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

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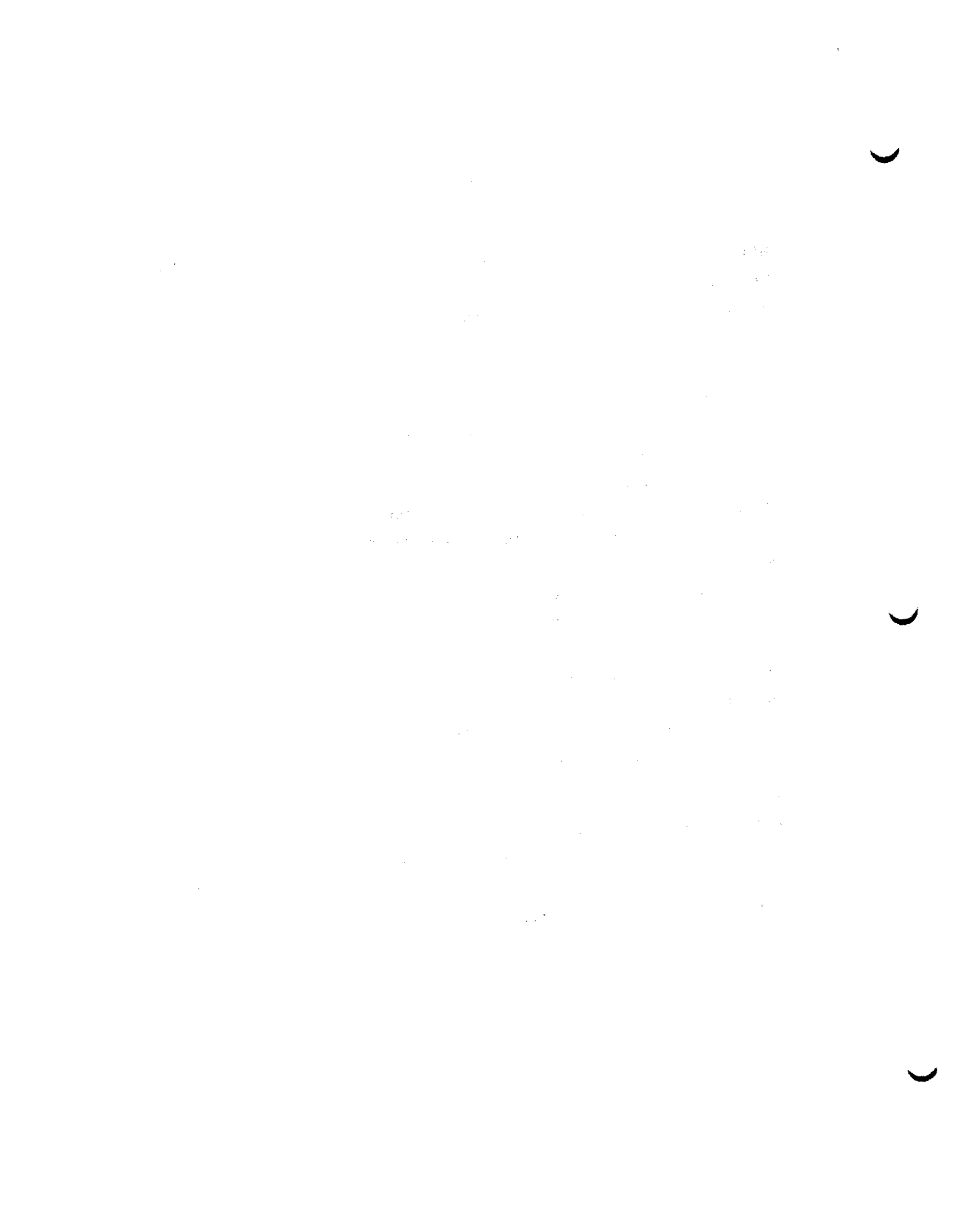
3. The third part of the document provides a detailed overview of the various systems and tools that are used to manage and store records. It discusses the benefits of these systems and how they are integrated into the organization's overall workflow.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of regular audits and reviews of the records to ensure their accuracy and completeness. It outlines the frequency and scope of these audits and the steps that should be taken to address any discrepancies.

5. The fifth part of the document provides a summary of the key points discussed in the previous sections and offers some final thoughts on the importance of maintaining accurate records. It concludes by emphasizing that this is a continuous process that requires ongoing attention and effort.

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MINUTES OF THE 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS  
HELD MAY 8th and 9th, 1981, ON THE LOYOLA CAMPUS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Registered and present during the Annual General Meeting were 32 members of the Board of Directors, 77 guests and panelists, as well as 94 voting delegates (or alternates) from local associations. In all forty local associations were represented.

The conference was opened by Dr. Calvin Potter, President, at 9:10 a.m. on Friday, May 8th, followed by the singing of 'O Canada'. Rev. Alex Morris then chaired a Plenary Session on 'New Directions in Curriculum' followed by five workshops on the same subject.

1. and 2. Opening Remarks and Introductions

The business meeting opened at 1:35 p.m. Dr. Calvin Potter welcomed the delegates and introduced the guests present.

3. Parliamentarian

Rev. Alex Morris was appointed parliamentarian. Mrs. Fay Richardson, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, announced that a quorum of local associations was present. Scrutineers appointed were Mrs. Kirsti Jarvis, President of The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation, and Mr. William Asherman, our Historian, and a Life Member of CHSPTF.

4. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Jacobson (Ste. Foy)/Canavan (Edgewater) that the agenda be accepted as circulated, with the addition of Insurance Report to item #8 (Reports of Standing Committees) to be added after Resolutions & Policy Report. CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes of 36th Annual General Meeting

MOTION: de Schulthess (Willingdon)/Purvis that the minutes of our 1980 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated. CARRIED

6. President's Report

Dr. Potter spoke to his President's Report, which had been circulated with the Book of Reports. He stressed that the essential message is that we are very fortunate in the quality of people manning our Executive and Committees, especially our Executive Vice-President, Mrs. Marion Daigle.

As an addition to his report, he spoke of the Ad Hoc Canada Constitution Committee set up in response to developments at the national level re the Canadian Constitution. A brief was presented to the Joint House/Senate Committee, the thrust of which related to three articles in the proposed constitution, and we are pleased to report that the revised constitution reflects some of our suggestions.

As an update to the issue of confessionality, Dr. Potter reported on the meeting held with the Superior Council Ad Hoc Committee on Confessionality, attended by Owen Buckingham, John Parker and himself. There was a

good discussion of confessionality and the attitude of parents to it. He explained to them that our position is that confessionality per se is not an issue. We are interested in the quality of education - in good English education that recognizes the importance of French.

Dr. Potter then announced that we have had verbal notice that the Secretary of State has agreed to giving us \$25,000 to continue our off-island animation of anglophones in Quebec, and with this we feel we will be able to accomplish a great deal.

#### 7. Treasurer's Report

Mr. George Maroulis presented our annual financial report and there was discussion on ways to improve our revenues.

Mr. Maroulis reported that he is the Chairman of a fund raising campaign for Candian Home and School and is confident that, if it is successful, some of the funds will filter down to Quebec Federation for several important projects.

He stated that one of our problems is that, because our grant never arrives until Spring, it is very difficult to plan our work in September. He suggested that perhaps Quebec Federation also needs to have some sort of fund raising campaign. One way in which we can save money is that he has kindly offered to do our audit for the sum of \$1.00.

There was discussion about the feasibility of eliminating sending the NEWS to all members, but everyone agreed that, as this is the only communication that does go to all members, we should continue. Mr. Maroulis stated that it would be a more positive step to try instead to increase the revenues of the paper, and this can easily be done if all our locals would sell advertising in it.

MOTION: Maroulis/Morris that our financial statements for the year ending August 31, 1980, as certified by our auditors, be accepted. CARRIED

Our 1981-82 Budget was then presented. MOTION: Maroulis/Amarica that the 1981-82 budget be adopted. CARRIED.

MOTION: Maroulis/Jacobson (Ste. Foy) that the membership fee for 1981-82 remain at \$4.00 per family. CARRIED

A recommendation was made that we think not of cutting costs but in terms of generating revenues.

MOTION: Maroulis/Morris that the setting of a Conference Fee (for 1982) be left to the recommendation of the Treasurer and Board of Directors at the January Board meeting.

#### 8. Reports of Standing Committees

##### Nominations

Rev. Morris presented the report of the Nominations Committee. He reported that we had received more nominations this year than last but appealed to our locals that this is their association and this is the place for their input.

MOTION: Morris/Langelier (Edgewater) that this report be received.

CARRIED

Balloting then took place and the meeting continued while they were counted.

##### Constitution

It was decided that the recommendation (re Letters Patent) at the end of this report be considered separately.

MOTION: Morris/Chant that the report, except for the final recommendation, be accepted. CARRIED (1 abstention)

MOTION: Morris/Milne-Smith that the recommendation re deletion of some words from our Letters Patent be accepted.

MOTION: Ellingsen/Jacobson (Ste. Foy) that this be tabled until our next Annual General Meeting. DEFEATED

After further discussion, the original motion was put to a vote.

Constitution Amendments:

CARRIED

1. Statement of Policy

MOTION: Morris/Daigle that Article III be added to our constitution, to read:

Federation policy is contained in its "Statement of Policy", which contains those resolutions deemed by the Annual Meeting to complement its purposes and objectives above.

