



QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

1977 ANNUAL MEETING

REPORTS

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 5, 6 and 7th, 1977

AGENDA

Chairman: Elizabeth O'Connell, President

9:00 a.m.

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President's Opening Remarks

Introductions

Formal Opening of Annual General Meeting

Mr. Sylvester White, Associate Deputy Minister
of Education

Introduction of Parliamentarian

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes of 1976 Annual General Meeting

Report of Disposition of Resolutions 1976

President's Report

Presentation of Awards for Outstanding Service

Membership Report

Insurance Committee Report

Adoption of Nominations Committee Report

Recommendations from Reports of Committees

Adoption of Financial Report; Fixing of Fees 1977-78

Policy Resolutions 1977 (to be cont. Sat. P.M. if nec.)

Adjournment (Fri. morning or Sat. p.m.)



PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF Q.F.H.S.A.
1976-77

Through the year there has been no lull in the work of Quebec Federation. As with others actively participating in education in this province, the year began with a period of stress and emotional anxiety due to the teacher contract negotiations and the year is ending under the same conditions, but caused by another reason which is far more serious in nature.

If anything, Quebec Federation has grown in stature during this period as it has coped with its responsibilities squarely and forthrightly in responding to the challenges, always keeping in mind that positions which involve children directly or indirectly must be taken in their best interest.

The following summarizes the activities of the past year with reference to reports for more specific details, which are more than adequately covered in the attached reports.

MEMBERSHIP

While the report indicates a drop in membership this is in no way a reflection on the effort or dedication of Sylvia Adams, Chairman, or any local membership chairman. Only someone who has been a membership chairman can fully appreciate the work involved in this chairmanship and this year was particularly difficult because of the suspension of many of the usual school activities where membership is taken. We welcome the new members and we will make every effort to regain lost membership in the year ahead.

FINANCE

As you can see in the attached financial report, Quebec Federation received a grant of \$10,000. from the provincial government. At a meeting with the Minister of Education in February the matter of a grant was discussed for the coming year. A request is in the process of being prepared. This grant is made to Quebec Federation in recognition of the important role our Federation plays in English language education.

CONFERENCES

Annual General Meeting and Conference 1976

All reports would indicate that the 32nd Conference of Quebec Federation was highly successful. We were pleased that Quebec Federation was able to bring together, during an extremely difficult period in education in this province, representatives of all educational bodies in our English Protestant system; the Minister of Education at that time, the Honourable Jean Bienvenue, the Associate Deputy Minister of Education and the

Chairman of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education.

Leadership Conference

This year Quebec Federation held its fifth Leadership Conference which again proved successful, thanks to the many people who helped organize it and to those who participated in it.

THE NEWS

The NEWS continues to receive plaudits and for this there are many to whom we owe a vote of thanks. The Editor, Dorothy Chant and to the committee which is responsible for "putting out the NEWS". The acclaim given to the paper is only meaningful if it fulfills its function of communicating to the grassroots the work of this organization, and other educational information. Reports indicate that it accomplishes this objective.

POLICY STATEMENTS

Until the signing of the agreement in the teacher contract negotiations, Quebec Federation continued to prepare and submit position papers.

Quebec Federation prepared a response to the School Board Reorganization Report of the School Council of the Island of Montreal.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Upon the resignation of Mrs. Brown we were pleased to welcome as the Executive Secretary, Donna Sauriol, who brought with her several years of experience in Home and School, both at the local and the Board levels. See report for more details.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There have been monthly executive meetings and several special ones as well as five Board of Directors meetings held during the past year. Members of the Executive and Board of Directors have attended many local Home & School meetings throughout the year. Among them have been the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and Lakeshore School Board and off-island to Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, Ormstown, Richmond, Theford Mines, Chambly, and the North Shore and St. Bruno.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

We have endeavoured to keep the general public aware of the positions taken by Quebec Federation on all matters of importance. On numerous occasions there have been interviews by the radio and T.V. media on teacher contract negotiations and on our endeavour to obtain the Federal

Grants for Bilingualism - several lengthy articles have been in both the Montreal Star and the Gazette on these subjects and, most recently, on Quebec's white paper on language legislation and Bill 1.

LIAISON WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Three months after he was elected to the National Assembly, the Vice-Premier and Minister of Education, the Honourable Jacques-Yvan Morin, met with a delegation from Quebec Federation led by the President. The meeting, lasting an hour and a half, touched on many of our concerns including bilingualism and our support of it for all in Quebec, our firm position for choice of language of education for all children, Federal Grants for Bilingualism and our concern that this money being received by the Government of Quebec is not being used as intended and how, as a result, our educational system in the English sector is being short-changed.

LIAISON WITH THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FED.

Please see attached report.

LIAISON WITH THE QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS

The President has attended all Board of Directors monthly meetings as well as special meetings, where Quebec Federation has official observer status.

The annual Spring Conference was attended by the President and several members of the executive who were welcome participants in the workshops. This conference is a joint one with the Quebec Association of School Administrators. The President also attended their annual Fall meeting in October.

LIAISON WITH THE PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT TEACHERS

The President of Quebec Federation attended the PAPT-PACT convention in November and participated in a workshop on literacy at this convention. Several members of the executive and Board of Directors were also at the convention at which Home and School had a hospitality suite.

LIAISON WITH THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

In April, as the President, I was honoured to bring your greetings to the Ontario Federation at their 61st conference. Our past-President, John Goodchild, and his wife, also attended.

LIAISON WITH THE NEW YORK STATE CONGRESS OF PARENTS & TEACHERS ASSOC.

The President attended their annual meeting in November in Rochester, New York. At the banquet, the President brought Quebec Federation's greetings

and delivered a brief address on the convention theme, P.T.A.'s Declaration of Interdependence and, together with the Ontario President, presented to the New York President a copy of the book "Between Friends - Entre Amis", which was Canada's gift to the United States in honour of its Bicentennial.

RESOLUTIONS - OTHER COMMITTEES

See attached report for the disposition of 1976 Resolutions. Other Committee reports are also attached.

TEACHER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Our continued involvement in teacher contract negotiations increased in the summer months when Federation asked for (because of our concern over the way negotiations were proceeding, or not proceeding!) and was granted by all participating parties (government, Que. Assoc. of Prot. Sch. Boards and Prov. Assoc. of Prot. Teachers) observer status at the negotiating table - a most enlightening experience! This move on our part sets a precedent and has since led to parent observers at local board negotiation tables.

It is most encouraging that differences between all parties involved have been mainly resolved and that we are once again working together. However, everything possible must be done to prevent a re-occurrence of the unhealthy climate that existed in our educational system for so long. Federation's committee on teacher contract negotiations needs more people on its committee in order to continue its role in this field.

Recently, three members of the Executive Committee attended a hearing of the Superior Council of Education, Protestant Committee, on teacher contract negotiations and, having been so actively involved in them, we believe we were able to make a valuable contribution.

LANGUAGE LEGISLATION

Bill 1

Immediately following the tabling of the white paper on the French language in Quebec a Quebec Federation committee was struck to prepare any and all responses. This committee is chaired by past-President, William I. Miller, Q.C.

The President represents Quebec Federation on the Committee for the Advancement of Minority Rights in Quebec which prepared a response to the White Paper on the language of Education. Representatives of Que. Assoc. of Prot. Sch. Boards, Prov. Assoc. Prot. Teachers, Que. Assoc. of Sch. Administrators, Que. Assoc. of Director Generals, their Catholic counterparts, the Jewish Peoples' Schools, the Que. Assoc. of Independent Schools, Prot. Sch. Board of Greater Montreal, Central Parents Committee,

and also three people from the founding group. The latter is a loose knit group of individuals who came together because of their concerns about language legislation. The language of education response stresses very clearly that the undersigned support freedom of choice of education for all. This paper was signed by the President, the past-President, and a vice-president of Quebec Federation, as was the umbrella paper, 'A Positive Position on Language Policy', which was also signed by people representing the CEGEPS, universities and business community. While not stating outright that it supports choice of language of education neither does it contradict it, therefore Quebec Federation was able to sign this statement also. These two papers, together with a paper from the business community representatives, were sent to the government of Quebec. Further work is continuing in this committee which will be discussed at the session dealing with Bill 1.

