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QFHSA YEAR AT A GLANCE 2005-2006

March 2006

Regional Parenting Conferences in Ayer's Cliff, Chateauguay & the Gaspé organized by QFHSA with a project grant from Canadian Heritage

- 14 LBPSB Major School Change meeting for Home & School Associations at Valois Park School
22-23 Canada Official Languages Program Consultation of the Anglophone Communities meeting attended by Donna Norris in Quebec City
24-26 QCGN (Quebec Community Groups Network) meeting attended by Donna Norris
27 McGill Conference on Bullying - Pat Waters & Norma Stirling panelists on Bullying and Schools
27 Elena Purser, Quebec Provincial Coordinator for the Canadian Home & School Federation Substance Abuse Project, attended the National Training Session in Ottawa
27 LBPSB regional conference meeting for secondary schools at John Rennie High School

February 2006

- 6-10 CHSF & QFHSA Teacher Appreciation Week
17 Executives Appreciation Dinner at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club in Dorval

January 2006

- 20 Education Committee with guests Marsha Gouett, EMSB; Hans Heisinger, Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi, NDG; Katherine Korakakis, CJE Entrepreneurial Community Agent.

November 2005

- 3 Western Quebec Regional Council meeting held at Dr. McDowell School - Elena Purser
3-4 QCGN meeting in Montreal attended by Donna Norris & Norma Stirling
5 Canadian Parents for French AGM in Gatineau attended by Michelle Armstrong & Elena Purser
14 St. Gabriel's School H&S information meeting attended by Marlyn Brownrigg & Susan Tweddell
17 Children's Literacy Resource Guide presentation to Roslyn School teachers by Marion Daigle
17-18 QFHSA Display table at Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Convention
24-26 CHSF Mid-Term meeting in Ottawa attended by Anne MacWhirter & Michelle Armstrong

October 2005

- 18 Hadley Jr High H&S meeting attended by Elena Purser;
21 Rights & Education Committee meeting with Konrad Muncs, MELs, MRE/Religion Programs
22 Fall Conference held at Royal West Academy
Children's Literacy Resource Guide is launched; Marion Daigle is keynote speaker
26-27 Canada Privy Council Ministerial Meetings in Ottawa, attended by Donna Norris

September 05

- 24 Board of Directors meeting; committee meetings

August 2005

- 26 Executive Workshops for local association presidents, treasurers, & membership chairs

June 2005

- 1 Lord-Aylmer Home & School visited by Donna Norris

May 2005

- 5 Quebec English School Boards Association Conference - Donna Norris & Michelle Armstrong
12-14 QCGN AGM attended by Donna Norris & Glenna Uline
24-29 Canadian Home & School Federation AGM in Baddeck, NS attended by Donna Norris; Michelle Armstrong; Anne MacWhirter

April 2005

- 1 Education Committee meeting with guests Françoise Stake, QPAT President and Serge Laurendeau, Executive Director, Pearson Teachers Union
15 Ontario H&S Federation AGM attended by Donna Norris & Michelle Armstrong
22-23 QFHSA 61st Annual General Meeting

2005-2006

Continuing Activities

Canadian Heritage reports submitted quarterly for grant projects & programs
Parenting Workshops conducted by Pat Waters across the province
Literacy Projects - *Children's Literacy Resource Guide*; Born to Read; books to off-island areas
History of QFHSA and Archives projects on-going
Regional Councils Montreal area, Western Quebec, Eastern Shores
Committee meetings - Board of Directors, Executive Committee, AGM, Fall Conference, Education, Rights, Finance, etc.
NEWS - 4 issues



QFHSA 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 29, 2006
BUSINESS MEETING PROCEDURE

1. The **Annual General Meeting** [AGM] is **conducted in accordance** with our Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules. In the case of any procedural dispute reference shall be made to Robert's Rules of Order Revised.
2. Each **official voting delegate** of each Member Association shall have **one vote** on any question which comes before the meeting, **except** for associations more than 250 kilometers from Montreal. Such Associations will still be entitled to three votes, expressed either as an identical or divided vote. Application for such privilege is to be presented in writing to the Executive Secretary prior to the start of the business portion of the Annual General Meeting.
3. The **quorum for transaction of business** at the Annual General Meeting shall be twenty-five percent [25%] of **Member Associations in good standing**, represented by their official representatives or accredited alternates.
4. **Voting** shall be by ballot or show of hands. All questions shall be **decided by a majority of those present** and entitled to vote, **except** those which require a two-thirds [2/3] majority. On ballot votes, the votes of each association shall be handed in by the voting delegates of each association individually but at the same time. Counting of the votes shall be done by non-voting participants.
5. A **delegate** may not **speak** for more than two [2] **minutes** on any question under discussion, nor more than twice on any particular motion or resolution. Any person wishing to speak needs to stand and come to the microphone (if we have one).
6. **Amendments** to the **Constitution and By-Laws** require a two-thirds [2/3] **vote** of the delegates present and entitled to vote. Notice of the proposed amendments must have been mailed to all Member Associations at least ten [10] weeks prior to the meeting. Modifications to these proposed amendments received two [2] weeks before the AGM will be considered, but **no modification may be made from the floor**.
7. **Resolutions** to the Annual General Meeting must have been circulated to the Member Associations eight [8] weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. Resolutions received after the date specified will be presented as **Emergency Resolutions** only after consideration by the Chairman of the meeting and the Resolutions Committee. Delegates presenting resolutions are reminded that they must be present at the time designated on the agenda for the presentation of their resolution. The **presenting party** may **speak** to the resolution, or amendments thereto, for not more than FIVE [5] **minutes**. In addition to amendments received two weeks before the AGM there may be amendments emanating from the caucus session held earlier, **but no further amendments may be made from the floor**.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

PRINCIPLES

- Justice and Courtesy for all
- One thing at a time
- Recognition of the will of the majority
- Protection of the rights of the minority

PURPOSE

- ✓ To conduct business in an orderly and democratic manner by one or more of the following ways:
 - ✓ communications
 - ✓ committee reports
 - ✓ motions or resolutions

To participate effectively in the proceedings of meetings, each person needs to know the fundamentals of parliamentary procedure.

THE MAIN MOTION

WHAT IS A MOTION?

A main motion introduces a new item of business; it is a proposal that the group take a certain action. It is the basis of all discussion and states the bounds of discussion. All remarks pertain directly to the contents of the motion on the floor. The making of the motion comes first, discussion follows. A subsidiary motion qualifies the main motion or proposes an alternate timetable for consideration.