CARRIED

MOTION: Morris/Buckingham that a new Article XI be added to our By-laws (with present Article XI to become Article XII), to read:

POLICY

1. Eight (8) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting the Resolutions Committee shall circulate to the Board of Directors and Maintaining Member Associations the additions to the Statement of Policy which they and the Constitution Committee jointly recommended.
2. Policy statements shall be based on resolutions and/or recommendations adopted at previous Annual Meetings.
3. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and entitled to vote is required.

CARRIED

MOTION: Morris/V. Maroulis (Mount Royal High) that we amend Article III, Section 3, of our By-laws to change slightly the composition of our Board of Directors, to read:

3. Board of Directors

By virtue of our Letters Patent there shall be a Board of Directors of fifty (50) persons, comprising:

- (a) The Officers of Federation and the Immediate Past President.
- (b) The duly appointed representatives of the various areas (as previously established by the Board of Directors).
- (c) Presidents of Area Councils.
- (d) The Chairmen of Federation Committees (as previously established by the Board of Directors).
- (e) If required, other appointees approved by the Board of Directors to make up a full complement of fifty (50) persons.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least five (5) times each year. (In Addition, Life Members of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation who reside in Quebec are considered Honorary members of the Board.)

MOTION: Daigle/Stoddard (Waterloo) that because of uncertainty as to the exact legal requirements this amendment be referred to the Constitution Committee and the Board of Directors for further clarification and consideration at our 1982 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION: Morris/MacWhirter (New Carlisle) that the following sentence in Article V, Section 2, regarding Area Representatives, be amended to read as follows:

.... The name of their Area Representative shall be communicated to the Federation Office as soon as possible after April 15 but not later than August 15 ....

And that the following additional paragraph be added to Section 2:

In an area where there are no existing Maintaining Member Associations the Board of Directors may appoint an Area Animator with the following mandate: To encourage the establishment of new Maintaining Member Associations or the re-establishment of lapsed locals. Such an Area Animator would have all the privileges of a member of the Board of Directors except a vote, but at such a time as a local or locals is established in said area those locals could appoint him/her as their Area Representative if they so desire (or alternatively appoint another).

CARRIED

MOTION: Morris/Langelier (Edgewater) to amend Article V, Section 4(b), regarding nominations, to read as follows:

.... it is the duty of the Nominations Committee to attempt to recruit a minimum of two (2) capable nominees for this position.

CARRIED

MOTION: Morris/Code (Macdonald High) that Article V, Section 4(f) be amended to read:

The list of all nominees shall be forwarded to each Maintaining Association by the Board of Directors at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION: Morris/Richardson that Article V, Section 4(d), regarding terms of office, be amended by adding at the end of the sentence the following phrase:

...., excluding time served in completing a predecessor's term.

CARRIED

MOTION: Morris/Buckingham that Article V, Section 4(c), be amended by adding the following sentence:

The President and Executive Vice-President shall be elected in one year together with four (4) Vice-Presidents, and the Treasurer and Recording Secretary, together with the other four (4) Vice-Presidents the next year.

CARRIED

MOTION: Morris/Keightley (John XXIII/Dorval High) that Article VIII, Section 4(d), regarding distribution of Minutes to locals, be amended to read as follows:

A copy of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be mailed to each Board member. Presidents of Maintaining Member Associations will receive these Minutes if they so request them at the beginning of the year.

There was much discussion about this amendment as several people felt it is very important for presidents of locals to receive these minutes as they are an important vehicle of communication. When the vote was called, this amendment was -

DEFEATED

MOTION: Morris/Canavan (Edgewater) that Article VIII, Section 5(c), be similarly amended to read:

A copy of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be mailed to each Board member. Presidents of Maintaining Member Associations will receive these Minutes if they so request them at the beginning of the year.

CARRIED

MOTION: Morris/Amarica (Malcolm Campbell High) that Article IX, Section 1(e), regarding spokesman for Federation, be amended by adding the following sentence:

The President (or his/her designate) shall speak for Federation on matters of Federation policy.

CARRIED



Nominations

It was announced that the following four people have been elected as Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. Gisela Amarica  
Mrs. Celia Davids

Mrs. Rose Kandalgaonkar  
Mr. Rod Wiener

It was then necessary to call for nominations for the position of Vice-President, to complete the term of one year which has been made vacant by Mr. Buckingham being acclaimed our new President.

MOTION: Milne-Smith/Perry that Mrs. Dawn Barrett be nominated. CARRIED

MOTION: Buckingham/Langelier (Edgewater) that nominations close. CARRIED

Resolutions

MOTION: Purvis/Norris that the disposition of the 1980 Resolutions be accepted as listed in the Annual Report. CARRIED

The procedure for handling resolutions was then read.

Resolution 81/1 - The Right of the Disabled to Equal Education

MOTION: Purvis/Code (Macdonald High) that the amendment to this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

MOTION: Purvis/de Schulthess (Willingdon) that the amended resolution be accepted. CARRIED

Resolution 81/2 - The Training of School Personnel in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation.

This resolution has been withdrawn as it was not necessary to bring it to the AGM again.

Resolution 81/3 - Greater Support of Canadian Textbooks

MOTION: Purvis/Daigle that the amendment to this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

MOTION: Purvis/Asherman that the amended resolution be accepted. CARRIED

Resolution 81/4 - Reaffirmation of 1969 Resolution Regarding Guaranteed Language Rights in any Revision of the Constitution of Canada.

Withdrawn as covered under resolution 81/9.

Resolution 81/5 - Gifted and Talented Children

MOTION: Purvis/Michler (Hull) that the amendment to this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

MOTION: Purvis/Mitham (Lakeside Heights) that the amended resolution be accepted. CARRIED

Resolution 81/6 - Provision of Equal Professional and Technical Post-Secondary Education Facilities.

MOTION: Purvis/Kandalgaonkar that the amendment to this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

MOTION: Purvis/Mitham (Lakeside Heights) that the amended resolution be accepted. CARRIED

Resolution 81/7 - Government-Funded Bus Monitor Program

MOTION: Purvis/Jacobson (Ste. Foy) that this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

Resolution 81/8 - Rescheduling of Offensive Advertising during Children's Viewing Hours.

MOTION: Purvis/Mitham (Lakeside Heights) that this resolution be accepted with the addition of Global TV to destinations. CARRIED

Mrs. K. Jarvis, President of The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation reported that CMSPTF is represented on the Children's Broadcast Institute and this matter has been discussed. It was felt that the most influential way to make this kind of change is to write directly to advertisers. It was decided that this is best done individually and our members were encouraged to do so.

Resolution 81/9 - Regarding Constitutional Protection of Minority Language Education and the Right of Naturalized Citizens to Equal Access to such Education.

MOTION: Purvis/Matchett (Lachine High) that the amendment to this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

There were several comments about the fact that this resolution does not cover immigrants who are not as yet Canadians, but it was pointed out that if a change was wanted an amendment should have been sent in earlier. Our By-laws do not allow amendments on the floor.

MOTION: Perry (John XXIII/Dorval High)/Posner (Westpark) that this resolution be tabled until our 1982 AGM. LOST

It was then agreed that a covering letter to be sent with the resolution would indicate the feeling of the meeting.

MOTION: Purvis/Kandalgaonkar that the amended resolution be accepted. CARRIED

Resolution 81/10 - School Health Services; Allotment of School Nurses

MOTION: Purvis/Mitham (Lakeside Heights) that this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

Resolution 81/11 - Social Affairs - The Establishment of Centres Local de Services Communautaires (CLSC) in Communities at Risk

MOTION: Purvis/Kandalgaonkar that this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

Resolution 81/12 - Reaffirmation of Resolution 80/5  
(Resolution 80/5 - Accountability for the Use of Federal Grants for Minority Language Education)

Mr. William Asherman pointed out that the attempt to settle this question of accountability of the funds is holding up the new agreement for these grants.

MOTION: Purvis/Wiener (William Latta) that this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

Resolution 81/13 - Youth and Smoking Prevention

MOTION: Purvis/Langelier (Edgewater) that the amendment to this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

MOTION: Purvis/Catchpaw (Magog) that the amended resolution be accepted. CARRIED

Resolution 81/14 - School Children and Road Safety

MOTION: Purvis/Richer (Hull) that this resolution be accepted.

It was stated that this resolution is in conflict with the Bus Monitor Program and it was moved by Payan (Willingdon/Levine (Sunnydale) that it be referred back to the Resolution Committee for further study. CARRIED

Resolution 81/16 - Ombudsman for Teacher Contract Negotiations

MOTION: Purvis/Canavan (Edgewater) that this resolution be accepted. CARRIED

It having been noted that most of the amendments came from Macdonald High and Lachine High Home and Schools they were commended for the attention they pay to the resolutions at their local meetings.

Mrs. Ruth Pidduck was also complimented for her large contribution to the forming of our resolutions. She was responsible for all those resolutions directed to the Canadian Home and School.

Insurance

Mr. E. Alexander outlined the bids that were studied and explained that, although their prices have gone up, the committee still felt that Alliance Mutual gave the best coverage of student accident insurance.

MOTION: Alexander/Perry (John XXIII/Dorval High) that we accept the bid of Alliance Mutual as outlined in the report. CARRIED

Rights Committee

Mr. A. Morris gave a short history of the work of this Committee and the status of our court case on Bill 101. He stated that as this case becomes active in our courts more money will be needed and suggested that our locals consider raising funds to help.