Bill 22

This bill is waiting to be heard by the court of appeals. This court action must continue and the Que. Assoc. of Prot. Sch. Boards is in need of financial assistance.

CONCLUSION

One very important function of Federation this past year continued to be our efforts to obtain the Federal Grants for Bilingualism. The work of this committee has been reported to the locals and to all members throughout the year in the NEWS, and there is a report attached.

We have been most appreciative of the support of the Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers in this endeavour.

The achievements of this past year would not have been possible without the efforts of many serving Home and School at many levels - local, Board of Directors and Executive. It would not be possible to mention each by name, but I acknowledge their contribution here today with a most sincere "thank you".

Parents, teachers, youth and children - anyone who wants to work for a better world for this and following generations. Working alone, we can each do something; working together, we multiply our ideas and our effectiveness.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve Quebec Federation as President.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH O'CONNELL

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LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL 1976-77
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1977
Mr. Sydney Dutton, President

In the fall we were active trying to keep our local associations up to date regarding the Teachers Negotiations, and we also met with the Lakeshore Teachers Association, the Lakeshore School Board, and sent a telegram to our Minister of Education urging a fair settlement.

In November we received the Report of the School Board Reorganization Committee of the School Council of the Island of Montreal. Some of our executive attended Federation's meeting explaining the report.

This was followed by our general meeting at which a consensus of the thoughts of our Lakeshore Home & School Association was formulated and passed on to Quebec Federation for consideration by the committee writing a reply to the Island Council. Several of our members also joined the committee.

Our schools were asked to do everything they could to help raise funds to fight Bill 22, and most of the schools have been working to collect as much as possible.

In March another general meeting was held at which we urged all Home and Schoolers to be active in helping to see that responsible people were elected to our Lakeshore School Board.

We also heard a proposal from one of our schools for an alternate school with firmer discipline and more emphasis on the three "Rs", and a committee was set up to study its feasibility and/or need.

Regarding the proposed language legislation, Mrs. Betty O'Connell, a guest at our meeting, told us that Federation would set up a committee to study it, as soon as it was published. We agreed to do likewise, and this committee is presently studying the White Paper which came out shortly after this meeting.

As an aftermath to the Teacher Contract negotiations, several schools agreed to document the changes that occur in their schools as a result, and to pass this documentation on to us.

CANDN. HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION LIAISON
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1977
Mrs. Dorothy E. Chant, National Representative

The 1976 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Home & School was held in Vancouver, B.C. Mrs. June Lore, Western Vice-President, was elected President and Mme. Francine Morier was elected to serve as Western Vice-President to complete the term of office of Mrs. Lore. Mrs. Harriet Shaw is Central Vice-President and Mr. Tom Wilkinson is Eastern Vice-President.

Resolutions passed and thereby becoming policy of the Canadian Home & School were the following:-

1. Violence on Television - The National Federation's position with respect to this problem be presented forcefully to Government, both Provincially and Federally, through every channel available and that the CRTC be requested to exercise immediately the authority invested in that body by the Broadcasting Act.
2. Values Clarification Program - that the CHSTPF, through Provincial Federations, recommend to, and urge, all Provincial Departments of Education to encourage the development of values clarification programs in the schools of Canada in consultation with parents and as teachers become available who are qualified in Values Clarification techniques.
4. Request to National Film Board for Values Clarification Material CHSPTF request the National Film Board to produce in quantity, within the financial resources available and make more readily available media in the area of Values Clarification.
6. School Milk Program - that the Federal Ministers of Agriculture and National Health & Welfare be urged to co-operate in the establishment of a subsidized school milk program.
7. Child Care Facilities - the Federal Department of Health and Welfare (together with the Provincial Governments) take immediate steps to (a) broaden the framework within which cost-sharing agreements can be negotiated so that low income families can take advantage of child care facilities and (b) consider financial incentives for the upgrading and creation of child care facilities.
8. Child Training Publications - CHSPTF appeal to the Federal Department of Health & Welfare to publish more pamphlets on early childhood development and also publish helps for parents dealing with later stages of child development; and that the request be made for the publications to be prepared in bilingual form (and available in other languages); and that the pamphlets suited to the appropriate stage of growth for each child be mailed with family allowance cheques and with youth allowance

cheques, in order to ensure the widest possible distribution.

9. Television Advertising - CHSPTF, working through its Provincial federations urge parents to make their wishes known regarding advertising to both sponsors and members of Parliament, through personal, hand-written letters with suggestions that sponsors seriously evaluate the possibility of increased goodwill by viewers if television programs were uninterrupted by advertising other than announcement of the sponsoring party; and make this suggestion known to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, to the Canadian Radio Television Commission, to the Advertising Standards Council and to the Federal Cabinet.
10. Television Programming - CHSPTF, through the affiliated Provincial Federations, urge provincial television stations to adopt the following policies:-
 - (a) much less violence in programming
 - (b) the showing of more programs portraying values which would support and strengthen family and civic ties.
 - (c) the showing of programs portraying humour without vulgarity, more of the excellent education programs in good health practice that are now being shown, as well as programs giving instruction in creative arts, crafts and hobbies: and to make the above requests known by personal, handwritten letters to local television stations, to the Secretary of State, to the Canadian Radio Television Commission, and to advertising sponsors: and appeal to the Secretary of State, to the CBC, to the CRTC and to the Advertising Standards Council for the above type of programming.
11. Nutrition - that school boards be encouraged to authorize only nutritious foods be provided in their schools: that Provincial Departments of Education be encouraged to develop K-13 programs in Nutrition as part of their Health Curriculum: and submit this resolution to the Minister of Health, the Canadian Trustees Association, the Canadian Teachers Federation and the Council of Ministers of Education.
13. Smoking - CHSPTF contact all responsible parties to eliminate Smoking Areas from school buildings.
14. Production of Canadian Studies Material by National Agencies of Canada for Use in the Schools - CHSPTF request the Secretary of State for Canada to re-allocate or provide additional funds for the following:-
 - (a) the National Museums of Canada for the expansion of programs such as Canada's Visual History, and the National Loans Program of Museum Kits designed for use by community groups and schools to increase understanding of the native and ethnic people of Canada and the history of this Nation.
 - (b) the Public Archives of Canada for the expansion of its publication program and the appointment of a liaison officer to work with

teachers in the preparation of kits and other teaching materials designed to enrich the learning experiences of their students as well as the general public in the area of Canadian studies.