WHEN IS A MOTION NEEDED?

- It forms a basis for discussion on all major decisions of the group.
- When in doubt, ask for a motion to be proposed.
- Motions must be made on all matters involving finances not already included in the budget as approved.
- On minor matters, a question may be resolved by the chairman 'taking the sense of the meeting'.
- The decision must be clearly stated for the secretary to report in the minutes as well as for the benefit of the members.

THE STEPS TO PRESENTING A MOTION ARE:

1. member stands or raises a hand and says:
"Madame Chairman/Mr. Chairman."
The chairman recognizes the speaker by name.
2. The member says, **"I move that . . ."**, stating or reading a motion.
3. Another raises a hand to be identified by the chairman, then says:
"I second the motion." The seconder believes the motion should be discussed, but may not necessarily be in favour of it.
4. Chairman says, **"It has been moved by (name of mover) and seconded by (name of seconder) that . . .
..... Is there any discussion?"**
5. The mover usually speaks first, giving the reasons for the motion. The opportunity to speak to the motion must be given to anyone who wishes to speak to or oppose the motion. Discussion should be addressed to the chairman.
6. At the end of the discussion, the chairman says:
"If there is no further discussion" or **"Are you ready for the question?"** Then:
"The motion is that"
"All in favour?" (pause while the count is taken by the secretary)
"Opposed?" (pause while the count is taken by the secretary)

"Abstentions?" (pause while the count is taken by the secretary)
"The motion is carried" (or is defeated).

7. If anyone calls **"Division"** (questions the voice vote), the chair calls for a show of hands or a standing vote: **"All in favour raise your hand. All opposed . . ."** If a majority request it, the vote may be taken by ballot. A **"ballot vote"** is the recommended procedure for election of officers and for resolving a contentious issue.

SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS

AMENDMENTS CHANGE MOTIONS: To qualify the idea of a motion, but not to change the subject or the intent of the main motion.

1. **"I move to amend the motion by"** :

Inserting or adding a word, phrase or sentence.

Striking out a word, phrase or sentence.

Striking out and inserting a word or phrase or substituting a sentence or paragraph.

2. **"I second the motion to amend."**

3. **"It has been proposed to amend the motion to read as follows"**

The chairman states the main motion and the amendment so the group will understand how the amendment changes the motion. Amendment is handled in the same way as a motion with:

Discussion: **"Is there any discussion?"**

Question: **"If there is no further discussion, the amendment is"**

Vote: **"All in favour of the amendment"**

Chairman announces the outcome:

"The amendment is carried (or defeated)."

"The motion now before the meeting is"

(states the motion plus the amendment(s) if it carried)

In dealing with motions, the vote is taken first on the amendment. If passed, the amended motion is voted on. If the amendment is defeated, the main motion in its original form is voted on.

TO REFER: A question is referred to committee for further study and to submit a recommendation to the group at a later time.

TO TABLE: To set the matter aside until someone moves to reconsider it.

TO POSTPONE DEFINITELY: Postpone discussion until more facts are available.

TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY: The motion may not be considered again that year.

- ▶ Recommended useful resource materials available for reference during a meeting:
A copy of your organization's Constitution and By-Laws. Robert's Rules of Order or other guide to basic rules of parliamentary procedure.



MINUTES OF THE 61ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS, INC.
Held April 23, 2005 at the Montreal Airport Hilton, Dorval

Registered and present during the 61st Annual General Meeting were 101 people. The Friday evening Awards Dinner was attended by 118 people, including special guests. There were 30 local Home & School Associations present (out of a possible 84), represented by 67 accredited delegates. Local Associations with voting delegates were:

Allancroft	Edgewater	Roslyn
Arundel	Edinburgh	Royal West Academy
Baie Comeau High School	Evergreen	Seigniory
Beechwood	Gardenvue	Shigawake/Port-Daniel
Bishop Whelan	LaurenHill Academy	Souvenir
Buckingham	Lindsay Place High School	St. John Fisher
Courtland Park	Lord-Aylmer	St. Patrick
Dorset	Macdonald High School	Thorndale
Dunrae Gardens	Nesbitt	Valois Park
E.P. Beaconsfield	New Carlisle	Westpark

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Donna Norris, President, chaired the meeting. She welcomed everyone and introduced those at the Head Table: Sylvia Adams, Past-President of QFHSA and of Canadian Home & School Federation, serving as Parliamentarian; Anne MacWhirter, Vice-President, Time Keeper; Michelle Armstrong, Vice-President, Speakers List; Carol Ohlin, Minutes.

The remaining Directors were also presented to the delegates: Debi Brown, Treasurer; Connie De Giorgio, Secretary and Membership Chair; Margaret Funnell; Anne MacWhirter, Vice President; Norma Stirling, Executive Vice-President. Director Brian Rock was not able to attend. Glenna Uline, Executive Director, was introduced.

The President welcomed guest Bradley Bos, Advisor, Official Languages Support Programs, Canadian Heritage. [Noel Burke, Assistant Deputy Minister for Anglophone Services, MEQ, brought greetings at the luncheon following the meeting. Peter Sheremeta, Provincial Director of the Terry Fox Foundation also spoke at the luncheon meeting about the 25th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run to be held nationwide on September 16th.]

Michelle Armstrong, Central Vice-President, spoke on behalf of Canadian Home and School Federation. She and Donna Norris had recently attended the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations AGM in Brantford.

Membership awards were presented by Connie De Giorgio, Membership Chair. The teacher draw prize was won by Nancy Bulow of Windermere Elementary School who was not able to attend. Newsletter awards were presented by Diane Radu, Editor of QFHSA *NEWS Focus on the Locals* section.

The President briefly explained the contents of the delegates' kits.

The 61st Annual General Meeting was officially called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 Appointments & Procedures

Credentials	Susan Tweddell
Parliamentarian	Sylvia Adams
Recording Secretary	Carol Ohlin
Speakers List	Michelle Armstrong
Scrutineers	Connie De Giorgio & Sue Alkenbrack (Lord-Aylmer)
Time Keeper	Anne MacWhirter

MOTION: Cynthia Enright (New Carlisle)/Elena Purser (Lord Aylmer) to accept these appointments. **CARRIED**

Susan Tweddell, Registration Credentials, reported that there were presently 30 Home & School Associations in attendance which fulfilled the requirements for a quorum.