MOTION: Morris/Code (Macdonald High) that this report be accepted. CARRIED

Membership and Membership Development

No further comments were added to this report.

MOTION: Richer (Hull)/Canavan (Edgewater) that this report be accepted. CARRIED

NEWS

Mrs. D. Chant drew our attention to the newsletters from locals displaced on the wall and urged all locals with newsletters to please send a copy of each issue to the NEWS Committee. Mrs. G. Code commended the NEWS for the wonderful job they do.

MOTION: Chant/Payan (Willingdon) that the NEWS report be accepted. CARRIED

Awards

Newsletter awards were then presented to Seigniory and Lakeside Heights Home and Schools. Membership awards were presented to Beacon Hill, Dorset, Somerled and Westminster elementary schools (on island) and Hull and Princess Elizabeth (Magog) (off-island). Winning high schools were Lachine and Macdonald.

9. Remaining Reports

MOTION: Langelier (Edgewater)/Amarica that the remaining reports be accepted en bloc. CARRIED

10. 1982 AGM

MOTION: Macwhirter/Payan (Willingdon) that the 1982 AGM be held early in May and that the site be decided by the Board of Directors based on preferences stated on the Evaluation Forms. CARRIED

Everyone was urged to remember to fill in and leave at the desk their Evaluation Forms.

11. Installation of New Executive

It was announced that the new executive will be installed at our Awards Luncheon tomorrow, May 9th.

Adjournment

MOTION: Ellingsen/Asherman that we adjourn. CARRIED

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1981-82

Presented at the Annual General Meeting, 1982

Owen Buckingham, President

There is no doubt in my mind that the School Year 1981-82 has been one of the most frustrating and yet challenging for school commissioners, educators and parents throughout the province of Quebec. With the dedication and support of our many local associations, and our members in general, the members of the Board of Directors of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations have diligently pursued a course of action designed to achieve recognition of the rights of parents to influence the choice of education for all children.

### School Reorganization

Elsewhere in this Book of Reports is a summary of the activities of our provincial Task Force on School Reorganization. Because the issue has not been resolved as yet it is necessary that we continue to monitor the situation very carefully - indeed the summer months will not necessarily be quiet ones. Many will recall the activities of Federation during the summer of 1977 when Bill 101 was adopted! I would encourage every Task Force in every local school to keep a close watch on this issue in the months ahead.

### Court Action 101

I wish to commend the members of the Rights Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Calvin Potter for the energy, time and involvement they have given to our court case. You will be viewing the videotape presentation today at our annual business meeting. I know you will be impressed with the quality of this presentation. Assist the Committee in its attempts to reach the public by showing it to your local Home & School Association and by suggesting other groups or organizations whom you think may be interested. As always the need for funds to launch this case in court in the Fall of 1982 is vital. I know we can count on your support.

### Finance

In order to maintain our position as an independent voice in education it is vital that we maintain a secure financial position. As we are aware in our daily lives costs are spiralling. Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations has not experienced an increase in family membership since 1978. However, it was the decision of the Board of Directors that a recommendation of a \$5.00 family membership fee for 1982-83 be brought to the AGM. Rest assured a careful study of our financial position was considered before reaching this decision.

### Membership

Once again the problem of declining enrollments, school closures and pupil re-distribution has had its effect on our membership base. My sincere thanks to all the Membership Chairmen in our local associations for their hard work and dedication. They are the people who get this 'grassroots' organization off to a start each year.

A special welcome to Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield who formed a local H&S Association in 1982 and it is gratifying that a number of other schools, particularly off-island have expressed an interest in forming associations next year. The number of affiliate associations such as school committees has also increased.

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Much more work on membership remains to be done by our provincial organization in the upcoming year. The need for a membership chairman is a pressing one.

### Resolutions

This year for the first time our Resolutions and Constitution Committees have reviewed all of our past resolutions and prepared a list of policy statements for your consideration. QFHSA is often asked for our policy on a variety of topics and it is helpful to be able to refer to a statement which comprises the views of our membership. We will continue to update these policies and I would encourage local associations to become involved in shaping resolutions which reflect your concerns about the education and well-being of children. Our resolutions of last year elicited excellent responses from Ministers and Departments to whom they were transmitted.

### Liaison with other Groups

Our channels of communication with other educational groups were very much in evidence again this year. I have represented QFHSA on many occasions but many other delegates have given their time on our behalf and we appreciate their efforts.

Primary Language Arts	Colleen Bismuth
Secondary Language Arts	Kathie Matchett; Margaret Bozel
PACT/PAPT Curriculum Council	Celia Davids; Joyce Payan
Quebec Safety League	Marilyn Ashby
QAPSB	Barbara Milne-Smith
CPC/PSBGM	Gisela Amarica
CPC/LSB	Margo Purvis
Lakeshore School Board	Dawn Barrett
PSBGM	Joyce Payan
FCPIM	Doreen Canavan
Protestant Education Services	Katie Bilimoria; Thelma Varner

Attending on a regular basis at our Board of Directors meetings have been: Rod Elkin and Doug McCall from the PAPT; Mrs. Grace Hone of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards and Mrs. Sally Aitken of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education. We have appreciated having their input at our meetings and look forward to maintaining these liaisons in future.

### On a National Level

QFHSA continues to be an active participant in The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation. In November 1981 a regional meeting of our Board of Directors with Joan Mansfield, Central Vice-President, CHSPTF, was held here in Montreal. There were many concerns and ideas shared at that time. Last year our delegates in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan were: Owen Buckingham, President; Sylvia Adams, Anne MacWhirter and Barbara Milne-Smith.

Through a grant from National Health & Welfare a workshop on Fitness and Nutrition was held prior to National's annual meeting. As a result of valuable input from our delegation, Sylvia Adams became National Chairman for Fitness & Nutrition; Anne MacWhirter agreed to be provincial Chairman of this Committee. In addition, B. Milne-Smith became national Chairman, Resolutions, Constitution and Policy.

Quebec Federation offered to host the 1983 AGM of the national organization.

The 1982 AGM will be held in Charlottetown, P.E.I., from May 25-30 and four delegates from Quebec Federation will attend. Fitness & Nutrition workshops will again be featured.

In June of 1981 Marion Daigle attended the New Brunswick Federation of Home & School Associations in Shippegan, N.B. and I have recently returned from the Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations annual meeting for 1982, held in London, Ontario, where I was asked to bring greetings on behalf of QFHSA.

Last November I attended the New York PTA annual meeting on behalf of Quebec Federation .

Gisela Amarica travelled to Winnipeg last November to participate in a national conference on Multiculturalism, while last summer Rose Kandalgaonkar, Co-chairman of our Gifted Children Committee, attended the Fourth World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children held here in Montreal.

Because so much time and energy has been expended on the school reorganization issue it might seem reasonable that other topics of concern for Quebec Federation would have to be set aside. Not so.

#### Fitness and Nutrition

A new QFHSA Committee under the chairmanship of Anne MacWhirter was set up after the CHSPTF conference last year. Anne and Sylvia Adams, National Chairman, have worked throughout the year on getting this committee underway. They began with participation in a workshop at the Fall Conference '81, during this AGM in the Plenary session Friday morning and a workshop (on Saturday) co-ordinated by Angelika Redahl of Edgewater Home & School Association. A questionnaire has been circulated to schools across the country and we look forward to their follow up at this year's CHSPTF AGM.

#### Safety/Transportation Committee

Marilyn Ashby and her active committee have worked on several topics - Safety, as always, a priority in co-operation with the Quebec Safety League; Smoking and Youth, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse. This Committee continues to be one of our most important.

#### Publicity Committee

Sandra Keightley and Gordon Perry, Co-chairmen, with Rose Kandalgaonkar and Dawn Barrett have quietly and efficiently developed several areas of communication. They participated at the Fall Leadership, played a leading role in the 101 press conference in February 1982, working on the 101 videotape presentation public campaign, 1982 AGM and are currently putting together ideas for next year's membership campaign.

#### NEWS

Probably our most important vehicle for communication under Dorothy Chant-Hannah's capable leadership. The five issues per year represent a tremendous number of man hours by a very dedicated staff. We

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continue to receive compliments from other parent and educational organizations from across the country on the quality of our NEWS.

#### Off-Island Newsletter

Anne MacWhirter has, for the second year, produced a single page newsletter directed to our Off-Island locals highlighting news and concerns of particular interest to our locals - part of our Membership Development Committee work.

#### Canada Constitution

A special project within the Rights Committee and of special interest to the Board of Directors and Executive, this issue will continue to be a part of our mandate. We have kept you informed of our activities in petitioning both the Canadian Parliament and the Parliament at Westminster, England. Many of you as local associations and as individuals were extremely helpful and supportive in sending telegrams to Ottawa, writing or telephoning your local M.P.'s. Equality of rights in education for all citizens across the country is surely one of the most important articles that one should expect to have in our Canadian Constitution! Efforts are already underway for QFHSA to petition the premiers of the provinces when the next round of Constitution talks begin. One of our resolutions this year at the AGM, of course, is directed to the Canada Constitution topic.

#### Conclusion

On looking back on this report I am amazed at the amount of time, energy and dedication which has been given so freely by the members of this volunteer organization.