- (c) the National Film Board to enable it to increase production of such programs as the National History Project that are making available Canadian Studies material for use by children educators and the general public.
 - (d) to urge the Secretary of State for Canada, through the Council of Ministers of Education, to reallocate or provide funds for the above.
 - (e) should it not be possible to re-allocate or receive additional funds, the agents identified above be urged to draw up plans for implementation of the above when funds do become available.
15. Increase in Canadian Content and Production of Youth Programs on T.V. - CHSPTF urge the Federal Minister of Communications to implement the following:-
- (a) The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) be urged to expand the production of CBC television programs based on Canadian history and literature and schedule them at times when young people can see them. Should additional funds not be available at this time, the CBC is urged to draw up plans for implementing the above when funds do become available.
 - (b) the Minister of Communications be urged to amend the Broadcasting Act to give the Canadian Radio-Television Commission the legislative power to ensure that television stations and cable companies allocate the appropriate funds to develop high quality, more competitive Canadian-produced programs.
16. Abolition of Alcoholic Beverage Advertising on Television - CHSPTF petition the Canadian Radio-Television Commission to effectively ban television advertising of alcoholic beverages.
17. Income Tax Act - the part of the Income Tax Act for the deductible amount allowed for each child to be increased to the amount of \$1,000. per year for each child under the age of sixteen and that this action take place in the next calendar year, to keep pace with rising living costs.
18. Emergency Resolution Regarding Accountability (Bilingualism Committee Report) - CHSPTF demand that the Federal Government define accountability in such a way as to ensure that the monies allocated are in fact spent as intended by the B.&B. Report, and -
- that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister, Members of Parliament, the Secretary of State and the Council of Ministers of Education re-affirming our policy statements #16, 21 and 25 supporting the right of parents to choose the language of instruction for their children and provision of opportunity to learn the other official language of Canada; expressing our concern about apparent change in the objectives of the Federal-Provincial Program on Bilingualism in Education to limit the first language of

instruction to the original tongue, English or French, curtails the availability of funds for instruction in the minority language of the province: and advising that our Bilingualism Committee is studying the matter and will be preparing a Brief for consideration at Mid-Term.

Fees - a uniform fee structure be adopted for all Provinces. This will be reviewed at Mid-Term.

Life Membership Award - Mrs. Doreen Richter, of Montreal, could not be there to receive her award, a gold pin symbolizing Federation Life Membership, but her speech of acknowledgment and thanks was read by June Ellingsen.

Membership - there will be a Canadian wide membership drive taking place this Autumn to coincide with the local and Provincial drives.

Annual Meeting - the 1977 Annual Meeting will take place in Baddeck, Nova Scotia. Committee Chairmen are to attend so Mrs. Joan Mansfield of Quebec Federation will go as Chairman of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. The 1978 Annual Meeting will be in Montreal.

Mid-Term Meeting - took place in Toronto from January 20 to 22nd/77. A motion for a uniform fee structure was passed for presentation and acceptance at 1977 Annual Meeting. A bilingualism grant for translation and secretarial services, which will help to establish a rapport with French speaking parents, was given to those provincial Home and Schools which can prove need.

Committees - interesting ones have been those of Bilingualism, chaired most ably by Mr. William Asherman, and Education, chaired by Mrs. Joan Mansfield, both of Quebec Federation. A report on bilingualism was presented by Mr. Asherman at the mid-term meeting. June Ellingsen, of Quebec Federation, agreed to act as liaison with the Canadian Citizenship Council.

Liaison with the Federal Government - is National past-President, Mrs. Flora Priddle. Mrs. Priddle agreed to act as liaison with the Boy Scouts of Canada and Mrs. O'Connell volunteered to be the second delegate to their April conference.

Provincial Federations - they are working most effectively for the benefit of all children and youth of our country.

The Canadian Home & School continues to be the largest volunteer organization in Canada and our Federation can be proud of its accomplishments. Some of its past accomplishments have been:-

1. The introduction of Family Allowances.
2. The extension of Family Allowances past 16 years for children attending school.
3. The introduction of interest-free loans to students.
4. The introduction of national school telecasts.
5. The elimination of cigarette advertising on television and radio.
6. After promoting the concept of a World University for several years a resolution was finally accepted by the U.N. General Assembly "to establish an International University under the auspices of the U.N. to be known as the U.N. University."

respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF THE 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS, HELD ON APRIL 30th and MAY 1st, 1976, AT HOTEL BONAVENTURE MONTREAL

Present throughout the Annual General Meeting were 300 delegates, members of the Board of Directors, observers, invited guests, and representatives of affiliated associations of the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations.

April 30th, 1976

The President, E. O'Connell, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m., welcomed delegates and introduced the head table. Mr. S.F. White, Associate Deputy Minister of Education, was then invited to bring greetings from the Department of Education and declare the 1976 convention open. He commended H & S for its work and anticipated an interesting meeting.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Penny(Keith)/Klassen (Dunrae) that the Agenda as circulated be adopted. CARRIED

2. Minutes of the 1975 Annual Meeting

MOTION: Campbell (Dorval Gardens)/Hart (Oakridge) that the minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Disposition of the 1975 Resolutions

A. Locke, Acting Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, reported that all resolutions had been forwarded to their prescribed destinations and also circulated to other bodies for their support. Effort to follow-up resolutions is needed from members.

MOTION: Locke/Cross (Somerset) that the report of the Resolutions Committee be adopted. CARRIED

4. President's Report

In conjunction with her written report, Mrs. O'Connell took the opportunity to extend special thanks to those who had made special contributions to QFHSA, s achievements during the past year, particularly the Executive

secretary Meredith Brown, and Fay Richardson, Executive Vice-President. She quoted remarks made by Thomas Wells, Minister of Education for Ontario, on the necessity for parent involvement at the grassroots in education.

5. Presentation of Awards for Outstanding Service

Mrs. Richardson presented awards to Westminster H&S for the highest percentage of membership; to Carlyle H&S for the highest percentage increase over last year in respect to the numbers of families in the school; to Sunnydale Park H&S for two years of continuous high membership; and to MacDonald High for four years of outstandingly High membership of a highschool. The awards took the form of copies of a book on Sir John A. Macdonald, courtesy of Tundra books. Mrs. Dodie Chant then presented a book prize to Lindsay Place H&S for its newsletter. Certificates are to be mailed to twelve schools for a high level of membership: Allancroft, Beaconhill, Christmas Park, Dunrae Gardens, Edinburgh, Greendale, Gardenview, Macdonald, Seignior, Sunnydale Park, Willowdale and Westminster. The President drew attention to the need for a high level of membership of QFHSA, especially on the occasion of presenting briefs to other agencies.

6. Insurance

Mr. Bill Chivers, representing the Insurance Chairman, presented the report of the Insurance Committee. He pointed out improved clauses in the insurance for the coming year. It will be necessary for Associations applying for public liability insurance to send the premium with their application. The cost will be slightly higher than the current year. A certificate will be supplied to each Association covered, with the master policy kept at the QFHSA office.

MOTION: Frost(Willingdon)/Kumm (Greendale) that the report be adopted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Membership

The President drew attention to the fact that according to the Membership Chairman's Report eleven associations had to-date failed to submit a membership list and consequently members had not been able to receive the H&S News. Three new associations have been formed this year: Ayers Cliff, Windemere and Philomena Wright High School.

MOTION: Munroe(Macdonald)/Roluf (Christmas Park) that the report of the Membership Committee be adopted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Reports of Committees

(a) Office Services

The Office Service Committee Chairman reported that since the report had been submitted it had been learnt that Mrs. Brown the Executive Secretary will be away from the office during the summer and consequently volunteer office help will be very welcome. It is recommended that QFHSA pay travel expenses for volunteers spending a half or full day in the office. Local associations whose members are unable to volunteer may consider making a small contribution to such an expense fund in lieu of services. Extension of the office premises will make it easier to incorporate volunteers into the work of the office.

MOTION: Pidduck/Morris (Valois Park) that the office services report be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Constitution

The Constitution Chairman appealed for the cooperation of local Associations in the election of Area Directors for the coming year. Many areas have had no representative on the Board during the current year. If the situation does not improve a way will have to be found for the Executive/Board to appoint a representative.

(c) Bilingualism Grants

The Chairman reported that the brief to the Provincial Government on the federal grants for bilingualism in education has been finalized and is being translated. A short brief is to be prepared to submit to the Federal Government, along with letters to federal MPs. A letter has been sent to the Official Languages Commission. QFHSA attended a meeting with the Secretary of State on the subject in January.