1.2 Parliamentary Procedure

Sylvia Adams briefly reviewed the Business Meeting Procedures described in the Book of Reports, page 3, and the principles of Parliamentary Procedure, pages 4-5, noting that the meeting would be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION: Joanie Beaubien Rossy (Allancroft)/Diana Kowal-Gibson (Lindsay Place High School) to accept the Agenda. **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF 2004 AGM (Book of Reports, pages 7-12)

MOTION: Marlyn Brownrigg (Valois Park)/Elena Purser (Lord-Aylmer) to accept the 2004 AGM Minutes in the Book of Reports.

CARRIED

There was no business arising from the 2004 AGM Minutes.

4. PRESIDENT' S REPORT (Book of Reports, pages 13-14)

MOTION: Janet Pelletier (Seigniori)/Brigitte Soucy(Baie Comeau) to accept the President's Report. **CARRIED**

5. EDUCATION REPORT (Book of Reports, page 33)

Oliver Cole, Chairperson of the Education Committee, presented the report and gave an update on the progress of the School Success Plans survey.

MOTION: Oliver Cole (non-voting participant, St. Monica's School)/Anna Otter (Westpark) to accept the report. **CARRIED**

6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Book of Reports, page 39)

Connie De Giorgio, Membership Chair, spoke to this report. It was noted that several local associations are in danger of losing their status as members of the Federation for failure to fulfill the responsibilities of membership. Some delegates expressed concern about the difficulties of achieving the goal of 10% of family memberships in their schools. It was explained that this is a guideline and that each school is considered on an individual basis taking into account the different factors. QFHSA will try to help a local association experiencing difficulty with low membership and affiliation will not be withdrawn without prior notification. Attendance at such events as the Annual General Meeting and the Fall

Conference are indications that a local association is acting in good faith and is interested in participating in the activities of the Federation.

MOTION: Janet Pelletier (Seigniory)/Cynthia Enright (New Carlisle) to accept the Membership Report. **CARRIED**

7. **CANADIAN HOME & SCHOOL FEDERATION** (Book of Reports, page 27)

Donna Norris, Chair, spoke to her report. The CHSF 2005 AGM will be held in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, May 25-29. It is the 110th anniversary of Home and School in Canada. On this occasion Heritage Canada will unveil a plaque recognizing CHSF as an organization of historical significance.

8. **LITERACY** (Book of Reports, page 36)

Marion Daigle, Literacy Resource Chair, noted that today is the launch of Montreal as the UNESCO-designated World Book Capital for 2005. Montreal is the first North American city to be granted this honour. It coincides with the official opening of the Grande Bibliothèque next Saturday. The *Children and Literacy – A Resource Guide*, developed with the support of a Heritage Canada grant, is nearing completion and will be launched at the Fall Conference next October. Dorothy Nixon, a freelance writer and longtime Home and School member, was thanked for her excellent work in researching and creating this guide.

9. **CONSTITUTION** (Book of Reports, page 32)

Sylvia Adams, Chair, spoke to the report.

MOTION: Brigitte Soucy (Baie Comeau)/Ane Iacono (Lauren Hill) to accept the report. **CARRIED**

As previously circulated to the Presidents and Voting Delegates, the Constitution Committee recommended three amendments to the By-Laws.

Proposed amendments are *in bold italics*.

9.1 Article III Board of Directors and Officers

1. **Board of Directors**

- a) The Board of Directors shall consist of a **maximum of twenty (20)** persons, elected at the Annual General Meeting from among the individual/family members of the Federation in good standing, and the Immediate Past President.

MOTION: Janet Pelletier (Seigniory)/Carmelina Zolla (Gardenvue) to accept the proposed Amendment to Article III, Board of Directors.

CARRIED

9.2 Article VII Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall start on *April 1* and end on *March 31*. The membership year shall be from September 1 to August 31.

MOTION: Sheila Splane (Lord-Aylmer)/Brigitte Soucy (Baie Comeau) to accept the proposed amendment to Article VII. **CARRIED**

9.3 Article VIII Banking, Cheques, and Contracts

1. The Federation shall open a bank account or accounts with any branch of any chartered *Canadian* bank selected by the Board of Directors.

MOTION: Cynthia Enright (New Carlisle)/Elena Purser (Lord-Aylmer) to accept the proposed amendment to Article VIII. **CARRIED**

10. RESOLUTIONS & POLICY (Book of Reports, page 46)

Statement of Policy and Proposed Resolutions 2005/01 and 2005/02 were previously circulated. Rickhey Margolese, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, spoke to the report.

10.1 Disposition of 2004 Resolutions (Book of Reports, Page 46)

10.2 Recommended additions to the Statement of Policy

[based on 2004 resolutions]:

- Under the heading **EDUCATION**, to add:
#46 *Increased funding for libraries and librarians.* [2004/01]
- Under the heading **HEALTH**, to add:
#24 *Institution of a comprehensive Non-Smoking Policy, for all students in all schools, be developed, enforced and supported.* [2004/05]
- Under the heading **MISCELLANEOUS**, to add:
#3 *MEQ give priority to its commitment to provide adequate support to the Learning Materials Centre, so they can improve and enlarge their scope to produce English Materials.* [2004/03]

MOTION: Caroline Blanchard (Arundel)/Cynthia Enright (New Carlisle) to accept the recommended additions to the Statement of Policy 2004 *en bloc*.

CARRIED

10.3 CAUCUSING

The procedure for caucusing was explained.

Resolutions 2005/03, 2005/04 and 2005/05 are considered to be emergency resolutions because they were not circulated eight weeks prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Joanie Beaubien Rossy (Allcroft)/Sharon Wilensky (Courtland Park) to accept the three emergency resolutions for caucusing.

[two-thirds majority vote required]

CARRIED

MOTION: Sheila Splane (Lord-Aylmer)/Anna Otter (Westpark) to recess the meeting until 10:50 for the Caucusing Session and coffee break.

CARRIED

The meeting was called to order at 10:50. Rickhey Margolese presented the Resolutions. A simple majority is required to pass; the procedure for amendments was explained. Additional destinations do not require an amendment.

Vote on Resolutions as circulated and discussed in caucusing sessions.