My first year as President has been a full and active one to say the least. It has been made easier by knowing that I could always count on the support of the QFHSA locals and its members in the crunch. My sincere thanks to the members of the Executive and the Board of Directors who have contributed well beyond the call of duty to the work of Federation.



QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

C. Owen Buckingham, President

The school year 1981-82 has been one of the most challenging for education in Quebec.

School Reorganization

In early September it was rumoured that Dr. Camille Laurin, Minister of Education, would table legislation in the Fall which would involve a massive overhaul of the entire educational system - a system which has been in existence in Quebec since 1846. Dr. Laurin has indicated on many occasions that the legislation to alter the structures is based upon parental requests for change. The Ministry is merely fulfilling that need.

To date, we have had a succession of 'leaked' documents, each one offering some slight variation or modification. However, the overriding concern in each of these documents is that we will see the end of universally elected school boards, common in North America. These will be replaced by 3500 single school corporations in which four parents of that school, elected by all the parents of the school, will play the leading role. The members of the school corporation will have tremendous responsibilities, little power and be unpaid! The service they give will be on a voluntary basis, well beyond the scope of most volunteers in terms of time, energy and expertise in education.

New School Boards formed on a regional basis will consist of delegates from each of the school corporations in a given territory. They will generally dispense 'services' to the schools.

The fundamental basis for schooling in Quebec up to the present time has rested on the democratically elected school board system but along confessional lines - Catholic and Protestant - as defined and guaranteed in the BNA Act of 1867. The changes as proposed thus far represent a radical move towards what many perceive to be the 'nationalization' of the school system.

While the impending legislation is expected to have serious implications for the future of English language schools in Quebec, it really crosses that line as there is very little to suggest that education for Quebec children will be improved. The French majority will also be deeply affected by these changes.

A year ago our Annual General Meeting featured sweeping changes in curriculum for all schools, in a program of implementation already begun in the French system and now underway in the English system. State control over curriculum content is already causing anxiety.

## QFHSA ANNUAL REPORT, cont.

In December 1982 the current teacher contract will end. Since Dr. Laurin's restructuration plan will seriously affect the status of teacher unions, and since his plan would be implemented over the next school year is it any wonder that parents, teachers and school commissions have cause for concern!

I have given you this background to indicate why our principal preoccupation this year has been on this issue. And it is likely to continue as the date of legislation is still a rumour! Parents are expected to be at the center and as an independent voice of parents in education QFHSA will be expected to respond. To that end QFHSA Executive has declared itself a Task Force on School Reorganization and has encouraged every local association to be part of its local school Task Force focusing on this problem.

#### QFHSA Court Action - Bill 101

Closely aligned with the issue of school reorganization is our court case. Under the chairmanship of Dr. Calvin Pctter, the Rights Committee has spent a very active and often frustrating year attempting to bring this case to court. In January 1982 the Master of the Rolls of the Superior Court of Quebec advised us that we will be heard in the Fall of 1982. A recent Press Conference was held to publicize the Fall hearing and to begin to sensitize the public to the need for funds to defray the costs of such an undertaking. A highlight at this time was the presentation of a videotape which features several of the 17 co-plaintiffs in the case along with our legal counsel, the chairman of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, which is mise-en-cause in the case, and others within our organization. Well received by the press who attended, the videotape presentation is now being co-ordinated for showing throughout the province.

#### Canada Constitution

This has been another area of deep concern both for the Rights Committee and all members of Quebec Federation. Article 59 of the new Constitution 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 petitioned both the Parliament of Canada and the Parliament at Westminster to no avail. However, QFHSA will continue to speak out on behalf of equality of rights for all.

Has Quebec Federation found time to pursue its many other interests and activities? To highlight a few:

#### Fitness and Nutrition

We have attempted to assist both Sylvia Adams, Chairman CHSPTF Committee and Anne MacWhirter our own Chairman in their endeavours. Sylvia participated as a panelist in a workshop at the Fall Leadership Conference '81 and she will be one of our Plenary session speakers at the 1982 AGM highlighting fitness and nutrition as a major influence on family life. A further workshop on Nutrition will be held the following day co-ordinated by one of our locals.

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As well, Anne is circulating a questionnaire to all locals seeking information on physical education and nutrition in our schools.

Safety/Transportation

Marilyn Ashby, Chairman, has pursued our Awareness program again this year with the 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.

Quebec Home and School NEWS

Dorothy Chant, Editor, and all of her staff are to be complimented on the excellence of this parent oriented newspaper. They have done a particularly fine job this year in reporting on and informing our subscribers concerning the issue of school reorganization. Their time and energy always pays off in a 'quality' edition.

Liaison to Other Education Organizations

FCPPQ - The Fédération des comités de parents de la province de Québec - a provincially legislated body which is meant to represent ALL parents in Quebec. Doreen Canavan, a member of our Board, is a representative from her school board Parents Committee and reports on our behalf as well. This liaison is of increasing importance each year.

QAPSB - The Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards - Barbara Milne-Smith represents our Board of Directors as an observer. This is the umbrella group of school boards where we have local associations.

Off-Island - Anne MacWhirter, Vice-President, QFHSA, from the Gaspé region has established a phone network as well as a regular newsletter to keep in close touch with our local associations outside the Montreal Island area.

School Boards and Parents Committees - Wherever possible we encourage members to liaise by attending meetings as observers.

Curriculum Liaisons - Several of our members attend meetings of educational committees of the Ministry acting as parent observers and offering comment and assistance when asked. These include the PAPT/PACT Curriculum Council (teacher union committee); Primary Language Arts Committee; Secondary Language Arts Committee; Moral and Religious Education Committees - elementary and secondary.

It is safe to say that my first year as President has been a 'heavy' one. However, it has been 'lightened' by the dedication of a team of volunteers committed to the education and well-being of children throughout the province.

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, 1982  
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 Grants	Child Abuse
Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Fitness & Nutrition
Bus Safety	Home Influences

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

The lists above merely illustrates 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 to you in my Annual Report, Quebec Federation's Board of Directors met with Joan Mansfield, Central Vice-President in November '81 to review mutual areas of interest and concern. Recommendations were made by QFHSA on membership fees to National and this will be on this year's AGM agenda. Support of our national organization is seen as a priority by Quebec Federation. We are certain our grassroots membership here in Quebec will agree.

Once again this year the Department of National Health and Welfare will sponsor a second two-day workshop on Fitness & Nutrition.

This record of activities and representation by CHSPTF is a very impressive one for a volunteer organization. Among these volunteers are many members from QFHSA.

Central Vice-President, CHSPTF	Joan Mansfield
Treasurer	Calvin Potter
Constitution, Resolutions & Policy	Barbara Milne-Smith, Chm.
Fitness & Nutrition Committee	Sylvia Adams, Chm.
Bilingualism (Special Assignment)	William Asherman
Bus Safety	Marilyn Ashby, Chm.
Abstracts of Hansard (Spec. Assign.)	Douglas Walkington

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Ottawa Liaison (Special Assignment) Joan Mansfield  
 Bilingualisation Coord. (Spec. Assign.) Joan Mansfield

Quebec members acting as liaison with other national organizations are:-

International Union of Family Organizations (Candn. Committee)	Owen Buckingham
Metric Commission	Doreen Richter
U.N. in Canada Association	Marilyn Ashby

In 1983 Quebec Federation will host the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation annual general meeting. We look forward to introducing many more of our Quebec members of Home & School to the work of Canadian Federation.

QUEBEC HOME & SCHOOL "NEWS"  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982  
Dorothy Chant-Hannah, Editor

Five issues of the Home & School NEWS have been circulated since our last AGM with an average of 11,400 copies per issue. The publication costs have risen but quite within reason.

Since the NEWS is the basic means of communication with our own LOCAL level and a very important means of communicating with our peer organizations, private and public, we feel the increase in costs and the continuation of the NEWS is warranted and acceptable.

The Editorial Board of the NEWS is pleased with the participation of our members and adherents in contributing articles, criticism and 'Focus on the Locals' data to the paper and trust this participation and interest will continue to grow.

Editor	Dorothy Chant-Hannah
Lay-out	Gordon Perry
Articles/Rewrite	Joan Mansfield
Editorials	Alex Morris
Focus on the Locals	Dawn Barrett
Safety Scene	Chris Connell
Member-at-large	Fay Richardson
Advertising	Sandra Keightley

1982 NEWSLETTER AWARD WINNERS

Eardley and Thorndale Elementary Schools

The Editorial Board congratulates both these schools for putting out what we consider to be the best and most informative newsletters.

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ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS LIAISON

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982

Submitted by Colleen Bismuth

I have attended the monthly meetings of the Elementary Language Arts Committee and represented the QFHSA, as an associate member. The Committee is an advisory body, which makes recommendations regarding preparation of the program document and its support documents, to the responsible at the Ministry of Education. We have examined various documents and discussed the work of many other committees, including those working on a parent brochure, a pamphlet on Writing as a Process and the program and handbooks for the teaching of the language arts in English schools. The Program English Language Arts I-vI (March 1982) has been approved by the conseil des Cadres in Quebec City.

My role has been to react to the work of the committee as a parent, and offer feedback, when requested, regarding the work of the committee.

SECONDARY LANGUAGE ARTS LIAISON

Report to the Annual General Meeting 1982

Kath~~e~~ Matchett, Liaison

As SLA Liaison I have only been able to attend the September, October and November meetings.