(d) Teacher Contract Negotiations

The Chairman noted that since the report was prepared payment of the 17% cost of living allowance has been acceded to. The Committee is to remain in existence after the current situation is resolved, with an eye to making recommendations on future negotiations.

MOTION: Dutton/Scott (Meadowbrook) that the report be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(e) Annual Meeting Program

The Chairman offered the Program booklet as her report and commended Gordon Perry and Fay Richardson for their enormous effort in finding advertising and preparing the booklet. The program had been drawn up with the idea of giving the opportunity to consider objectives for the school system in the light of finite

resources and our children's future needs. Clearly defined goals for education will be needed over the coming years in order to encourage stability and funding.

9. Financial Report

The Treasurer reported an improved balance, \$4,500 at the end of the 1975 financial year due to an increased government operating grant, \$14,490 compared to \$4,490. Increased expenditure from \$3,200 to \$3,700 occurred under the headings of secretarial salaries, printing, telephone and telegrams, and national meeting; these resulted from extra office work, increased communications and participation in national activities.

MOTION; Thompson/Barnes that the Auditor's Report and financial statements be accepted. CARRIED

In presenting the budget for the 1975-76 operating year, the Treasurer noted a correction in the document as presented from "Yr. ended Aug. 31/75" to "76". Increased revenues will result from last year's increase in fees, and some increase in membership. Increased expenses will be expected due to increased affiliation fees to the Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation, increased rent, light & heat to cover expanded office area, purchase of a new duplicating machine and typewriter, national meetings and travel expenses. Receipt of a government grant is also projected; if however this is not received QFHSA funds in hand will cover projected expenses well into the year while other sources of revenue (membership advertising) are found.

MOTION: Thompson/Morris that the budget presented be approved, CARRIED

10. Nominating Committee Report

The Chairman presented his report with nominations to fill the six positions open as follows:

Executive Vice-President:	Fay Richardson
4 Vice Presidents:	Charles Barnes
	June Ellingsen
	Jane Findlay
	Sandra Keightley
Recording Secretary	Joan Mansfield

There were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Perry/Rapkin (Algonquin) that the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee be elected from 1976-77.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Policy Resolutions 1976

MOTION: Morris/Irving (Northview) that the Meeting go into Committee of the Whole. CARRIED

76/1 Teacher Contract Negotiations
From: Lachine Rapids Home & School Association

76/1A Amendment
From: Valois Park School

MOTION: Loerick (Willingdon)/Findlay (Courtland Park) that Resolution 76/1 and Amendment 76/1A be tabled.

CARRIED 40 Against

76/2A Schools in Remote Areas
From: Sept-Iles Home & School Association

CARRIED 4 Abstentions

76/3 Social Problems in the Schools
From: Lachine Rapids Home & School Assoc.

CARRIED 3 Against
9 Abstentions

76/4 Nursing Care in the Schools
From: Lachine Rapids Home & School Assoc.

CARRIED 17 Against
35 Abstentions

Board of Directors authorized to discuss "first language" with proposing Association.

76/5 Medical Examinations for Elementary Scholars
From: Lachine Rapids Home & School Association

CARRIED 8 Against
28 Abstentions

MOTION: Goodchild/Asherman that Resolution 76/1 be taken from the table.

CARRIED

76/1 Teacher Contract Negotiations, with second resolution removed by proposing Home & School Association and with amendment withdrawn by proposing Home & School Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

76/7 Vandalism & Theft in Schools open in evenings
From: LaSalle High Home & School Association

CARRIED 30 Against
16 Abstentions

76/8 Exclusion of French, Physical Education, Art and Music Specialists from the Pupil-Teacher Norms - Reaffirmation
From: Roslyn Home & School Assoc.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 76/9 Participation in Official Competitions by Remote Schools
From: Sept. Iles Home & School Assoc.
CARRIED 3 Against
8 Abstentions
- 76/10 Use of Federal Grants for Minority Language Schools In Quebec
From: Grants for Bilingualism Committee
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 76/11 Use of Federal Grants for Bilingualism in Education
From: Grants for Bilingualism Committee
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 76/12 Renewal of Federal/Provincial Agreement on Grants for Bilingualism - 1979
From: Grants for Bilingualism Committee
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 76/13 Local Autonomy for School Board
From: Resolutions Committee
CARRIED 1 Against
4 Abstentions
- 76/14E Emergency Resolution regarding Safety in Transportation of School Children
From: Roslyn Home & School Association,
Westmount Park Home & School Assoc. and supported by Victoria School parents (No H & S)
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Clinton/ that the meeting move out of Committee of the Whole and accept en bloc the committee's report.
CARRIED

The President then thanked those present for their participation.

MOTION: Barnes/Roberts that the 1976 Annual Meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C o p y

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

AUGUST 31, 1976

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the balance sheet of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations as at August 31, 1976 and the statement of revenue and expenditure for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the federation as at August 31, 1976 and the results of its recorded transactions for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

COOPERS & LYBRAND
Chartered Accountants

(dated April 4, 1977)

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for a systematic approach to data collection and the importance of using reliable and valid measurement instruments.

3. The third part of the document describes the process of data analysis and interpretation. It discusses the various statistical techniques used to analyze the data and the importance of interpreting the results in the context of the research objectives.

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5. The fifth part of the document discusses the importance of drawing conclusions from the research. It emphasizes that the conclusions should be based on the evidence presented in the data and should be supported by logical reasoning.

6. The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of evaluating the research process. It emphasizes that the research process should be evaluated in terms of its effectiveness, efficiency, and reliability, and that the results of the evaluation should be used to improve the quality of the research.

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 31, 1976

	1976 \$	1975 \$
ASSETS		
Cash-		
General	18,028	13,999
In trust	1,580	1,580
Special Action Fund	1,397	
Interest receivable	332	
Prepaid expenses	590	294
	<u>22,727</u>	<u>15,873</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	2,688	913
Funds held in trust	1,580	1,580
Special Action Fund	1,397	
	<u>5,665</u>	<u>2,493</u>
SURPLUS		
Balance-beginning of year	13,380	8,922
Excess of revenue for the year	3,682	4,458
Balance-end of year	<u>17,062</u>	<u>13,380</u>
	<u>22,727</u>	<u>15,873</u>

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1976

	1976 \$	1975 \$
REVENUE		
Membership fees	33,403	24,899
Government operating grant	17,000	14,990
Interest income	798	668
Miscellaneous income	747	856
	<u>44,948</u>	<u>41,413</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Publications-net	192	(2)
Affiliation fees	4,654	3,500
Secretarial salaries	8,008	8,668
Board and executive meetings	1,618	1,832
Rent, light and heat	1,628	1,313
Printing, stationery and office supplies	3,549	3,292
Telephone and telegrams	2,391	1,350
Postage	1,082	1,286
Office equipment	1,174	
Other administrative expenses	1,683	896
Communication and public relations-net (including Home and School News)	10,266	10,781
Committees	756	358
National meeting	2,006	1,674
Travel	2,665	1,093
Leadership conference	103	186
Membership conference		210
Annual conference - net	(509)	518
	<u>41,266</u>	<u>36,955</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR	<u>3,682</u>	<u>4,458</u>



BUSINESS PROCEDURE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

1. All Federation Meetings are conducted in accordance with the Constitution, the Standing Rules (revised) and with ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE (Revised).
2. The Quorum for the Annual Meeting is based on 25% of registered member associations, in good standing, represented by their Official voting delegates or accredited alternates.
3. ~~Amendments to the Constitution~~ require a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting.
4. A delegate wishing to speak from the floor shall: 1) Use the microphone; 2) Address the chair; 3) Give name in full and name of the Association represented.
5. The Mover of a Resclution should be as brief as possible, and may speak up to five minutes. A delegate ;may not speak for more than two minutes on any question under discussion, nor more than twice on the same question.
6. Resolutions to be presented to the Annual Meeting were received by the deadline announced and the Report of the Resolutions Committee was distributed to all Associations within the required time. Any amendments will be circulated to Associations by the end of April. Delegates presenting Resolutions are reminded that **THEY MUST BE PRESENT** at the time designated on the agenda for the presentation of their Resolutions.
7. Any motions from the floor must be presented in writing to the Chairman.
8. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws as presented by the Committee Report can be accepted, rejected or modified, but in the latter case, only if such modification is in writing, presented in duplicate and received by the Chairman prior to the opening of the Convention.
9. Membership Cards shall be shown to the Credentials Committee upon request.
10. All Voting Delegates are expected to attend all Sessions of the Annual Meeting. This is where they speak for their Associations. You are requested to be prompt for all sessions.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE 1976-77
Report to the Annual General Meeting 1977
Allan Locke, Chairman

Last year fourteen resolutions were presented for consideration at the Annual General Meeting, held April 30th and May 1st, 1976. One was subsequently withdrawn leaving thirteen which were all passed.