10.4 RESOLUTIONS 2005

Resolution 2005/01 Drunk Driving Sentences

Although the caucus session felt that the resolution needed to have stronger wording, it was decided to accept this resolution and to submit a new resolution next year.

MOTION: Elena Purser (Lord-Aylmer)/Sheila Splane (Lord-Aylmer) to accept Resolution 2005/01.

CARRIED

Resolution 2005/02 Permanent Linguistic Voters List for School Board Elections

MOTION: Diana Kowal-Gibson (Lindsay Place High School)/Rickhey Margolese to accept Resolution 2005/02 and to add to the Destinations Alliance Quebec and provincial and local media.

CARRIED

Resolution 2005/03 Special Education Services in Mainstream Schools

Resolution 2005/04 Alternative Programs for Special Needs Students

MOTION: Rickhey Margolese/Diana Kowal-Gibson (Lindsay Place High School) to accept these two resolutions *en bloc*. **CARRIED**

Resolution 2005/05 Learning Disabled Students

MOTION: Rickhey Margolese/Joanie Beaubien Rossy (Allancroft) to accept Resolution 2005/05 with the following additions:

a) **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. request the Minister of Education to make more funding available *in a separate envelope [mesure spéciale]* for additional trained personnel to work with learning disabled students in the classrooms.

b) Destinations: add French universities with Faculties of Education **CARRIED**

11. FINANCE REPORT (Book of Reports, page 34 & previously circulated reports)
Debi Brown, Treasurer, presented the Finance Reports.

11.1 Membership Fee 2005/06

MOTION: Debi Brown/Sheila Splane (Lord-Aylmer) to accept that the 2005/06 membership fee remain at \$16 per family. **CARRIED**

11.2 2004 Financial Statements

MOTION: Elena Purser (Lord-Aylmer)/Anna Otter (Westpark) to accept the 2004 Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report. **CARRIED**

11.3 Re-appointment of Auditor

MOTION: Janet Pelletier (Seigniori)/Agnes Blais (New Carlisle) to re-appoint Verelli Arrizza C.A. as QFHSA auditor for the year 2005. **CARRIED**

11.4 Student Accident Insurance Policy (Book of Reports, page 48)

MOTION: Deb Richardson (Arundel)/Sheila Splane (Lord-Aylmer) to accept the recommendation of the Board of Directors that QFHSA endorse the Reliable Life Insurance Student Accident Plan for the year 2005-2006. **CARRIED**

11.5 Revised Budget 2005 [previously circulated]

MOTION: Leah Trineer (Roslyn)/Arzine Abbas-Brochu (Dunrae Gardens) to accept the Revised Budget 2005. **CARRIED**

[Note: A typographical error in line 13 Provincial Grants Income should be \$20,000 instead of \$40,000. This does not change the column sub-total.]

Balanced Budget

Speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer noted that the 2005 Budget has a deficit of \$18,600. In order to present a Balanced Budget without using reserved funds, the Board of Directors had made the decision to reduce the expenditures in Line 43, Salaries and related expenses. The contract for the staff position of Executive Director will not be renewed when it expires at the end of June. This position had been created with the understanding that it was contingent upon sufficient funding from non-government sources.

MOTION: Sheila Splane (Lord-Aylmer)/Anna Otter (Westpark) to accept the Revised Balanced Budget with the adjustment to Line 43 Salaries. **CARRIED**

11.6 Proposed Budget 2006 [previously circulated]

MOTION: Maria Valela-Warren (St. John Fisher)/Elena Purser (Lord-Aylmer) to accept the 2006 Proposed Budget. **CARRIED**

12. REMAINING REPORTS [except Nominations]

MOTION: Caroline Blanchard (Arundel)/Sheila Splane (Lord-Aylmer) to accept the remaining reports (except Nominations) from the Book of Reports *en bloc*. **CARRIED**

13. NOMINATIONS REPORT (Book of Reports, page 42)

Michelle Armstrong, Chair, presented the Nominations Report and conducted the election for the Board of Directors, 2005/2007. She noted that Oliver Cole should be added to the list of nominees for a one-year term.

MOTION: Anna Otter (Westpark)/Diana Kowal-Gibson (Lindsay Place High School) to accept the Nominations Report. **CARRIED**

MOTION: Elena Purser (Lord-Aylmer)/Cynthia Enright (New Carlisle) to elect the following nominees to the Board of Directors:

Two-year term 2005/2007

Michelle Armstrong
Beverlee Bishundayal
Anne MacWhirter

Donna Norris
Brian Rock
Harold Spanier

One-Year Term

Oliver Cole

CARRIED

Nominations from the Floor [to be referred to the Nominations Committee and the Board of Directors for confirmation]

Joanie Beaubien Rossy (Allancroft) Director

Deborah Richardson (Arundel) regional representative, Sir Wilfred Laurier S.B.

Marlyn Brownrigg (Valois Park) regional representative, Lester B. Pearson S.B.

Ane Iacono (LaurenHill Academy) regional representative, English Montreal S.B.

Leah Trineer (Roslyn) regional representative, English Montreal S.B.

MOTION: Carmelina Zolla (Gardenview)/Brigitte Soucy (Baie Comeau) to declare Nominations closed. **CARRIED**

Election of Officers

MOTION: Joanie Beaubien Rossy (Allancroft)/Michel Belleville (Lindsay Place High School) to accept the slate of officers:

President:	Donna Norris	Secretary:	Oliver Cole
Executive V.P.:	Michelle Armstrong	Treasurer:	Debi Brown
Vice-President:	Beverlee Bishundayal	Vice-Pres:	Anne MacWhirter

CARRIED

INSTALLATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sylvia Adams, Past-President of Canadian Home and School Federation and of QFHSA, invested the Board of Directors for 2005-2007.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Donna Norris
President

Oliver Cole
Secretary

Date June 24, 2005

June 24, 2005

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Donna Norris

The theme for 2004-2005 was **Touching Minds, Shaping Futures**.

This coming year the theme will be **The Spirit of the Volunteer**.