Now that the program has been approved it really isn't a legal committee. M. Gawley is trying to have the name and function of this committee changed. One of the functions of this committee is the Evaluation of this program. An Evaluation Committee (A. Collins) has been set up and running very well. As of the March 18th meeting, Judith Schurman, Co-ordinator of End of Cycle Tests for English Language Arts, has just joined the SLAAC as a permanent member representing the Direction des Evaluation Pedagogique.

The other Sub Committees are Language (M. Thomas), Annotated Guide (M. Gawley), Textbooks (I. Gerych). All running well.

As of the March 18th meeting, M. Gawley reviewed the policy of the Ministry on Consultative Committees. There is still no indication from the Ministry of our future status. The committee is now known as Secondary Language Arts Advisory Committee (SLAAC).

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982.  
Sandra Keightley and Gordon Perry, Co-Chairman

Committee members - Rose Kandalgaonkar, Dawn Barrett.

A press conference was held in conjunction with the Rights Committee, at the Montreal Board of Trade on February 26th, 10:30 am. Press attendance - The Sunday Express (who did an excellent article), CBC Radio (an interview with Cal Potter was taped), Stanstead Journal, Westmount Examiner and The News and Chronicle. The Monitor published an article from The News & Chronicle and The Sherbrooke Record published an article from the Stanstead Journal.

This committee is presently preparing a tape to be aired during the month of May this year. The purpose of this project is an attempt to increase membership both on Island and off Island. Please listen to your radio - we welcome comments!

Once again we are publicizing our AGM 1982, notifying radio stations, newspapers and T.V.

Several members of this committee plan to make a "Goodwill Tour" of Radio Stations and newspapers. The purpose of this tour will be to encourage a more favourable attitude towards QFHSA with the media and to once again remind them of our role as a "Watchdog organization" concerned with the educational system in the province of Quebec. As an organization mainly financed by parents, we are in an independent position and able to express the concerns of our membership from across the province.

This committee wishes to hear more from QFHSA local associations regarding their Publicity Committees - what you are doing and how you have been publicizing your activities (if we can help in some way please contact us). We would again like to stress the importance of promoting your events in your hometown newspapers and radio stations, not only as a tool to the success of your event, but also as a constant reminder to the public that we are alive and well and very active!

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MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982

Valerie Carpenter, Chairman

This year has been one of quiet observation for this committee. Watching and waiting to see how the two Protestant School boards- Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and the Lakeshore School Board, cope with further budget cuts and declining population.

The School Council of the Island of Montreal (SCIM) had some interesting figures to show that there is still a decline in the student population.

In September 1980 -----	152,497 attending French Schools
	91,848 attending English School
In September 1981 -----	146,610 attending French Schools
	84,779 attending English Schools

This indicates a decline of about 3.9% in the French School population but a 7.7% decrease in the English School population.

The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM) has continued to look ahead and develop a five year plan for each of its ten sectors. These plans will be reviewed annually so that any new information on changes in enrollment patterns may be evaluated and any necessary changes made. These sectors have been developed so as to provide each area with at least an English school, a French Immersion School and also a French School where possible.

Some changes have occurred in the P.S.B.G.M. which will be in effect for the 1982-83 school year. These changes were brought about by declining population and a change in the Boards' Transportation Policy.

In the Eastern Planning Sector, Ogilvie school will be closed as of June 1982.

In the Northmout Planning Sector, Ecole Van Horne will be changed from an elementary to a French Secondary School and Iona will be reopened as a French School.

In the South Central Planning Sector, Lachine Rapids School will be closed as of June 1982. This closure has been brought about by the Board's new Transportation Policy of only providing transportation

The Lakeshore School Board (LSB) brought about changes in the fall of 1981. Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield which had moved into the old Briarwood School Building became crowded so that an annex was opened to accommodate the overflow. At the writing of this report no further changes in school buildings have been announced by the Board.



PROTESTANT EDUCATION SERVICES - MORAL & RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (PRIMARY)  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982  
 Submitted by Katy Bilimoria, Liaison

The committee on Moral and Religious Education (MRE) has been meeting for more than a year. However, I have attended only the last four meetings held on November 11 and 12, 1981, and December 16 and 17, 1981, at the PSBGM. The Committee is made up of the following:-

Mrs. Elaine Bradley, Teacher	Laurentide
Mr. Harry Brown, Teacher	AGRHS
Mr. Evan Cady, Teacher	SSPRSB
Mrs. Margaret Capes, Consultant	PSBGM
Mr. Leonard Emery, P.E.S., MEQ	
Mrs. Marthe Laurin, Consultant	Laurenval
Mr. David Nadler, Consultant	LSB
Miss Juliana Switaj, Consultant	McGill University
Mrs. Katy Bilimoria, Parent Rep.	QFHSA

#### Function of the Committee

The function of this committee is to draw up a "Content" for the programme, keeping in mind factors such as (a) availability of resource material needed for pedagogical guide (b) whether the views are acceptable to parents, etc. Once the contents for each elementary level have taken shape and are considered suitable by the committee, they go to the Directors of Protestant Education Service which works out a detailed programme. Finally, when accepted by the Protestant Committee of Approval, the manuscript is finalized and distributed.

#### The Programme

A theme has been given to each level of the programme, which is organized in three modules:

- Module 1: The Judaeo-Christian Story
- Module 2: Celebration
- Module 3: Relationship

Level 1 programme focuses on the theme "My Family". The students will be given an opportunity to enjoy selected stories about biblical families. The Level 2 programme focuses on "Friendship", which is very meaningful to 7 year olds who are trying to identify with individuals other than family members. Thus, at each level emphasis is laid on a different theme, such as:

- Level 3: Being Together
- Level 4: Working Together
- Level 5: Growing Together
- Level 6: Living Together

The curricula and pedagogical guides for Grades 1 and 2 have been finalized. Similar guides are being drawn up for levels 3 and 4. The contents for levels 5 and 6 are not yet ready and may require another committee meeting for completion.

#### Concluding Remarks

The Protestant Committee has emphasized that the programme is not designed to influence the religious beliefs of any community, and I am in agreement with that. It is geared to increasing the knowledge of children and making them aware of the great religions of the world. Finally, I wish to thank the QFHSA for appointing me as a representative on the MRE Committee.

QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS LIAISON  
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982  
Barbara Milne-Smith, Liaison

We have continued our ongoing liaison with the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards and I have attended, as an observer, their Board of Directors meetings and their conferences.

As with most educational organizations in Quebec this past year, their major sphere of concern has been the possible proposed reorganization of our educational structures.

At their annual meeting in October they agreed they would support the retention of confessional school boards and they formed a Task Force to plan and set up their strategy. They have liaised with other groups concerned with the problems created by our Parti Quebecois policies. A fund raising campaign and related publicity campaign started mid-April. Their Research Committee has almost completed a suggested plan that would increase the Boards' efficiency within the present confessional structures and they expect to report on this in June.

They submitted a resolution to the Canadian School Trustees Association, to be voted on at their annual meeting this summer, asking that they request the Government of Canada to put a reference case to the Supreme Court of Canada to determine exactly what rights and/or privileges affecting education are guaranteed in Article 93 of the BNA Act.

As teacher contract negotiations will be starting this summer, their Employee Relations team has been working hard to be prepared.

New legislation on transportation has been a concern to several Boards and QAPSB worked with them to prepare a statement to the government listing the difficulties being caused.

## RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982

Calvin Potter, Chairman

The Rights Committee has witnessed a very active year, with eight meetings of the committee and numerous activities flowing from them.

The activities can be summarised under two headings: Quebec's Bill 101, and the Canadian Constitution, 1981.

Bill 101

The setting of a date for the hearing of QFHSA's case against Quebec's Bill 101 was more time-consuming than anticipated.

In August 1981 the Certificate of Readiness was sent by our legal counsel (William I. Miller, QC) to the attorneys for the Province of Quebec and also to the attorneys for the Attorney General of Canada (who is *mise-en-cause*). After numerous postponements our legal counsel brought the case before a judge of the Superior Court for a date of the hearing to be set. However, it was alleged that the Certificate of Readiness had not been returned by the attorneys for the Attorney General of Canada and the judge granted a postponement to ascertain why. A month later our legal counsel again petitioned that a date be set. The judge so directed the Keeper of the Rolls. The date set was for the Fall, 1982. Our legal counsel then petitioned the Chief Justice for an earlier date. But after a hearing the request was denied. So at this point, our firm expectation is that the date of the hearing will be 3 or 4 days in one of the months - September, October, or November, 1982.

In anticipation of our court hearing and the need to inform our members of the issues involved, in the Fall of 1981 the committee authorised the preparation of an audio-visual tape featuring the concerns and motivations of some of our co-plaintiffs. We had the fullest co-operation from the PSBGM in the preparation of the tape, being given access to their audio-visual facilities and the chairman of the board of the PSBGM agreed to appear on the tape. We also received extra-ordinary assistance from two employees of the PSBGM: Bill Gardner and Allan Taylor. Without their professional skills the project could not have been completed.

Canadian Constitution, 1981

As reported last year, your committee prepared a brief on the Constitutional Proposals, 1980, and submitted it for a hearing before the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the Senate and House of Commons. We were not granted a hearing, although the draft that came out of the Committee dealt constructively with two of the three issues we raised. The third issue related to equality of minority language education rights and effective guarantees for them. We called in our brief for unhindered choice of official language for the language of instruction of the child.

