the second World War, our principal, Dr. de Groot, received the Resistance Cross for Bravery from Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands in June 1982, on behalf of all those persecuted by the Nazis. This prompted the Wagar School Committee and Home & School, in conjunction with the National Council of Jewish Women, to publicly honour Dr. de Groot at the school. Six hundred people from the community, including officials from the City of Cote St. Luc, PSBGM, Mr. Herbert Marx, MNA for Cote St. Luc, the press and representatives of several religious organizations, assembled to witness the many tributes bestowed upon him by, among others, the staff and students of Wagar School.

Dr. de Groot gave a very informative and interestin g talk describing his experiences and exploits with the Dutch Resistance during the occupation of his native Holland.

Community Project/Prevention Program

An eleven month project was established by the Jewish Family Services Social Service Entre to work directly with vulneralbe adolescents within the community high school system, setting up much needed preventative programs in response to their identified needs and concerns. The project co-ordinating committee is made up of school and city representatives and parents from the School Committee and Home & School and community. The programs are aimed at building confidence and to reduce acting-out behaviour through practical and social skill development.[1]

Teacher Contract Negotiations

In February an information meeting was held for parents with reference to the teachers strike. Representatives from the ad-hoc committee of concerned parents invited Ruth Rosenberg, MTA, and Herbert Marx, MNA, to explain and to answer questions from the parents regarding the latest contract negotiations.

[1]If your school is interested in finding out more about this type of project, please call N. Stein at 487-5163 for further details.

QUEBEC ASSOCIATION FOR INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Gisela Amarica, liaison

After the Winnipeg conference on Multicultural education many meetings were held locally to draw up a constitution and to form the Quebec Association for Intercultural Education. This constitution was accepted by the members at the meeting of December 4, 1982.

A further meeting was held in April 1983.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Calvin Potter, Chairman
Committee Members: Val Carpenter, Fay Richardson and Caspar Esselaar (for the Board of Directors)
Ken Sydell, Janet Manning, Florence Luce, Carol Ohlin, Arthur Ridgway and Jim Warrington (non-Board members)

The Nominations Committee, acting in accordance with our Constitution and By-laws, met and verified the credentials of those nominated. The names of all who were willing to stand for office were circulated to all local associations and will be voted on at the AGM.

Those standing for office are:-

President (two year term)	- Marion Daigle
Executive Vice-President (two year term)	- Sandra Keightley
Treasurer (one year term)	- Caspar Esselaar
Vice-Presidents (two year term)	- Rose Kandalgaonkar Patricia Lewis Allan Locke Donna Manzo Joyce Payan Jon Percy Susan Stamm

If further names are received by 5 p.m. April 29, 1983, they will be included on the ballot.

Please note that if the position of President, Executive Vice-President and Treasurer are filled by acclamation, there will be three vacancies on the Executive Committee for a one year term. In accordance with the Constitution nominations will be called for from the floor to fill these positions. If more than three persons are nominated, there will be a subsequent election.

22 Teacher Contract Negotiations Committee
Report to Annual General Meeting 1983
Submitted by Doreen Canavan, Chairman

The members of the Committee gave a Workshop on Teacher Contract Negotiations at the Q.F.H.S.A. Leadership Conference held in the Fall of '82. Topics covered at that time included the Nature of Contracts; Negotiating Procedures; Negotiating Teams and how they are derived and finally Terms of the Contract.

The mandate of this Committee is not to take sides in any dispute but to collect information, digest and summarize it so that Q.F.H.S.A. is kept aware of current information and its implications for our children.

The Committee expresses its sincere appreciation to the Comité Patronal de Négotiations pour les Commissions Protestantes (C.P.N.C.P.) and the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers (P.A.P.T.) for their collaboration in providing up-to-date information as quickly as possible.

The Committee kept a close watch on the process of negotiations from the start through the following:

- passage of Bill 70, which extended the term of the contract in force at that time and reduced salary levels;
- passage of Bill 105, which by decree set out the terms of a new contract;
- Government offers of February 10, 1983;
- "illegal" strikes by the teachers;
- Bill 111, harsh back-to-work legislation which undermined the Bill of Rights of the Canadian Constitution;
- Court cases declaring Bills 105 and 70 unconstitutional, thereby rendering the previous illegal strike, legal (these court decisions are now in the process of appeal);
- Parliamentary Commission Hearings;
- Conciliators' Report; and finally
- the recent signing of ~~a new contract.~~ the acceptance of the conciliator's report

The Committee Chairman was involved in assisting the Executive in preparing the Q.F.H.S.A. Brief for presentation to the Parliamentary Commission.