Highlights of 2005

1. At our 2005 Annual General Meeting, nominations from the floor gave us three new Regional Directors who joined us at the Board of Directors table. They have agreed to stay on as QFHSA Directors for another term.
2. In May, three QFHSA directors went to the Canadian Home and School Federation Annual Meeting held in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, to celebrate 110 years of parental involvement in education. An unveiling of a plaque on the site, by the Department of Canadian Heritage, recognized the work Canadian Home and School Federation has accomplished. This recognition is meant for every local Home and School Association across Canada.
3. In June we held a Board Orientation weekend to introduce new directors to our Board and to what we are trying to accomplish. The previous March we had held a Funding Diversification Workshop, facilitated by Hugh Maynard and sponsored by Canadian Heritage. We went over the results of that workshop with the new Board members. It was a hard-working weekend, but was very successful. We are continuing to look at ways to diversify our funding and to find partners to join us in some of our undertakings.
4. In August, QFHSA held its annual Executive Workshops, for executive members at the local level, at our office. Thirty-one participants, representing sixteen schools, attended workshops given for Presidents, Treasurers, Membership Chairs and Newsletter Editors. The facilitators for these workshops were Norma Stirling, Michelle Armstrong, Marlyn Brownrigg, Oliver Cole, Beverlee Bishundayal and Joanie Beaubien Rossy.
5. Our Fall Conference was held October 22nd at Royal West Academy in Montreal West. The large group of RWA H&S volunteers merits a special mention for their efficient and gracious hospitality and organization as the host school. RWA Principal Mary Reynolds's welcoming speech generously credited the Home and School for its exceptional service and contributions to the school.

Our Key Note Speaker, Marion Daigle, launched the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide*, another Home and School initiative, and one that has been a labour of love for Marion Daigle and Dorothy Nixon. Marion spoke on the importance of literacy and gave startling facts regarding illiteracy in Canada. Every participant received a copy of the *Guide* and Marion highlighted some of the contents and provided her audience with ways of using the Guide, in their schools and in their wider communities.

We also had the pleasure of Noel Burke, Assistant Deputy Minister, bringing greetings from the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports (MELS) and speaking of his own father's influence in his life: the importance of literacy to his father and the love for reading that was passed on to his children. We had several other special guests attend: Françoise Stake, President of Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers (QPAT); Craig Buchanan & Sandra Munro, Federation of Committees of Parents of Quebec, (FCPQ), and Jacqueline Ritchie from

Canadian Heritage, one of our sponsors for this event.

Ten workshops were offered. We also held a series of Regional Council meetings. 152 participants attended.

6. In November we had an information booth at the QPAT conference, where our new *Children's Literacy Resource Guide* was much in demand. Marion Daigle has scheduled speaking engagements in many schools in Quebec. (She will also be the keynote speaker at the Saskatchewan Association of School Councils Annual Meeting in April 2006.)
7. The Canadian Home & School Mid-Term was held in Ottawa in November. Our delegate, Anne MacWhirter, represented us in discussions and decisions at the national table. QFHSA has agreed to take part in their National Substance Abuse Prevention project; our Quebec provincial coordinator will be Elena Purser.
8. Our Executives Appreciation Dinner for local Home and School Association Executives was held on February 17th at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club. Once again it was a great success. Stephanie Mitelman was our guest speaker. She presented a very entertaining and informative program on Adolescent Sexuality.
9. We continue to work with Home & School Regional Councils and the local Home and Schools. We visited local schools when asked and several Regional Council meetings were also attended by directors.
10. We have received a project grant from Canadian Heritage to host three Regional Parent Conferences off-island. The three areas are Chateauguay, Eastern Townships and the Gaspé. Topics included Parenting Today's Youth, Teenage Sexuality, Literacy, Your Child's Self Esteem and Substance Abuse Prevention.
11. We partnered with McGill University in a Conference on Bullying held March 27, 2006. The evening panel discussion was on "The Role of Parents and Guardians in Protecting Children from Bullying". Norma Stirling, a past QFHSA President, was the moderator and our Pat Waters spoke on the role of the parent or guardian. The other panelists were Senator Landon Pearson, an MUC police officer, Nancy Knight and her son (a family victimized by bullying). The cost was \$25 per family.
12. I continued to represent us at the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN), and at the Ministerial Consultations this year (and have gone into more detail in the QCGN Report).
13. I would like to acknowledge and thank Michelle Armstrong, Anne MacWhirter, Marg Funnell, Oliver Cole, Beverlee Bishundayal, Debi Brown, Brian Rock, Harold Spanier, Ane Iacono, Connie De Giorgio, Leah Trineer, Marlyn Brownrigg and Joanie Beaubien Rossy for their dedication and hard work this past year. I would also like to mention the hard working and always appreciated staff of QFHSA: Donna Sauriol, Carol Ohlin. The support and teamwork of both the directors and staff made a very busy year enjoyable.

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005



Verelli-Arrizza

Comptables Agréés - Chartered Accountants

Anthony Verelli, C.A.
Adriano Arrizza, C.A.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

We have audited the statement of financial position of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations as at December 31, 2005, and the statements of revenues and expenses and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Associations' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Association derives revenues and contributions from various sources, the completeness of the non-government revenue and contributions are not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Association and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the non-government revenues and contributions referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2005, and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



Chartered Accountants

Montreal, Quebec
March 10, 2006

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
(Incorporated under the laws of Quebec)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005

ASSETS

	2005	2004
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 45,508	\$ 99,489
Funds held in trust	5,100	5,000
Sales taxes receivable	7,788	8,746
Grants receivable	81,779	25,250
Prepaid expenses	<u>15,341</u>	<u>15,798</u>
	<u>\$ 155,516</u>	<u>\$ 154,283</u>

LIABILITIES

CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,064	\$ 2,750
Deferred program grants (Note 4)	37,053	39,112
Deferred history and archive grant (Note 5)	12,933	12,933
Deferred membership fees (Note 6)	48,161	42,188
Deferred non-government revenue (Note 7)	<u>-</u>	<u>652</u>
	<u>101,211</u>	<u>97,635</u>

NET ASSETS

Net assets restricted for awards purposes (Note 3)	5,000	5,000
Unrestricted net assets	<u>49,305</u>	<u>51,648</u>
	<u>54,305</u>	<u>56,648</u>
	<u>\$ 155,516</u>	<u>\$ 154,283</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Director

Director

See accompanying notes

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	<u>Restricted for awards purposes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 5,000	\$ 51,648	\$ 56,648	\$ 106,050
Excess of expenses over revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,343)</u>	<u>(2,343)</u>	<u>(49,402)</u>
BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 49,305</u>	<u>\$ 54,305</u>	<u>\$ 56,648</u>