In anticipation of the First Ministers' Meeting of November 2-5, 1981, QFHSA wrote a five page letter to the Premiers and to the Prime Minister asking that they support unhindered choice of official language for instruction of the child, so that there be freedom to dissent in education from the provincial official language majority, just as the Fathers of Confederation provided explicitly for the right of dissent

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from the local majority to preserve freedom of conscience in religion. The agreement that came out of the meeting did not provide everything we had asked. But it did grant freedom of choice of official language to the provincial official language minority, using three criteria: parents' nationality, their maternal tongue, and where they did their elementary or secondary education (Canada clause). These criteria excluded from the protection of the Charter of Rights and Freedom those children of the minority community in Quebec whose parents were not Canadian citizens and those who were Canadian citizens but had a mother-tongue other than English.

To get some idea of the impact of the criteria, your committee sampled the mobility of people in those census districts of Quebec where the maternal English language segment was 25 percent or more of the population. We found that of the people present in the district in 1976 who were not there in 1971, 26,185 came from other provinces, whereas 60,725 came from outside of Canada. If one premises for the latter, one-third English maternal language, one-third French maternal language and one-third 'other' maternal language, then approximately half of those coming into the province would be excluded from the protection of the Charter of Rights and Freedom even if all newcomers are elect to become Canadian citizens.

On November 18, 1981, the Minister of Justice introduced his Notice of Motion in the House of Commons for the Constitution of Canada, 1981. The draft included a Section 59 that was not part of the consensus of the Provincial Premiers Agreement of November 2-5th. This section excluded Quebec from the application of Section 23(1)(a) (maternal language) until such time as the Government of Quebec elected to be included. The significance of that amendment, which was an about-face on what had been the touted federal policy from the beginning of the constitutional talks, was that whereas previously one-half of those coming into the province would qualify for free choice of language for instruction of their children, now only one-quarter of the newcomers would so qualify. By one unheralded and undiscussed amendment, as many people were excluded from rights as were to be granted rights under the revised charter. A clear case of political expediency at the cost of minority rights.

On November 21, 1981, the Board of Directors of Quebec Federation approved a petition to the Prime Minister and the Members of the House of Commons, protesting against Section 59 and calling for a suspension of the amendment until the Supreme Court of Canada had ruled on the extend of language protection enjoyed by the minority community in Quebec under the BNA Act. Copies of the petition were sent to all the provincial premiers and to all members of parliament.

December 2nd, 1981, the Motion for the Constitution Act, 1981, was passed. It was then sent to London for approval by the U.K. Parliament and for Royal assent. QFHSA wrote The Honourable Margaret Thatcher on January 19, 1982, requesting her government delete Section 59 before passage.

At the instigation of one of the committee members, the Freedom of Choice Movement agreed to finance the trip of Jeannette Burley to London to act

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as a lobbyist for QFHSA in regard to our requested amendment of the Canada Act, before the U.K. Parliament. Mrs. Burley distributed copies of QFHSA's letters to Prime Minister Thatcher and our correspondence with the Canadian authorities to hundreds of the 600 members of the U.K. Parliament. She also gave numerous interviews and sensitized the public to the issue of minority educational rights in Quebec.

In February we received a reply from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in England acknowledging our contections and explaining that Section 4 of the Statute of Westminster constrained the actions of the U.K. Parliament. They could only act on the specific requests of the Canadian government. In our reply of March 24th we acknowledged the political desirability of such a policy, but pointed out that reference to the U.K. Parliament by minorities was intentionally left as a last line of defence in the BNA Act for language and education rights and that the Statute of Westminster recognizing that constitutional role by deliberately stating in Section 7 of the Statute of Westminster that the Act in no way affected the BNA Act, 1867-1930, so that the constraint on the U.K. Parliament was removed insofar as the defence of minority rights in Canada came under the BNA Act. We have received no reply to that letter, which ended by expressing our disappointment but asked for no specific action.

Now that the Constitution Act, 1981, has been proclaimed, your committee has drafted what we hope will be a first amendment (the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution contained a Bill of Rights). We are in the process of writing individual replies to the provincial premiers who replied to our earlier letters and will ask them to give a sympathetic hearing to our amendment when it is proposed. The amendment is one of the resolutions to be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982  
Aldis Lee, Chairman

A pilot project "Learn to Earn" was carried out by means of a Federal Student Employment grant. The goal was to change the attitude of confused and troubled youth with a prescription of 'friendly attention' while exploring their community in search of enjoyable pastimes and a personal goal. The results were very positive. A complete report is available at Federation office.

Budget cutbacks are starting to have serious effects on already inadequate support services. Prior to cutbacks, only children in crisis could receive services. The cases are now far more serious, and there are more cases appearing at the elementary school level. An unsolicited comment is that we can expect a series of incidents which will lead to another Batshaw Report and then something will be done.

This committee urges the reader to fully recognize that every child is a child at risk in today's society. Guard them well and try to find out what is available to help them in YOUR community. The well-being of our children is a community responsibility.

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COTE ST. LUC AREA  
Report to the Annual Meeting, 1982  
Nina Stein, Area Rep

Wagar High School, Cote St. Luc

The combined School Committee and Home & School met monthly during the year. The Home & School of Wagar is not too active mainly due to the fact that they lack a chair-person.

An information meeting regarding the re-organisation of the School Boards was held in January with panel members from the two teachers groups, the P.S.B.G.M., Private Schools and the P.Q. party were represented. It was a most interesting evening but unfortunately the turn out was low.

The Staff and students of Wagar organised a very successful 'OPEN HOUSE' on the 31 of March. It included photography, sports, plays in french, math displays and many other interesting subjects.

Westminster School, Cote St. Luc

The Home & School and School Committee had a very busy and hectic first few months regarding the planned conversion to 'french only' school. Through their hard work they were given a one year reprieve.

Home & School organised various lunch hour extra curricular activities. In 20 activities 200 students had registered. The Home & School also continued their after school ballet classes this being the last year in doing so. A very successful chocolate sale raised \$5000. A sad note of things to come. Very low turn-outs at meetings and volunteers hard to come by.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**  
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982  
Calvin Potter, Chairman

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

Those standing for office are:-

Executive Vice-President (one year term)	- Mrs. Celia Davids
Vice-Presidents (two year term)	- Mrs. Dawn Barrett Mrs. Marion Daigle Mr. Caspar Esselaar Mrs. Anne MacWhirter Mrs. Donna Manzo
Recording Secretary (two year term)	- Mr. Gordon Perry

If further names are received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 7, 1982, they will be included on the ballot.

QFHSA EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL REORGANIZATION  
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982  
Marion Daigle, Executive Vice-President

In the Fall of 1981 it was apparent that the MEQ intended to introduce a white paper and/or legislation which, if passed, would ultimately bring about massive change in the educational system of Quebec.

Shortly after the first 'leaked' document or ghost paper the QFHSA Executive decided to become a Task Force Committee whose mandate would be to keep abreast of developments re any proposed change and to initiate action when and where necessary.

After the QAPSB general meeting of October 31st every local association was encouraged to join with local School Committees in forming Task Forces on School Reorganization at the local school level.

At the November Board of Directors meeting a policy statement was introduced and passed in which our defense of the confessional school system was clearly stated. In January, the Executive Task Force reaffirmed this policy after studying two further documents. The FCPPQ 'working document' on school reorganization and the Avant projet de loi - another 'leaked' document. Our policy statement was widely circulated - first to Dr. C. Laurin, M.E.Q., and from there to other government officials and educational organizations.

The Task Force has maintained a liaison with QAPSB through Mrs. Grace Hone, QAPSB liaison to QFHSA; Mrs. Ruth Eatock, Parent Liaison of the QAPSB Task Force, and Barbara Milne-Smith, QFHSA liaison to QAPSB.

Members of our Executive, Board of Directors and local association members have played significant roles in community meetings, local Task Force groups and with their local school boards.

Since legislation is still pending on this issue it is expected that the various task force groups will continue to monitor the situation until a successful resolution has taken place.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982

Fay Richardson, Chairman

Membership, as of April 21st, 1982, read as follows:-

Associations submitting membership lists	62
Group Affiliate Members	13
Associations who have NOT submitted a list	3
Number of Family Memberships (through a H&S)	6343
Supporting Members (individual families who have not joined through a local H&S)	80

We are encouraged that our membership has been held to this level while school enrolments have declined, schools have closed and families have moved out of the province. The Home and School spirit still prevails and the Membership Chairmen have done a tremendous job.

During the past year we have lost four schools from closings; two from the school being redesignated as French, and one school disbanded their Home & School Association. However, we are very happy to welcome Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield - a new local association.

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

Elementary Schools on Montreal Island

Edgewater	87.99%	Membership Chairman - Heather McBride
Beacon Hill	87.86%	Membership Chairman - Susan Maughan
Dunrae Gardens	76.19%	Membership Chairman - Helga Marcus
Windermere	68.72%	Membership Chairman - Joan Coveyduck

Out-to-town winners

New Carlisle	69.44%	Membership Chairman - Sharon Farrell
Howick	51.28%	Membership Chairman - Carole Creswell

Winning High Schools

Lachine	55.72%	Membership Chairman - June Tosh
Macdonald	42.16%	Membership Chairman - Annie Petersen

Membership Material

For the beginning of the 1981-82 school year we arranged to have two pamphlets prepared; one is a brief history of QFHSA and the other shows how to influence governments, through resolutions, briefs, etc. These were printed in quantity so that local associations could send them home to each family.