Copies of the resolutions were sent to the parties so designated and replies were received as indicated in the summary.

You will note that most of last year's resolutions were directed to members of the Quebec Cabinet in the former Liberal government. Whether the concerns expressed by them will reflect the views of the present government remains to be seen.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN LOCKE

Disposition of Resolutions from the 32nd Annual Meeting, April 30, 1976

All motions were forwarded to the designated destinations.

- 76/1 TEACHER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
Replies received from the Office of the Prime Minister of Quebec,
Minister of Education, and Minister of Public Service, Quebec.
- 76/2 SCHOOLS IN REMOTE AREAS
Replies received from the Office of the Prime Minister of Quebec
and the Minister of Education, Quebec.
- 76/3 SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE SCHOOLS
Reply received from the Minister of Social Affairs, Quebec.
- 76/4 NURSING CARE IN THE SCHOOLS
Reply received from the Minister of Social Affairs, Quebec.
- 76/5 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOLARS
Reply received from the Minister of Social Affairs, Quebec.
- 76/6 Withdrawn
- 76/7 VANDALISM & THEFT IN SCHOOLS OPEN IN EVENINGS
No replies received.
- 76/8 EXCLUSION OF SPECIALISTS FROM PUPIL-TEACHER RATIO
Reply received from the Minister of Education, Quebec.
- 76/9 PARTICIPATION IN OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS BY REMOTE SCHOOLS
Reply received from the Minister of Cultural Affairs, Quebec.
- 76/10 FEDERAL GRANTS FOR BILINGUALISM
76/11 Action has been taken on these resolutions by the Board of
76/12 Directors, Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations.
- 76/13 LOCAL AUTONOMY FOR SCHOOL BOARDS
Reply received from the Minister of Education, Quebec.
- 76/14 BUS SAFETY
Replies received from M.U.C.T.C., School Council of the
Island of Montreal and the Minister of Transport, Quebec.

All replies gave evidence of concern and none rejected any resolution out-right.

RESOLUTION 77/1 - HEALTH EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS

From: Macdonald High School Home & School Association

WHEREAS it is widely acknowledged that a nation's health is a nation's wealth; that society owes its young people an adequate education in the essentials of good health so that they will be in a position to make wise choices when faced with alternatives and

WHEREAS society has presented young people with confused values regarding sex, smoking and the use of drugs and alcohol and

WHEREAS educational systems should be striving to develop a sense of self-respect in all young people and

WHEREAS the teaching of health as a subject has been haphazard, many children not receiving the benefit of such teaching and counselling and

WHEREAS teacher in-service training in this subject has been unsatisfactory, and as an opportunity to upgrade their knowledge on a regular basis is necessary

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that a comprehensive and compulsory program of health education be developed, introduced and maintained by qualified teachers into the curriculum for all children in the educational system from Grades K to Secondary 3.

**Destination: Department of Education
Department of Social Affairs
Q.A.P.S.B.
Island Council
Lakeshore School Board
P.A.P.T.
L.T.A.
P.S.B.G.M.**

Background

Our youth must be considered as our most valuable resource. Good health habits and lifestyles must be taught to ensure that the full potential of every youth is realized.

RESOLUTION 77/2 - FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SECOND LANGUAGE COURSES

From: Lindsay Place High School

WHEREAS the present Quebec government has stated that it wishes to make certain that there is enough equipment and specialists to accomplish the task of teaching a second language in our schools, and

WHEREAS in the recently concluded negotiations for a new teachers' contract it was agreed at the provincial level that funds would be available for the hiring of sufficient specialists to assure equality between the two sectors of the school system, and

WHEREAS government regulations require that students must have a competency (working knowledge) in French in order to graduate from high school,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations continue to press the Minister of Education (and whatever other agencies might be necessary) to make available sufficient funds to English schools to guarantee enough specialists so that all students may develop a proficiency in French that will enable them to work and prosper in Quebec.

Destination: Executive Committee, QFHSA
P.A.P.T.
Department of Education

Background

Regulation 7 requires a working knowledge of French in order to receive a Secondary 5 Certificate. A working knowledge of a second language requires extra effort and financial support to be achieved within the school program.

RESOLUTION 77/3 - SAFETY IN TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN
77/3A - from Sponsoring Committee

Replace the original resolution with the following to provide greater detail and clarity.

WHEREAS the M.U.C.T.C. buses are by law used to transport the school children of the P.S.B.G.M.,

WHEREAS it has been established that the M.U.C.T.C. safety measures meet a minimum compliance with section 44 of the Highway Code, and yet are not readily recognized as "school buses",

WHEREAS school bus stops and loading zones are not identified,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Department of Transport insist that -

- 1) M.U.C.T.C. must immediately institute obvious markings for their buses while transporting school children.
- 2) A public awareness program be developed to alert the public at large and the M.U.C. police that M.U.C.T.C. are carrying school children.
- 3) School bus stops and loading zones be identified with equal clarity to public bus stops, as regards signs and no parking.
- 4) Contract renewal be based on compliance that adequate safety measures have been met in the opinion of the School Boards.

Destination: M.U.C.T.C.
P.S.B.G.M.
School Council, Island of Mtl.
Q.A.P.S.B.
Department of Transport
Department of Education
Quebec Safety League
Executive Council, M.U.C.

Background

Resolution 76/14E was passed at the 1976 Annual General Meeting. In spite of this resolution and replies received to date from designated recipients, no action has been taken and the lives of school children are still not adequately protected when using this mode of transportation.



RESOLUTION 77/3 - SAFETY IN TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

From: The following resolution is part of last year's resolution 76/14E presented for reaffirmation by the Transportation Committee of Quebec Federation of Home & School Assoc.

WHEREAS regular M.U.C.T.C. buses are used to transport school children in the Montreal Area, and

WHEREAS representation has been made to all the appropriate authorities regarding practices of the M.U.C.T.C. in respect to the transporting of children and in disregard of Regulation 11 and the Highway Code

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that immediate priority be given to ensuring that all M.U.C.T.C. buses, when used for school bus service, be clearly and properly marked to indicate that they are transporting school children.

Destination: M.U.C.T.C.
P.S.B.G.M.
Island Council
Q.A.P.S.B.
Department of Transport
Department of Education

Background

Resolution 76/14E was passed at the 1976 Annual General Meeting. In spite of this resolution and replies received to date from designated recipients, no action has been taken and the lives of school children are still not adequately protected when using this mode of transportation.

RESOLUTION 77/4 - SECONDARY FIVE CERTIFICATES

From: The Board of Directors, Quebec Federation of Home &
School Associations

WHEREAS present practice by the Department of Education is to issue Secondary Five Certificates in the French language only

WHEREAS the mobility of today's society would indicate many graduates will move to communities elsewhere in North America where French is unfamiliar

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the students graduating from English language High Schools be provided with an official English version of their Secondary Five Certificate.