See accompanying notes

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	2005	2004
REVENUES (Exhibit D)	\$ <u>220,217</u>	\$ <u>205,565</u>
EXPENSES		
CHSF Affiliation fees and others	4,462	6,875
CHSF AGM	9,973	13,542
Conferences and outreach	23,102	40,668
Promotional material	6,567	4,500
Home and School News	30,273	27,580
Insurance	16,763	15,780
Provincial office		
Equipment purchases	126	726
Postage and courier	5,654	4,598
Office supplies	8,336	9,095
Telephone	3,965	4,658
Administration	5,082	3,061
Rent, electricity and occupancy charges	17,987	17,639
Salaries and employee benefits	73,228	89,404
Fees and honorariums	-	1,960
History and archive grant	-	3,966
Community kitchen project	-	4,052
Federal Canadian heritage literacy book	12,015	6,863
Federal Canadian heritage special project grant	<u>5,027</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>222,560</u>	<u>254,967</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUES	\$ <u>(2,343)</u>	\$ <u>(49,402)</u>

See accompanying notes

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	2005	2004
REVENUES (Note 2(a))		
Membership fees - family	\$ 74,295	\$ 70,819
Membership fees - other	493	409
Federal Canadian heritage program grant	77,331	52,500
Quebec government grant	20,000	20,000
History and archive grant	-	3,966
Federal Canadian heritage literacy book	12,637	6,863
Federal Canadian heritage special project grant	6,905	-
Non - Government grants	1,152	3,348
CHSF AGM	-	11,022
Community kitchen project	-	4,052
Donations received for locals	53,358	25,273
Donations remitted to locals	(53,368)	(24,648)
Donations - other	1,240	2,259
News - advertising and subscriptions	1,789	2,811
Conferences	12,947	14,889
Membership materials	843	2,113
Miscellaneous	5,436	4,110
Interest	893	1,169
Administration fees	<u>4,266</u>	<u>4,610</u>
	<u>\$ 220,217</u>	<u>\$ 205,565</u>

See accompanying notes

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	2005	2004
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of expenses over revenues	\$ (2,343)	\$ (49,402)
Increase in funds held in trust	(100)	-
Decrease in sales taxes receivable	958	5,080
Decrease (increase) in grants receivable	(56,529)	14,438
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	457	(2,561)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	314	250
Increase (decrease) in deferred program grant	(2,059)	12,637
Decrease in deferred history and archive grant	-	(3,966)
Increase in deferred membership fees	5,973	1,199
Increase (decrease) in deferred non-government revenue	<u>(652)</u>	<u>652</u>
CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(53,981)	(21,673)
 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS -BEGINNING OF YEAR	 <u>99,489</u>	 <u>121,162</u>
 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	 <u>\$ 45,508</u>	 <u>\$ 99,489</u>

See accompanying notes

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005

1. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations is an incorporated, independent, not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the education and general well being of children and youth. It promotes the involvement of parents, students, educators and the community at large in the advancement of learning and acts as a voice for parents.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Revenue Recognition

The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations follows the deferral method of accounting for program and history and archive grant and membership fees.

Membership fees are received mostly in the fall of each year and are taken into revenue over the period from September to the following August.

Program funding and grants are received from Federal and Provincial agencies for various donor fiscal years and are taken into revenue over each donor's fiscal year.

History and archive grant revenue is recognized to the extent of the costs which are expensed in any given year.

b) Expensing Capital Purchases

The Association expenses all purchases of a capital nature.

c) Contributed Services

Volunteers at the Federation level contribute approximately 18,150 hours per year to assist the Federation in carrying out its activities. Because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

3. FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

The Association has funds in trust amounting to \$5,100 which represents the original contributions of \$ 5,000 made by three donors, who requested that the interest earned on the funds in trust be used to pay for awards given out at the annual general meeting. A committee is appointed to consider all submissions for the awards, and to choose the ones, they consider best, meet the guidelines.

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AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005

4. DEFERRED PROGRAM GRANTS

The deferred program grants from Canadian Heritage and The Quebec Ministry of Education are for funding operating costs.

	2005	2004
Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 39,112	\$ 26,475
Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(39,112)	(26,475)
Plus: Amount received for the following year	<u>37,053</u>	<u>39,112</u>
Balance - End of year	\$ <u>37,053</u>	\$ <u>39,112</u>

5. DEFERRED HISTORY AND ARCHIVE GRANT

The deferred history and archive grant is utilized to set up a history and archive project for the association.

Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 12,933	\$ 16,899
Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,966)</u>
Balance - End of year	\$ <u>12,933</u>	\$ <u>12,933</u>

6. DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP FEES

The deferred membership fees are from members of the Association and for funding operating costs.

Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 42,188	\$ 40,989
Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(42,188)	(40,989)
Plus: Amount received for the following year	<u>48,161</u>	<u>42,188</u>
Balance - End of year	\$ <u>48,161</u>	\$ <u>42,188</u>

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QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005

7. DEFERRED NON-GOVERNMENT REVENUE

The deferred non-government revenue are for literacy projects.

	2005	2004
Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 652	\$ 4,000
Less: Amount recognized as revenue in the year	<u>(652)</u>	<u>(3,348)</u>
Balance - End of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 652</u>

8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Association has evaluated the fair value of its financial instruments based on the current interest rate environment, market value and actual prices of financial instruments with similar terms. The carrying value of the financial instruments is considered to approximate their fair value.

CANADIAN HOME & SCHOOL FEDERATION (CHSF)

CHSF Annual Meeting and Mid-Term Meeting
Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006
Submitted by Anne MacWhirter, QFHSA delegate

CHSF Annual Meeting

Celebrating its 110th anniversary, the CHSF Annual Meeting was held in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, on May 25-29, 2005. Eight provinces were represented at the table.

Provincial Sharing

- Quebec was asked to share its Letter of Reaffirmation for local association membership.
- Delegates were requested to bring materials from their provincial Bus Safety campaigns to the Mid-Term meeting in Ottawa in November.
- Much discussion on ways to ensure student safety on buses.
- National Family week is in November-could each province celebrate?

Nutrition

Annette Carter, CBC reporter, spoke to the delegates about the program Weight of the World Challenge, which is a National Film Board-CBC initiative in collaboration with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. This program is designed to combat obesity by getting children to choose healthier foods and exercise more. It is scheduled to launch in March 2006 in coordination with National Nutrition Month and run through May 2006. It has been piloted in six schools in Montreal.

www.cbc.ca/montreal/features/weightoftheworld/index.html

or contact Tey Cottingham at t.cottingham@nfb.ca to find out how to join the program.