In response to suggestions from some Membership Chairman we also prepared a membership envelope as an aid to those chairmen who wished to use it. The M'ship Dev. Fund absorbed half the cost of printing them.



## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982

Margo Purvis, Chairman

The following is a report on the 1981 resolutions passed at last year's Annual General Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS 81/1 - 81/5: Were forwarded to the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation for presentation at their annual meeting.

RESOLUTION 81/6: PROVISION OF EQUAL PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Replies received from:

1. Dr. Christopher Nicholl, Bishop's University.
2. Dr. John O'Brien, Rector and Vice-chancellor, Concordia University.
3. Mr. Maurice Scarpaleggia, Director-General, Vanier College.
4. Sister Anna Mary Breen, Director-General, Marianopolis College.
5. M. Vianny Saint-Michel, Director-General, Collège Marie Victorin.
6. Mr. Luc Henrico, Director-General, John Abbott College.
7. Mr. David Johnson, Principal, McGill University.
8. M. Jean-Marie Bergman, Director-General, Champlain Regional College.

All respondents shared our concerns and were striving for the development of programs that reflected the needs of the population.

Dr. John O'Brien of Concordia University pointed out that Pharmacy, Optometry and Forestry are not available at the university level either in English or in French and that any wish on the part of the universities to move into a new field must have the approval of the Quebec Council of Universities. Existing programs, however, may be given a different orientation, provided the necessary resources are at the disposal of the institution.

Mr. Luc Henrico of John Abbott College explained that research of a potential program re estimated potential labour market, potential student body, regional needs and the cost of implementation of the program, are considered by the MEQ before granting and funding a program to a specific CEGEP.

RESOLUTION 81/7: GOVERNMENT FUNDED BUS MONITOR PROGRAM

Replies received from:

1. M. Michel Clair, Ministry of Transport.
2. Ministry of Education.
3. Ministry of Finance.
4. M. Michel Charlebois, Association transport écolier du Québec.

In October 1981, the Ministry of Transport issued a White Paper stating that as of September 1982, all safety rules, including paid adult bus monitors in school buses, are the responsibility of the School Board to decide.

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RESOLUTION 81/8: RESCHEDULING OF OFFENSIVE ADVERTISING DURING CHILDREN'S VIEWING HOURS

Replies received from:

1. CRTC.
2. CFCM-TV / CKMI-TV.
3. CFCF-TV.
4. CBC (Raymond Chaisson, Regional Director, Quebec, English Services).
5. Radio-Canada (M. Jacques Landry, Director, Radio-Canada, Matane).

Responses indicated that stations did not place commercials in children's programming but promotions and commercials are in other programs. Commercials which reflect bad taste and/or violence are avoided.

It was suggested by the CRTC that we might write to the Advertising Standards Council to make them aware of our views.

RESOLUTION 81/9: REGARDING CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION OF MINORITY LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND THE RIGHT OF NATURALIZED CITIZENS TO EQUAL ACCESS TO SUCH EDUCATION

Reply received from: The office of the Prime Minister of Canada informing us that a copy of our letter had been forwarded to the Department of the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION 81/10: SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES: ALLOTMENT OF SCHOOL NURSES

Replies received from:

1. The office of M. Pierre-Marc Johnson, Minister of Social Affairs.
  2. Conseil de la santé et des services sociaux de la région de Montréal métropolitain.
  3. Conseil de la santé et des services sociaux de la région de Québec.
  4. Conseil régional de la santé et des services sociaux de la côte nord.
  5. Conseil régional de la santé et des services sociaux - Laurentides/Lanaudière.
  6. Conseil régional de la santé et des services sociaux - Sherbrooke.
- All thanked us for our letter and our interest.

RESOLUTION 81/11: SOCIAL AFFAIRS: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRES LOCAL DE SERVICES COMMUNITAIRE (CLSC) IN COMMUNITIES AT RISK

Replies received from:

1. Ministry of Social Affairs.
2. Mr. John Walker, Assistant Director-General, Ville-Marie Social Services. (VMSS)

VMSS supports the content of our resolution but stated that the development of CLSC's as indicated is necessary as complimentary to a balanced network of services; also that the CLSC's should not be developed with funds which are legitimately those of the social service centres which are providing social services. VMSS has articulated to the government that the Ministry of Social Affairs should be re-arranging its priorities.

RESOLUTION 81/12: ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR  
MINORITY LANGUAGE EDUCATION

Replies received from:

1. The office of the Prime Minister of Canada.
2. The office of the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada.
3. The office of the Secretary of State.
4. Mr. Kenneth Dye, Auditor General of Canada.
5. Hon. Gerald Regan, Secretary of State.

We were sent copies of replies made in 1980 to the President of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation and the President of QFHSA with regard to our original resolution, with the added assurance that this issue would be monitored as it has been in the past.

RESOLUTION 81/13: YOUTH AND SMOKING PREVENTION

Letters were sent to all local associations.

RESOLUTION 81/15: OMBUDSMAN FOR TEACHER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Reply received from: The Conseil supérieur de l'éducation (Québec) thanking us for our letter.

RESOLUTION 82/1 - CONSTITUTION ACT (CANADA) 1981

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

WHEREAS, by resolution of November 21, 1981, the Board of Directors of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations has appealed to the Parliament of Canada and to the Provincial Premiers requesting them to abide by the stated intention of the federal government "to obtain legal definition of the extend to which the Constitution protects official language minorities", and

WHEREAS, by the same resolution, they ask for the suspension of the amendment to Article 23 (1) (a), that would make an exception for Quebec, until such time as the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled on the constitutionality of Quebec's Bill 101,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation take note of the petition of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations to the Members of the House of Commons regarding the exclusion of the citizens of Quebec from the protection of Section 23 (1)(a) of the Constitution Act 1981, and that it assist Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations in making representation to the end that there be equality of minority official language educational rights for all Canadians.

Destination: Canadian Home and School  
and Parent-Teacher Federation

Note: For transmission to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Provincial Premiers (through the provincial H&S Federations).

RESOLUTION 82/2 - REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION 79/3  
RESOLUTION 79/3 - HIGH SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATIONS

From: Town of Mount Royal High School Home & School Association

WHEREAS students writing High School Leaving Examinations have the right to expect that these examinations will provide an accurate evaluation of his/her abilities, and

WHEREAS teachers have the right to expect that the examinations accurately reflect the syllabus for the course in question and the responsibility to ensure that a fair examination has been set; and

WHEREAS examinations in the past have, in many instances, (1) contained questions dealing with material not on the syllabus, (2) been inadequately proofread, (3) been poorly worded due to incorrect translations, (4) been too difficult or too easy, (5) contained ambiguities; and

WHEREAS it is generally agreed that the sole use of objective questions inadequately tests the student's understanding of the subject,

BE IT RESOLVED that no provincial examination should consist solely of objective questions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee of teachers in each subject area should be established to review the examination set in that discipline. The task of this committee would be, in part, to (1) ensure that the students are tested at the proper level and on the proper material, (2) ensure that the examination is free from errors and that the questions are unambiguous, (3) ensure that papers requiring translation are translated accurately and idiomatically using correct English terminology.

Destination: PAPT-PACT  
Minister of Education  
Quebec Association of Protestant  
School Boards  
Superior Council of Education  
Quebec Association of School  
Administrators

Background

This resolution is based largely on the current Montreal Teachers Association Policy Paper on High School Leaving Examinations. The report reaffirms the general dissatisfaction with High School Leaving Examinations on the part of students, teachers, parents and school administrators.

Background (1982)

The January 16, 1982, Board of Directors meeting of QFHSA, supported unanimously a resolution passed by The Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers on December 12, 1981, regarding High School Leaving Examinations and the need for the Ministry of Education to return to a written format for at least part of the examination papers on subjects where teachers have regularly expressed a need for this.

## POLICY STATEMENTS

### Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations - 1982

Definition: Policy statements are based on resolutions and/or recommendations adopted at previous Annual Meetings.

(Policy statements are recommended jointly by the Constitution Committee and the Resolutions Committee.)

QFHSA supports/endorse:-

#### EDUCATION

1. Constitutional protection of minority language education and the right of naturalized citizens to equal access to such education.
2. The teaching of French as a second language in English schools from Kindergarten on.
3. Accountability of provincial governments to the federal government for the use made of grants for second language teaching and minority language education.
4. School and public libraries. (development)
5. Individual parent-teacher interviews.
6. The use of distinctly Canadian textbooks.
7. The elimination of sex and/or race stereotyping in school textbooks.
8. Amendment of the Quebec government's book policy to delete restrictions on the purchase of English books, textbooks and documents by school boards.
9. Provision by school boards of special education for mentally and physically handicapped children in cooperation with municipal and voluntary agencies.
10. Identification and provision of programs for intellectually and creatively gifted children.
11. The right of the disabled to equal access to educational opportunities.
12. Extracurricular driver education for high school students.
13. Family life education in elementary and high schools.
14. Environmental education.
15. Education for international understanding and peace.
16. The setting and evaluation of high school leaving examinations by the school board under accreditation to the Department of Education.
17. The inclusion in high school leaving examinations of essay-type questions.
18. Compulsory health education program K to Secondary 3.