Destination: Department of Education
Q.A.P.S.B.
P.S.B.G.M.
L.S.B.
Secretary of State

Background

English education institutions do exist in the province of Quebec and those attending these institutions should be entitled to receive the official certificate in both languages.

RESOLUTION 77/5 - TRANSLATION FACILITIES AT THE SUPERIOR
COUNCIL OF EDUCATION

From: The Board of Directors, Quebec Federation of Home
and School Associations

WHEREAS the Superior Council of Education is the duly appointed
advisory body to the Department of Education

WHEREAS the Council invites to its public meetings both bilingual
and unilingual English and French representatives

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Superior Council of Education
institute a service of simultaneous translation for such meetings.

Destination: Department of Education
Superior Council of Education

BACKGROUND

Organizations recognized by the Superior Council of Education do
not always have fluently bilingual delegates to represent them at
meetings of the Council to which they have been invited. Therefore,
during the proceedings delegates, both English and French speaking,
are not able to make a full contribution nor fully benefit from the
contributions of others, particularly during the workshops where open
dialogue takes place.

RESOLUTION 77/6 - TEACHER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

From: Lakeshore District Council of Quebec Federation of Home
and School Associations

WHEREAS all involved in Teacher Contract Negotiations, especially the students, have experienced the ill effects of another round of these provincial and local level negotiations lasting two years,

WHEREAS parents will not countenance any future disruptions in students' studies or extra curricular activities, which may be caused by future contract negotiations

WHEREAS almost two-thirds of the time of the present contract has expired and local agreements have not yet been completed in many areas,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a new method be formulated immediately for Teacher Contract Negotiations by the parties responsible and that the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations request direct input into this

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that preliminary negotiations for the next agreement commence in the September prior to the expiration of the present contract.

Destination: Government of Quebec
- all Departments concerned
Q.A.P.S.B.
P.A.P.T.
Superior Council of Education

Background

All local associations are well aware that the above facts have been more than substantiated throughout this two year period.

RESOLUTION 77/7 - ENGLISH PROTESTANT SCHOOLS IN RURAL AREAS

From: Baie Comeau Association

WHEREAS there is a declining birth rate in Quebec and hence a declining school population in both English and French schools

WHEREAS School Boards are finding it necessary to close or amalgamate schools within the English milieu because of budgetary restraints,

WHEREAS Protestant School Boards have agreements with Catholic School Boards whereby English Catholic students are being educated in Protestant schools and there is the possibility that some of these agreements may not be renewed in the future, thus limiting the English Protestant school population to a number which would threaten the continued existence of these schools

WHEREAS there is no legislation at the present time protecting the continued existence of the last English school in a district

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Quebec Ministry of Education be urged to ensure the continual existence of the last English school in a district.

Destination: Department of Education
Q.A.P.S.B.
P.A.P.T.

Background

In the more remote rural areas English students are accommodated in French schools for reasons of economy. Continuation of this practice will gradually eliminate the English rural schools.





QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

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April 1, 1977

TO: ALL LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS and
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE: Nominations Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, appointed by the Board of Directors, met on March 24th, 1977, to consider nominations for those positions which are open to election at the 1977 Annual General Meeting.

The Members of the Nominating Committee and alternates present were as follows:- Jean Aguayo, Bill Clinton, Heather Hart, Allison Irwin, Joan Keptron, Joan Mansfield, Thelma Varner and William I. Miller, Q.C., Chairman.

After considering all the nominations received, the following persons have been nominated for the eight positions which are open to election, namely:-

President	Alex Morris
5 Vice-Presidents	Denis Corr Marion Kift Barbara Moore Cal Potter Barbara Milne-Smith
Treasurer	Ronald Gallay, C.A.
Recording Secretary	Gordon Perry

The term of office is two years except in the case of Barbara Milne-Smith and Gordon Perry, whose term of office shall be one year, having been nominated to complete the term of their respective offices which expire at the Annual General Meeting 1978.

According to Article V, Sec. 5, of the By-Laws, further nominations of any other members in good standing may be submitted, in writing, to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee accompanied by at least 25 signatures of members in good standing. The 25 supporting signatures of any such additional nominations shall also indicate the name of the

Association to which such members belong. In order to allow sufficient time for preparation of elections should further nominations be made, they must be received at Federation Office not later than noon, Friday, April 22, 1977.

The term of office of:- Dorothy Chant, Executive Vice-President; June Ellingsen, Sandra Keightley and Barbara Kerr, Vice-Presidents, ends at the 1978 Annual General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM I. MILLER, Q.C.
Chairman, Nominations Committee

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT 1977-1979

ALEX MORRIS Rev. Alex Morris has previously served as a Vice-President of the Federation. He is a member of MacDonald High School Home & School Association where he has 2 children attending. He has also served on the Executive of Northview Home & School. Educated in Montreal. Serves as Chaplain at Ste. Anne de Bellevue Veteran's Hospital. Program Chariman for the 1977 Annual General Meeting.

NOMINATED FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS 1977-1979

MARION KIFT Mrs. Kift is a member of the Morison Home & School Association. Mother of 4 children. Educated in Ontario with a Master's Degree in special education. Has a diploma in child study and parent education. Presently serving as a Commissioner on the PSBGM. Serves as co-ordinator for staff training and development at Douglas Hospital.

DENNIS CORR Mr. Corr is the father of 4 children; one in Beaconsfield High School and three at Windemere Elementary. Born and educated in New South Wales, Australia. By profession he is a mechanical engineer. Working at the Aluminum Company of Canada he has been living in Montreal for the past 18 months and before that in the Saguenay Valley. He is the President of Windemere Home & School Association. Has served for the past 5 months as a Vice-President of Quebec Federation (filling a vacancy).

CAL POTTER Mr. Potter has 3 children; two now in University and one at a private school. He was educated in Montreal at Sir George Williams University and McGill University. He is a chartered accountant and economist, now at Concordia University as Professor in the Faculty of Commerce and Administrative Studies. He is a past treasurer of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, Federation of the Associations of the Universities of Quebec and also of Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations.

BARBARA MOORE She has been a member of Roslyn Home & School since 1961 and interested in education in a number of ways since that time through Home & School, School Committee and the Montreal Council of Women. Mrs. Moore became involved with Quebec Federation through the Grants for Bilingualism in Education and has been the Chairman of the committee since 1975. She has four children - two in University, one finishing high school and one in Grade 5.

Biographical Notes, cont.

NOMINATED FOR VICE-PRESIDENT 1977-1978

BARBARA MILNE-SMITH Has four children, two of whom are at John Rennie High School and one at Concordia University. She has been active with Home & School for many years - as Chairman of Volunteers, Edinburgh School, as Membership Chairman, then President, Lakeside Heights, as Recording Secretary, Chairman of Volunteers, and President, John Rennie High School. She was also Chairman of Volunteers for the School Committee at Lakeside Heights and is presently an Area Director for the John Rennie Home & School District (Lakeshore II); secretary of the Lakeshore Regional Council of Home & Schools, and Conference Chairman for Quebec Federation's Annual General Meeting 1977. She was born and educated in Quebec and is by profession a secretary.

NOMINATED FOR RECORDING SECRETARY 1977-1978

GORDON PERRY Mr. Perry has two children who are attending Courtland Park Elementary School and he is a past president of the Home & School Association of that school. Mr. Perry was educated in engineering and has worked in publishing and public relations. Presently he is with Bell Canada in internal communications. He is just completing a term as a Vice-President with Quebec Federation.