[QFHSA included the *Weight of the World Challenge* flyer in a mailing to the local associations.]

School Libraries

A resolution presented by Ontario Home and School on school libraries was passed to promote the *establishment of a library in all public schools staffed with teacher librarian(s) based on standards for school libraries established by the Canadian School Library Association/Association for Teacher Librarianship in Canada, stocked with sufficient curriculum-based print and non-print resources acquired through standards for per student funding, and open for student use during the entire student day.*

Business Agenda

- Some bylaws were reviewed and some rewritten.
- Treasurer presented an approved budget for 2005-2006, and a draft budget for the upcoming year.
- Elections were held and the following were approved by acclamation:
Georgina Allen (Prince Edward Island) President
Bev Mullin (Nova Scotia) Treasurer

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Mid-Term meeting Ottawa November 24-26, 2005

President Georgina Allen presided welcoming those in attendance. Eight provinces attended.

Provincial concerns

- Healthy eating programs in all provinces
- Literacy programs presented by Quebec and P.E.I.
- Most provinces are using web programs to keep members informed
- New Brunswick holds a very successful Bus Safety campaign each Fall
- London and Middlesex counties in Ontario celebrate 100 their hundredth anniversary

Board Development Workshop presented by Norene O'Hare, Canadian Teachers Federation
Topics included:

- To define relationship between board and executive
- To show clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the board
- To show how to improve communication flow from board to provinces
- To show how to improve partnership with educational partners
- To strike a balance between provincial and national
- To define a clear method of voting between meetings
- To clearly identify the role of past president

Each province gave a report on Bus Safety issues in their province.

2006 Annual Meeting in Fredericton, NB, May 30-June 4 at Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION (CHSF)

Central Vice-President Report

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Michelle Armstrong, Central Vice-President

Over the past year, many partnerships have been created with other national organizations and several more are on the rise: Canadian Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAPHERD), Media Awareness Network (MNET), Family Services Canada, and The Learning Partners. Communication between the provincial members has increased over the past year making the Home and School support network stronger.

CHSF has been granted a contribution agreement from Health Canada to support a Substance Abuse Train-the-trainer project that has already begun to spread across Canada. This is an area where the Home and School excels at getting important information to parents from one edge of our country to the other. Partnerships are being formed in the three territories for this project and we are hopeful that they may consider becoming CHSF members in the future. Due to the magnitude of this project, CHSF now has a full time office coordinator.

CHSF has joined Imagine Canada whereby the Board of Directors has taken the oath to ethical financial practices. More information on this important measure can be viewed on www.imaginecanada.ca.

The new membership fee that has been put into place as of the Annual Meeting 2005 has all CHSF provincial members paying the same fee of \$2,150. Some provinces which were fortunate to be able to pay more than that in the past have graciously agreed to continue to support CHSF by making a donation of the balance. This new membership fee helps create a more balanced effect within the Board of Directors and also demonstrates the importance of being a member of CHSF.

The new CHSF information brochure that was created last year is in the process of being printed and will be made available to the provincial members in the near future. This important piece of communication will lend aid to the provincial members for their campaigns as a means of stressing the importance of belonging to and supporting a national parent organization. The CHSF website continues to be updated regularly to ensure the most current information for members all across Canada.

The Annual General Meeting for 2006 will be held in Fredericton, New Brunswick, in May. Executive positions available for nominations are Western Vice-President and Central-Vice President.

COMMUNICATIONS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Home & School NEWS

Submitted by the office

Mandate The Editorial Board is meant to oversee content of our newspaper and the website.

There were four regular issues put out last year, of 16 pages each. Circulation has remained steady and the average paid distribution is 5,900; average total distribution of a single issue is 7,600, up slightly from last year. Local associations are welcome to have extra copies of our newspaper at no extra cost.

The Education Committee did not produce an updated, bilingual insert of *MEQanics*, which dealt with questions parents have about the workings of the Ministry of Education. This was originally compiled and translated in 2002 by our Education Committee and updated in 2003. They were considering updating it for 2005, but this did not materialize.

The locals are asked to send in their own school newsletters for inclusion in their section of the paper, *Focus on the Locals*. Even if you don't have a writer on your team, your newsletter will enable us to let other parents know what exciting things are happening at your school and to "steal" any ideas that appeal to them. Diane Radu is Editor of *Focus on the Locals* and also judges the schools' newsletters for us.

The NEWS is grateful to our regular contributors: AMCAL Family Services, Shirley Straughton (Health Issues), Don Smith (Safety Issues), Joanie Beaubien-Rossy (Membership), Canadian Home & School Federation's President, Georgina Allen, and Donna Norris, QFHSA President. And, this past year, fairly regular contributions from Martha Farley, DM Family and School Services, and Dorothy Nixon.

QFHSA Telephone Calls Report

Submitted by Anne MacWhirter, Coordinator

Members of the Board of Directors calling team were: Joanie Beaubien Rossy, Marlyn Brownrigg, Oliver Cole, Connie De Giorgio, Ane Iacono, Anne MacWhirter, and Leah Trineer.

During this year, 2005-2006, calls were made on as many as 6 occasions to keep in contact with the local associations. It was an avenue to remind locals of items missing in their dossiers, upcoming events, answering questions about QFHSA and generally letting the locals know that we were interested in their activities and achievements.

Thank you to all the team members for their time devoted to this effort, which did produce favourable results for QFHSA.

Website

Submitted by Michelle Armstrong

A new parent – tips newsletter will be available online from the QFHSA website (www.qfhsa.org) in May. A QFHSA local association member made the suggestion for this method of communication and it was approved by the Board of Directors as another means by which QFHSA can service its grassroots members.

The newsletter will contain tips for parenting, useful educational ideas for use at home, and articles on various topics suitable for parenting and education.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Sylvia Adams, Chair [acting]

Mandate To ensure that the Federation Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules allow a functioning organization.

To vet the constitutions of local associations when submitted and to make suggestions for improvements or additions.

[Note: a generic constitution is available from the Federation for new locals requesting membership in the Federation, as is assistance in adapting the by-laws and standing rules to local conditions.]