It is the Committee's opinion that our children's education has been drastically affected by the methods used in this round of negotiations as well as by the final results of the contract.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Report to the Annual General Meeting 1983
Submitted by Marilyn Percy, Treasurer

	Actual Sept. 1/82- March 31/83	Budgeted Sept. 1/82- Aug. 31/83
RECEIPTS		
Membership Fees	$29,460.00	29,000.00
Interest & Miscellaneous	1,764.35	500.00
	31,224.35	29,500.00
EXPENDITURES		
Affiliation Fees @ 75¢	4,243.73	4,350.00
Secretarial Salary	9,917.76	16,500.00
Rent, Light, Taxes	1,981.00	4,000.00
Insurance & Administration	828.82	1,000.00
Printing & Stationery	3,363.09	3,000.00
Telephone	1,227.59	2,000.00
Postage		6,000.00
Sundry (including Board and Executive meetings, conferences and travel)	(830.80)	1,000.00
NEWS (net)	8,116.38	10,000.00
Committees	219.56	5,000.00
	29,178.74	52,850.00
EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUE AGAINST EXPENDITURES	2,045.61	23,350.00

24. OFFICE SERVICES
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Submitted by Susan Stamm, Chairman

This year Office Services has been confronted with the task of looking for new office space. For several months the process of seeing possible new locations and the task for finding suitable space, price and accommodations went on. The average price for places around our present location were going for $8. - $12. per sq. foot. We also looked into finding space with schools; but this would not be suitable as they could not give us evening and weekend accessibility for our meetings.

We finally decided on a new location. We will be moving June 30th to:

2535 Cavendish Boulevard (in NDG)
Suite 212 - Montreal - H4B 2Y5

Office Services is looking for volunteers to help with the move. We have a great many boxes of resource materials that needed to be sorted through, possibly discarded, and generally tidied and filed. If you can spare an hour or two please contact the office, or you could take a box or two home and try to re-organize them.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith, Chairman

We worked with the Constitution Committee to circulate suggested Statements to be voted on at our Annual General Meeting for inclusion, if passed, in our Statement of Policy.

As mandated by the 1982 Annual General Meeting, we followed up Resolution 82-2 re High School Leaving Examinations. It was decided not to bring this resolution forward this year. This resolution was a reaffirmation of Resolution 79-3 and the government has started to act on these concerns. It will be kept on hold and the government's examination policy will be watched. If it is felt necessary in the future, it will be brought back -- in whole or in part as needed.

Sixteen resolutions were received this year and were circulated to our locals and our Board of Directors for study. Five of them have been submitted by four of our Home and School locals and the remainer by our Board of Directors and our committees.

The following is a report on the disposition of the 1982 resolutions:-

Resolution 82/1 - CONSTITUTION ACT (CANADA) 1981
This resolution was directed to The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation; was passed by them at their 1982 Annual Meeting, and was forwarded by CHSPTF to the appropriate destinations. They received answers from the following: the Prime Minister, Commissioner for Official Languages, Mr. Joe Clark, leader of the Opposition, the Canadian Teachers Federation, the Canadian Association of School Trustees, and from some provincial Ministries of Education through the provincial Home & School Federations. They express sympathy with our problem but say it is not a workable constitutional premise at present. The teacher and administrator groups both said they would present it at their Board of Directors meetings.

Resolution 82/2 - HIGH SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMS
This was referred to the Resolution Committee for further study. Upon checking up it was discovered that the changes suggested in this resolution seem to be in the process of being acted upon by the Ministry of Education. It was, therefore, decided not to bring this forward in 1983 but to keep it on hold until we are able to be sure that the Ministry is in fact implementing them.

Resolution 82/1E - AMENDMENT TO THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION, 1981 BY THE DELETION OF SECTION 59
Replies received from most provinical governments; Gilles Lalande, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages; Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Joe Clark, leader of the Opposition. Most replies were in sympathy with our concern but stated that the consent of Quebec will be needed to delete Section 59. The Minister of Justice also stated that it is the government's hope that Quebec will opt into the guarantees of Section 23(1)(a).

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE, cont.

Resolution 82/2E - FRANCIZATION OF ENGLISH INSTITUTIONS
Replies were received from Mark MacGuigan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General; Claude Ryan, MNA for Argenteuil; Allan Butler, chairman of the PSBGM and Jacques Chagnon, président, la Fédération des commissions scolaires catholique du Québec. Answers indicated concern for our problem and an indication that the legalities of it will be looked into.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1983
Submitted by Fay Richardson, Chairman

June - This committee was responsible for the combined Membership/Publicity workshop held in mid June at John Rennie High School for local Membership and Publicity chairmen. Heather McBride outlined strategy for M'ship people while Sylvia Rankin spoke about local newsletters. The meeting was very well attended.

- The committee sponsored the tour of the Gaspé by four members of Quebec Federation. Anne MacWhirter did a membership sketch at each of the schools visited in her area and urged those present to join. The welcome received by Quebec Federation from the Gaspé Home & Schoolers was very warm.

Oct. - The off-island development fund was used to sponsor ten delegates at our Fall Leadership Conference. We paid all travel and accommodation for those coming from distances greater than 150 miles.

- H&S "stickers" for use by Membership Chairmen during their m'ship campaigns were obtained. Due to problems with their sticky backing these were not ready early enough for most m'ship drives but, hopefully, more will use them this Fall.

Jan. - A new supply of bookmarks were printed - especially for use in conjunction with "I Love to Read" month. They were sent to all elementary schools and to any high schools which requested them. We still have a large stock and all schools are welcome to use them.