NOMINATED FOR TREASURER 1977-1979

RONALD GALLAY Mr. Gallay has served as Treasurer of Quebec Federation during the past few months, completing the term of office of the outgoing Treasurer. He is the father of 2 children attending Mount Royal High School. Mr. Gallay is a Chartered Accountant by profession. He has served on various Home & School Committees during the years.

NEWS COMMITTEE 1976-77
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1977
Dorothy E. Chant, Editor

Five issues, approximately 75,000 copies, of the Quebec Home and School NEWS were circulated in Quebec since the last Annual General Meeting.

The \$3.00 Provincial Membership Fee not only ensures the continuing existence of the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations, but also provides for the publication and distribution of the NEWS to every member home. Extra copies are available, upon request, for Membership Promotion in the schools and every issue copies are circulated to other interested organizations.

Fulfilling the objectives of the NEWS is a challenging and sometimes frustrating experience.

- OUR AIMS: (1) To inform each member of what is happening in Education in Quebec, what it means to him and what the Provincial Executive is doing about it.
- (2) To give each Local Association the opportunity to share with others in Quebec through the -
Focus on the Locals
Letters to the Editor
Suggestions and Contributions
- (3) To offer practical and interesting family oriented articles on subjects such as health, statistics, current events, etc.

The EDITORIAL BOARD is comprised of hard working and devoted volunteers:-

Advertising	Sandra Keightley
Editorials	Maybelle Durkin, Joan Mansfield William Miller
Focus on the Locals	Ruth Levell
Lay-out	Gordon Perry
Proof Readers	June Ellingsen, Fay Richardson
Re-write	Ruth Levell, Joan Mansfield

A special mention of Jane Findlay, who is the Executive liaison between the Membership Chairman and the Circulation, for a job well done.

WHAT would the Editorial Board like to see in the coming year?
A GREATER PARTICIPATION IN THE NEWS BY THE 'GRASS-ROOTS' OF
OUR ASSOCIATION !

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY E. CHANT



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 1976-77
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1977
Sylvia O. Adams, Chairman

Membership as of April 7, 1977, reads as follows:-

Associations submitting membership lists	84
Number of Memberships at \$3.00	9483
Number of Associate Memberships	447
Associations that have not yet submitted their membership	9
Potential number of \$3.00 memberships (These schools are Bronx Park, Chelsea, Iona, Laurentide, Logan, New Richmond, Port Cartier, Three Rivers and Wagar.)	627
Individual Associate Memberships at \$3.00	40

POTENTIAL TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - $9483 + 627 + 40 = 10,150$

Associations that appear to have allowed their association membership to lapse (become non-functioning) are:- Ahuntsic, Bedford, Joliette, Laurentide Elementary, Matapedia, Rawdon and St. Foy.

New Associations - Beaconsfield High
Philomen Wright
Spring Garden

WELCOME Aboard !!

Those associations that have not submitted their annual dues as of March 1st, 1977, and those associations that have appeared to allow their membership to lapse, would be advised to quickly read the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Constitution, Article II (page 2), Number 7, as their names must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors at our next Board Meeting.

Sincere congratulations to all those associations that have maintained high levels of membership in our Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations. Our independent voice in educational matters is more necessary than ever.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVIA ADAMS

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

1977 MEMBERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

This year awards are given on the percentage of membership compared to student population. Based on these figures, the awards are the following:-

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Highest Membership -	Willowdale	- 63.6%
	Westminster	- 63.4%
Over 50% Membership -	Beaconhill	- 58.2%
	Rosedale	- 54.4%
Over 45% Membership -	Roslyn	- 49.7%
	Oakridge	- 49.6%
	Westpark	- 45.5%
	Greendale	- 45.2%

HIGH SCHOOLS

Macdonald - 46.7% - 5th consecutive year of high membership !

Dorval High - 38.4% - increase yearly, last three years

BILINGUALISM GRANTS COMMITTEE 1976 - 77
REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1977
MRS. BARBARA MOORE, CHAIRMAN

During this past year every effort has been made to keep all members of Home and School informed of the work of the Bilingualism Grants committee through articles in the NEWS.

May 1976 a Brief on the use being made of the Grants was submitted to the Hon. Jean Bienvenue, then Minister of Education and a hearing requested.

In October 1976 our demand for funds was rejected by letter, no hearing was ever granted.

February 1977, the Brief was resubmitted to Hon. Jacques Yvan Morin. He asked for detailed documented evidence of unmet needs. We have asked for assistance from the Protestant boards in gathering this information.

Throughout the year a close watch was kept on the media and responses made through letters to the Editor, correspondence with people mentioned in articles, etc.

April 27th 1977 three members of the Bilingualism Grants committee met with the Hon. John Roberts, Secretary of State of Canada. At the time we discussed parental concerns and presented a Brief which summarized QFHSA views on points which should be stressed when the contract comes up for renewal in March 1979. Further information about this meeting will be given in the next copy of the News.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Barbara Moore



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SMOKING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE 1976-77
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1977
Mrs. Judith Bock, Chairman

The Canadian Council on Smoking and Health reports a continued decline in cigarette smoking among Canadians. However, Quebec maintains its distinction as the province with the highest percentage of regular smokers, and as educators we should feel appalled and ashamed at the large number of young people who, each year, take up the habit.

A properly functioning Federation Committee on Smoking and Health could play a significant role in encouraging school boards, teachers' associations and parents to recognize their responsibilities in this neglected area of health education. Even limited efforts have produced some small gains this year.

- Discussion was initiated with P.S.B.G.H. consultants and with Alan Wright of the Montreal Teachers Association. This will be followed up and, hopefully, will result in positive action.

- A feature article, written by Joan Mansfield for the Home and School News, received further circulation when it reappeared in the local weekly, The Suburban.

- We continue to offer assistance to interested teachers and parents who request information and teaching aids. This has led to some impressive programmes at the early grade levels.

These, of course are only small beginnings. However, if such efforts were expanded and sustained they could ultimately affect a real change in local attitudes, as they have in other provinces and in the United States. I won't go into statistics here except to mention that a survey of last year's entering class at Harvard University revealed that only 4% were smokers.

To be effective, our Smoking and Health Committee needs more than one member. If anyone, smoker or non-smoker, wishes to be involved next year, either as chairman or in any other capacity, please contact me through the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bock Chairman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE 1976-77
Report to the Annual General Meeting 1977
William Asherman, Chairman

Federation's By-Laws are being up-dated to take care of required changes, as time marches on. Such changes, suggested by member associations and/or the Board of Directors, in consultation with this committee, have to be approved by an Annual Meeting of Federation.

Suggestions may be made to this committee during the year. Reminders have been sent to local associations a short while ago. No suggestions for changes of the By-Laws were received from associations. The Board of Directors recommended two minor changes, to be approved by the 1977 Annual General Meeting, i.e.

ARTICLE VII, PARAGRAPH 2

Cheques on the Federation's bank account shall be signed by any two of the following officers:- President, Treasurer, a Vice-President designated by the Executive.

ARTICLE III, SECTION 3

The Board of Directors will also include -
e) Presidents of Area Councils

Copies of the up-dated constitution are available from Federation's office on request.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ASHERMAN

PACT-PAPT CURRICULUM COUNCIL 1976-77
Report to the Annual Meeting, 1977
Mrs. June Ellingsen, Chairman

Meetings resumed in January 1977 under the chairmanship of Don Patton, appointed by PACT and are held every third Thursday in the month.

Mandate- The mandate of the council as "the instrument of the PAPT and PACT for consultation at the provincial level in matters of curriculum", the structure of the former Direction Generale de l'Enseignement Elementaire et Secondaire and its restructured replacement the Direction Generale de Developpement Pedagogique were reviewed and discussed.

Reports- A new sub committee is to be set up to develop a working document on the teaching of English in English schools. This was proposed last year and held over because of the teacher situation.