EDUCATION - SYSTEM

1. Universal adult franchise in election of school board members.
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.
3. Local autonomy for school boards within the broad outlines and objectives agreed within the Department of Education.
4. Special measures to ensure the preservation of the last English school in a district.
5. Federal government funding of elementary, secondary and higher education without infringement of provincial autonomy in education.
6. Financial aid to university students in the form of scholarships, loans and bursaries.
7. Confidentiality of students' personal files and right of access by parents and guardians to personal, medical and other records of their child.
8. Parents' participation in schools as volunteers using educational, technical and other skills.

HEALTH

1. Mental health services to school children.
2. Fluoridation of drinking water for the benefit of dental health.
3. Compulsory immunization against polio, tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough.
4. Cooperation and action by communities to deal with use of drugs and alcohol and solvent inhalents.
5. Education to deter students from acquiring the habit of smoking.
6. The right of minors to treatment for venereal disease or drug addiction without consent of parent or guardian by a qualified physician.
7. Compulsory annual medical examinations for school students under the Quebec Health Plan.
8. Provision of nutritional meals by school cafeterias and a ban on junk foods.
9. The provision of adequate school health services, including nursing staff.

SAFETY

1. The inclusion of traffic safety in the school curriculum as a subject distinct and separate from other subjects.
2. Traffic safety measures including traffic patrols near schools, increased penalties for infractions, compulsory insurance and safety tests for vehicles.
3. Mandatory instruction and examinations for school bus drivers, including first aid.
4. CSA Standard D.250 for school buses, seat top and back padding and inclusion of buses under the Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Act Standards.
5. Strict enforcement of laws concerning the passing of stationary school buses.

TEACHERS

1. Salaries for teachers comparable to those received by similar professionals.
2. Exclusion of elementary school specialists from pupil/teacher ratios.
3. Training for teachers in the principles of mental health.
4. The inclusion of specific training for teachers to identify the exceptional child.
5. Provision of guidance counselling services in high schools.

WELFARE

1. Establishment of Family Courts in larger centres of the province.
2. Cessation of nuclear testing by any nation.
3. Guarantee in revised Constitution of Canada of French and English language rights to all residents.
4. Abolition of corporal punishment in public schools.
5. Any necessary measures to ensure that the environment be compatible with human health and enjoyment.
6. Quality television programming for young people during after-school hours.
7. Elimination of offensive advertising during children's viewing hours.
8. The non-establishment of gambling casinos in Quebec.
9. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation for school personnel.



BILINGUALISM GRANTS COMMITTEE  
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982  
Celia Davids, Chairman

Although the Secretary of State has written to us that the federal government is concerned with the question of accountability, it is disappointing to report that virtually no progress has been achieved towards this objective of accountability by the provinces for disbursement of grants for second official language education (the phrase used in federal government documentation is "minority official language education" and is described as English in the Province of Quebec and French elsewhere).

Agreements have still not been signed for the third five-year period of the Federal/Provincial programme, i.e. 1980-1984, the programme being continued under an interim agreement struck annually and essentially offering the same provisions as the previous two.

The Task Force created by the provincial Ministers of Education has not come forward with the report on accountability which was to be released in September 1981.

We are continuing to pursue this concern for we believe that parents deserve assurance that the \$409,984,903 contributed to the province of Quebec up to and including 1980/81, under the Elementary and Secondary Levels Minority Language Education Formula, should not disappear into a general account. (The sum is even greater if other aspects of funding are included.)

Recommendation:

- 1) Write to Quebec's Minister of Education seeking assurance on two aspects: (a) continuance of programmes, and  
(b) that the province is distributing the extra sums contributed by the federal government in addition to what the provincial government spends on minority official language education - by publishing figures.
- 2) Write to the Secretary of State of Canada reiterating our concern.
- 3) Request that QFHSA be considered as qualifying for a grant under the Assistance to Voluntary Associations provision of the programme in view of proposed School Board dissolution.
- 4) Send copy of this report to the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation.

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**GIFTED CHILDREN COMMITTEE**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982

Rose Kandalgaonkar, Co-chairman

The Board of Directors of QFHSA sent delegates to the World Conference for Gifted/Talented, held in Montreal in August 1981. As a result of contacts made at the Summer School prior to the conference, our committee has been expanded. Reports on the World Conference and on the Summer School have appeared in the Home & School NEWS, with more to follow.

As most of the members on this committee are active on School Committees, Home & School locals, etc., time, this year, had to be devoted to restructuration, Projet éducatif, school closings, etc. All these new changes, plus the Régime pédagogique, affect gifted children programs in many ways so, while not working directly as a committee, we were all still working indirectly for the gifted children cause.

Members have attended meetings of the Quebec Association for Parents of Gifted Children and School Committees for Gifted. Studies show that programs for gifted are definitely beneficial to gifted/talented children re their school attitude. Schools, as a whole, benefit also. School programs are growing slowly but depend to a great extent on the enthusiasm of the teaching staff and school administrators which, combined with financing problems, makes the life of many of these programs precarious at best.

We have also slightly increased our resource material from our miniscule amount of funds.

There are still many hurdles to cross - hiring policies, Régime pédagogique (and school reorganization, if passed) are definite threats to what has been established to date.

Hopefully, in 1982-83, the Committee will be able to devote its energies to gifted programs in high schools, early identification, parent support, while continuing our work to overcome prejudice toward gifted/talented children and continue to encourage enrichment, mentor and pull-out programs at the primary and elementary levels.

To finish on a positive note, we were very pleased to learn that the McGill Summer School for the Gifted/Talented will continue this year. This Summer School has been a veritable boon to gifted children in Montreal and its suburbs.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982  
Everett Alexander, Chairman

INSURANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Re: Student Accident Insurance  
1982/1983 year

In conjunction with a representative - Mr. Tom Merson - from the Lakeshore Board, we studied Proposals submitted by four Insurance Companies, for Student Accident Insurance for the 1982/83 school year.

It is our opinion that the Proposal submitted by Reliable Life Insurance Company affords the best value. We therefore recommend that Reliable Life's Proposal be submitted at our Annual General Meeting for recommendation to local associations and schools.

Cost of the plan would be as follows:

With \$1,000. Death Benefit - \$3.50 per student

With \$3,000. Death Benefit - \$5.50 per student

With \$5,000. Death Benefit - \$7.50 per student

at the option of the parent.

We also recommend that we enter into a two year contract. (A copy of the working sheet upon which we based this recommendation is available from the office.)

Respectfully submitted

EVERETT J. ALEXANDER  
Chairman

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CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982

Barbara Milne-Smith Chairman; committee members: Sylvia Adams, Alex Morris, Margo Purvis.

The 1981 AGM referred to the Constitution Committee and the Board of Directors a suggested amendment to our By-Law Article III, 3, regarding the number of members on our Board of Directors.

Presently this By-Law states who is entitled to be considered as a member of the Board but does not show a number. The suggested amendment was to change the wording of this Article to include the words "fifty (50) persons" and was suggested because our Charter with Quebec, under the Quebec Companies Act, states that our Board of Directors is to be made up of fifty members.

At our 1981 AGM this suggested change was queried because, due to our volunteer nature, the number of members on our Board of Directors fluctuates a great deal and it was felt that setting a limit - any limit - could jeopardize our work in a year when we are fortunate enough to recruit more people.

The Constitution Committee consulted our legal counsel for advice and he suggested that we could apply to Quebec to have the number of members of our Board of Directors - namely, fifty - deleted from our Charter, so that each year we could report the actual number for that year, whether thirty or sixty. (The Quebec Companies Act states there must be at least three members to any Board of Directors.)

At our March 20th, 1982, Board of Directors meeting, this recommendation was discussed and it was moved and carried that we should instruct our legal counsel to apply for this change.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Constitution Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, is therefore recommending to this Annual General Meeting that we make this change to our Charter. If this recommendation is accepted we will write formally to our legal counsel, Mr. William Miller, instructing him to apply to Quebec to have the number "fifty" members deleted from our Charter.

One change was made to our Standing Rules during this year - a change to tidy up the wording of Standing Rule X, 1, re the Buzzell Award. This change was circulated to all local associations.

No amendments have been suggested by local associations or members of the Board during this 1981-82 year and, therefore, there will be no amendments made at our AGM this year.

**SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1982  
Marilyn Ashby, Chairman

In the autumn of 1981, Quebec Federation was represented at the Annual "BACK TO SCHOOL" Safety Conference held by the Quebec Safety League. Our representative was subsequently interviewed on CJAD radio and CFCF Community.

A permanent safety column was established in the Home & School NEWS entitled "Safety Scene".

Research was begun, via CHSPTF, regarding successful safety programs elsewhere, ex. bus driver training. Also a look into common problems, i.e. quality of school bus construction standards in Canada.

Problem: It is difficult to represent the Federation of Home & Schools of Quebec when only 5-10 replies are received in response to questionnaires from local Home & School Associations.

Recommendation:

- 1) Registration of ALL Safety Committees with the Federation by all Home & School Associations, including problems and program descriptions.
- 2) Animation by Federation Bus Safety Committee of Safety Committees at the local level via education regarding accident statistics (CANADA has a poor record for an industrialized nation), recommended safety programs and problem-solving methods and resource referral.

Watch "Safety Scene" and please send us a safety report from your school.

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Marilyn Ashby

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