Mar. - The blue pamphlet "It's About Us" was translated and reproduced as "C'est de Nous qu'il s'Agit". Anyone requiring French Home & School material is welcome to request and use them.

As well as the above, this Committee sponsored the off-island newsletters written and circulated by Anne MacWhirter, the off-island Vice-President. This year Anne promoted Fitness and Nutrition (as our provincial chairman of this committee) and eye-catching Fitness Buttons were designed and circulated (2 miles - 2 day - 2 wards - FITNESS). We also paid the expenses incurred by Sylvia Adams, national chairman of Fitness & Nutrition, to attend the mid-term national meeting in Toronto.

The KIDS ARE WORTH IT buttons, designed by Publicity, were made available at less than cost to M'ship Chairmen to help them in their campaigns. The same button, in French, is on order and should be available shortly.

To: The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation
ANNUAL REPORT of 1982-1983

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

C. Owen Buckingham, President

As was stated in our Annual Report of 1981/82, this year again, has been a most challenging year for education in Quebec.

School Reorganization

One area in which we are still actively involved is the Minister of Education's plan for School Board Reorganization. At our Fall Leadership Conference in October, 1982, we invited the Minister, Dr. Laurin, to outline his plan to the delegates from across the province and to answer questions from the various regions. One aspect that came from this meeting was that we, as parents, could not accept a plan that completely dismantled our present system of education and centralized all power and control in the hands of the Ministry of Education.

At the time of writing this report, Dr. Laurin has revised his plan and is submitting the new modified version to the National Assembly for passage before the end of April. While many educational groups favour the new plan others feel that the only changes have been cosmetic ones. Dr. Laurin has not accepted the fact that reform could be implemented through the present structures - he still intends to dismantle our present confessional school board system and concentrate all financial and decision-making powers with the Ministry.

Bill 101

Last year I reported that we were involved in a court case on Bill 101 which restricts accessibility to English schools and restricts the use of English within the province. Unfortunately, the courts in Quebec are responsible to the provincial government and they are not in any hurry to go to court to defend Bill 101. The case must be called but the government will delay it to the last possible moment. This puts a terrible strain on our Rights Committee, chaired by Dr. Calvin Potter, who have been meeting regularly, trying to get our case heard, giving reports to our members concerning the delays and attempting to pressure the government into hearing our case.

Canada Constitution

Again we have been actively involved in an attempt to have Article 59 removed from the Canada Constitution as it allows Quebec to opt out of Article 23(1)(a) thus creating an inequality of rights in education to citizens moving into the province. We have again been in correspondence with the Prime Minister of Canada and all the First Ministers of the Provinces urging them to support us in our battle for equality and parents' rights in the education of their children.

Teacher Contract Negotiations

This year the current teachers' contract should have ended on December 31, 1982. Prior to that date the government passed Bill 70 which extended the length of the contract and altered the conditions and Bill 105 which decreed a contract on teachers. This resulted in a teachers' strike. Quebec Federation passed a resolution that was

delivered to the Premier and the Minister of Education, deploring the fact that the government had passed two Bills prior to the expiry date of the teachers' contract and urging the government to negotiate a contract with the teachers as stated in the labour code. The teachers were on strike for three weeks when the government passed Bill 111 ordering the teachers back to school. This Bill removed striking teachers from the Quebec and Canadian Charter of Human Rights and it changed a fundamental law - of being innocent until proven guilty. Teachers and citizens suspected of breaking this law are guilty until proven innocent.

Quebec Federation again petitioned the government on Bill 111. It is not that we are in complete support of the teachers' demands; it is that, as parents, we object to the way the government has acted.

1) Bill 70 and Bill 105 were passed before the expiry date of the existing contract, thereby altering conditions and decreeing teachers' contracts rather than negotiating in good faith.

2) Bill 111 which took away some citizens' freedoms and presumed guilt rather than innocence.

We urged the government to repeal these laws and to go back to negotiations. At the Parliamentary hearings on education we reiterated our stand and urged both parties to accept mediation. At the time of writing, both groups have been negotiating before mediators.

Other Major Involvements

Fitness & Nutrition

Anne MacWhirter, our provincial chairman for this committee, has worked very hard getting an off-island project going with the schools regarding fitness. A catchy 'button' was designed and those completing the program will have a ribbon to add to their 'button'. We are looking forward to using the pamphlets designed by Sylvia Adams, the national chairman, and hope that many schools will participate in an awareness program.

Safety/Transportation

Marilyn Pollock, Chairman, has pursued our safety awareness program again this year using our STOP/ARRET bumper stickers - a very familiar sight around Quebec. As always we are proud of her Committee's efforts in this field and appreciate our close liaison and co-operation with the Quebec Safety League. Marilyn has also continued a 'Safety Scene' column in our newspaper which we feel reflects our ongoing concern re safety.

Child Abuse Kit

Marilyn Ashby, our Social Affairs Chairman, has the CHSPTF kit out for study in certain schools. Windermere School has prepared a resolution for our 1983 AGM based on their work with this program. The program was featured at our Fall Leadership Conference in October.