Policy- of PAPT, PACT and the council re Abolition of Provincial exams - was reviewed and also correspondence with the Minister. The meeting held on January 14/77 with representatives from MEQ regarding the above was discussed and the Curriculum Council briefs to be recirculated.

It is PAPT/PACT policy to boycott provincial committees set up to create High School Leaving exams. This policy was adopted in the fall of 1975 for two basic reasons.
1) to persuade the Ministere de l'Education du Quebec to decentralize the evaluation process.
2) the failure of-as a reform measure of teacher co-operation with the Measures and Evaluation committee of MEQ to improve the examinations and change the High School exam system.

Newsletter- Curriculum Council newsletter will consist of reports from Subject Associations, from Curr. Council and innovations in new curriculum and will present information on-

- a) Councils position on the preparation of provincial exams.
- b) Specific problems concerning the French oral exams Spring 77 due to new regulations so late in the school year.
- c) Councils position on regional and local exams.
- d) Structure of Curriculum Council.

There has been no news as yet regarding the new government policy with regard to provincial exams. However Teachers are encouraged to participate in the process of creating exams at the School and Board level.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. June Ellingsen
Chairman

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT :

OACD conference on Multiculturalism in the educational system, was held from April 20 - 23rd in Toronto. Ontario Minister of Education Tom Wells opened the conference and Mr. Duncan Green, Director of Education delivered the keynote address. Other guest speakers were Dr. John Berry, department of psychology, Queens University and Mr. David Lewis, former leader N.D.P. now at Institute of Canadian Studies, Carleton University.

Group topics included classroom environment, the learning styles of Native people, multiculturalism as a dimension in all education and education policy with regard to multiculturalism, and Canadian Studies and English or French as second language.

Delegates were assigned to workshops of their choice under a group leader and discussion was to lead to specific recommendations regarding curriculum and educational policy for example. Attitudes and concepts were discussed, and teacher training was felt to be an area in which such attitudes towards multiculturalism, the teaching of the second language but also the retention of the first language and through that the heritage and culture of the ethnic community, could be developed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. June Ellingsen,
Chairman

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE 1976-77
Report to the Annual Meeting, 1977
Mrs. Aldis Lee, Chairman

Throughout the year a continuing effort has been made by the Q.A.P.S.B. to alert the ministers concerned to the inadequacies of the school transportation system.

Of great concern is the alarming number of "school bus" related accidents. These results we anticipated, and brought to the attention of the Department of Transport so that they could be overcome, but to no avail.

The Quebec Safety League states that this is the most disastrous year in our history, with the exception of the year 1967 when 17 children lost their lives. They are establishing a committee which will study the critical situation, and make suggestions and recommendations to put an end to this "plague." Quebec Federation has been invited to participate in this action.

Quebec coroner, Stanislaw Dery, holding public inquiry into Quebec's fatal school bus accidents, has made recommendations to the Minister of Transport on how to avoid these tragedies, legal advisors are attending inquests. Dery calls for bus monitors on all school buses.

The Department of Transport school bus driver course reported to be given to 10,000 last year has not prevented drivers taking risks with school children (Carignan incident). This driver paid the full penalty with his life and that of a child.

It has now been established that the M.U.C.T.C. school buses do meet a minimum requirement of the law. However the public at large is still unaware of the M.U.C.T.C. school bus. Hence many infractions of the highway code can be observed daily, especially at school loading zones which should enjoy the same no parking signs afforded regular bus stops, also yellow curbs.

The P.S.B.G.M. has now supported our position and concern with three separate resolutions directed to the Montreal Urban Community and the Department of Transport, and has requested the support of other school boards on the island of Montreal through the good offices of the Montreal Island Council.

The P.S.B.G.M. also submitted a resolution to the Minister of Transport for grants for the transportation of all eligible high school students (i.e. all students living one mile or more from school, plus transportation for ALL kindergarten children). This is in pursuit of finalization of a three year rattrapage for M.C.S.C. and P.S.B.G.M.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT CON.

Transportation contracts are to be renewed in June province wide. Adequate safety standards should be an important factor on the part of school boards, for renewal of these contracts.

It is regrettable that eleven child fatalities are not reason enough for the department of Transport to legislate on behalf of the childrens safety, at the same time as legislating to preserve a public transportation system.

Respectfully submitted

ALDIS LEE

OFFICE SERVICES COMMITTEE 1976-1977
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1977
Mrs. Ruth Pidduck, Chairman

The past year has necessitated a great deal of extra work due to the leave of absence given our former Executive Secretary last summer. Instead of hiring a replacement the President, the Office Services Chairman, Vice-President June Ellingsen and her son endeavoured to keep the office open during the summer.

With the addition of an extra office (unfortunately down the hall from our other office); the resignation of our Executive Secretary in November and the greatly increased work-load due to the current uncertainties in legislation, the need for volunteers greatly increased but our difficulty in recruiting them has not lessened. Aside from members of the Executive, Board and Committee members, who endeavoured to do a little extra in the office in addition to their regular duties, we are particularly grateful to Allison Irwin of St. Lambert, who came in regularly during the winter on Wednesdays to catalogue all of Federation's briefs from the beginning to the present, and to organize them and all our other resource material so that it is now readily available to anyone interested.

We would also like to thank particularly Sunnydale Home & School Association who gave the Office Services Committee a generous donation of \$25.00 in lieu of personal donations of time. As they are at some distance from the office and most have small children at home they felt that this was the most practical way of showing their support. Similar donations from other locals would be most appreciated, as it has been found necessary to hire students to run the Gestetner, stuff envelopes and such tasks in an emergency when a volunteer could not be obtained. With the steady increase in the work coming out of the office it may be necessary to do more of this and probably to hire additional secretarial help.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We must have more volunteers! If not, we will have to cut back on some of our services or pay for the help needed. This would entail an increase in our expenses, which would have to be covered by an increased grant, increased fees, charges for items now supplied gratis or a cut-back in services.
2. Possibly a local could undertake to do one specific task on a continuing basis, spread among all their members or even with the help of students from their school. Such tasks could include looking up omitted postal from lists of new Members; typing up address labels for mailings; collating Executive and Board Minutes; up-dating mailing lists; even running a mailing through the postage meter; reading & commenting in brief on a French report; running the Gestetner; filing; writers and re-writers and proof-readers for the "News". Many of these jobs can be done at home or at your own convenience in the office.

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE -1976-77
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1977
Rev. William Clinton, Chairman

Report on the new Canadian Citizenship Act and on the new Immigration Bill.

1. The new Citizenship Act has been hailed as the most progressive Citizenship law in the modern country. In some senses it really is; citizenship is regarded as a right on demand, subject to the applicant having become a resident. A three year waiting period is all that is required. There is no discrimination in respect of the applicant's race, religion, sex or country of origin.
2. The term citizen-of-the-commonwealth is legally recognized simply as a catch back to include the old British subjects status referred to in Federal and Provincial laws. Thus being a British subject is a meaningless term without any rights or privileges over other non-Canadian persons.
3. The Oath of Allegiance refers to the monarch only as Queen of Canada not in terms of her full title.
4. Thus in one sense we see a de-liberalizing and a nationalizing movement at work.
5. In respect to the Immigration our report is generally favourable. The policies regulating immigration seem to be fairer than those of the old Act with two exceptions.
6. The first is that there seems to be still too much opportunity for arbitrary decisions by visa and immigration officials on the spot without any immediate referral and re-consideration in cases of rejection of applicants.
7. The second is to be seen in the consultation process in the selection of immigrants between the Federal government and the Provincial: we are aware that the province may have immigration policies which are restrictive as to race, language, culture, or country of origin and which make demands on would-be immigrants which are restrictive and illiberal.
8. Detailed reports of these two Federal acts have been sent to members of the Board of Directors and to local Presidents.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM CLINTON