Members Marion Daigle, Barbara Milne-Smith

Annual General Meeting 2005

As recommended by the Constitution Committee, the delegates of the Annual General Meeting approved the following amendments to the By-Laws:

Article III Board of Directors and Officers

1. Board of Directors
 - a) The Board of Directors shall consist of **a maximum of twenty (20)** persons, elected at the Annual General Meeting from among the individual/family members of the Federation in good standing, and the Immediate Past President.

Article VII Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall start on **April 1** and end on **March 31**.
The membership year shall be from September 1 to August 31.

Article VIII Banking, Cheques, and Contracts

1. The Federation shall open a bank account or accounts with any branch of of any chartered **Canadian** bank selected by the Board of Directors.

Annual General Meeting 2006

It has come to the attention of the Constitution Committee that two sections of the By-Laws were not included in the 1999 revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

These sections concerned the voluntary dissolution of local home and school associations and school closures.

Great changes are presently occurring in Quebec. School boards are reacting to declining enrolments by closing and/or amalgamating schools that have served particular communities for many years. This phenomenon will drastically impact longstanding Home and School associations.

For these pivotal reasons, the Constitution Committee recommends the reintegration into the By-Laws, Article II, Membership and Fees, of #7 and #8 and asks the voting delegates at this Annual Meeting to approve the By-Law Amendments submitted.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Report to Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Oliver Cole, Chair

- Mandate To be responsible for maintaining and developing education policy for the QFHSA and its members defined by the mission statement.
- Members Oliver Cole, Chair; Dave Harries, Rickhey Margolese, Petra Mueller, Donna Norris, Brian Rock, Marion Daigle
E-mail: Norma Stirling, Dianne Skoda Staff: Donna Sauriol

The Education Committee held 4 meetings during 2005-2006 with the following priorities:

- Collection of School Success Plans and Education Projects.
David Harries has made efforts to collect additional school success plans from Home and School Associations.
- The increasing drop out rate and reforming vocational training starting in grade 9.
I attended the Conference, *Reflections: To Analyze the Reasons for the High Dropout Rates Among English Speaking Black Students in Quebec Schools*, organized by the Black Coalition of Quebec in collaboration with the English Montreal School Board, and The Ministère de l'Éducation du Loisir et du Sport. The conference brought together participants from various disciplines and organizations for four workshops focusing on issues affecting English Speaking Black Students in Quebec Schools. Some of the recommendations that came from the conference workshops were: Better communication mechanisms between schools and parents, more support for parents, more tutorial services at school and in the community for students at risk, easier access for parents and students wanting to enter vocational studies, and greater efforts to have cultural sensitivity, relevance and representation in school curriculum.
- Resolution 1973/3 regarding availability and confidentiality of student records.
The committee reviewed this resolution with respect to the request by school boards of parents' scholastic information on student verification forms. We also reviewed and discussed a more recent resolution, 1991/1 on Nominative Information.
- Resolution 1994/4 – Vocational Education for Youth
The committee updated this resolution with Resolution 2006/2 Technical/Vocational Education for Youth. The committee met on January 20, 2006: with Guest Marsha Gouett from English Montreal School Board, who works in collaboration with MELS on GOAL program and Hans Heisinger, Executive Director of Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi, NDG, and Katherine Korakakis, Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi, NDG Entrepreneurial Community Agent.
- Children's Literacy Resource Guide
Marion Daigle kept the committee informed of developments of the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide* which was launched at the QFHSA 2005 Fall Conference. Resolution 2006/3 *Children's Literacy Resource Guide* is brought forward to meet the challenge of the 21st century knowledge-based society with a need for greater level of literacy skills and lifelong learning.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Debi Brown, Treasurer

Mandate To oversee the financial aspects of the organization; to advise the Board as to expenditures; to make recommendations regarding fees, committee budgets and possible sources of funding; and to prepare the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Members Debi Brown (Chair), Margaret Funnell, Donna Norris
Staff: Donna Sauriol, Carol Ohlin

This year the Finance Committee was focussed on bringing in a balanced budget by increasing revenues and decreasing expenditures.

There have been several discussions on how to obtain corporate funding. It is the consensus of the committee that our newspaper, the QFHSA NEWS, is our best vehicle for increasing corporate funding and we are working on a plan to implement this.

One time funding was received to complete two specific projects - a Board Development session that focussed on raising awareness of and funding for QFHSA (March 2005) and Community Parenting Workshops (March 2006) in three regional areas outside of Montreal. We thank Donna Norris and Michelle Armstrong for taking on this valuable membership development project.

We also thank Margaret Funnell for her ongoing dedication in preparing the annual program grant application from Canadian Heritage Minority Languages Department.

We are cognizant of the fact that school enrolment is declining along with the number of schools. Therefore, as we go forward, the Committee will continue to seek out increased revenues, other than increasing membership fees, while continuing to provide the services our members have come to value from QFHSA in these troubling times.

Recommendation

That the QFHSA family membership fee for 2006-07 be maintained at \$16.00.

FUNDRAISING

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Harold Spanier, Fundraising Chair

I am continuing to build relationships, which take time, but have resulted in several promising leads. Fundraising is about making friends, loyal friends who repeatedly give money to our Association. It is not unusual for the process to take time. Building and expanding on these relationships is necessary to secure resources that will enable us to ultimately better serve our children and community.

For the year ahead, QFHSA will be working hard to ensure its relevance with membership growth, and partnerships from sponsors.

I would like to thank all those QFHSA members and resource people who have contributed valuable advice over the past year.

Workshops

In 2005, I attended three workshops in Montreal sponsored by COCo (Centre for Community Organizations), a non-profit organization that works with English-speaking, community based groups in Quebec. These workshops are also social activities that introduce our Association to a wider community.

- On June 15, I went with Glenna Uline to a talk given by Kim Klein, "How Small Groups Raise Big Money" at Concordia University's Downtown Campus, Montreal. Based in the USA, Kim Klein has 25 years experience as a professional grassroots fundraiser.
- I attended "Funding for Change, Part 1" held at Concordia University, Montreal, on November 2 and "Part II" on November 17.

HEALTH ISSUES REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Shirley Straughton, Chairman

Mandate: to identify health risks affecting children and adolescents, to promote preventative health measures and to submit reports to the QFHSA Board of Directors.

Summary of Activities:

NEWS – Articles were published on the following subjects:

- The Canadian Health Network
- The Canadian Paediatric Society e-news for parents
- Chickenpox
- The High School CPR Program
- Children and Snowmobiles
- The Quebec vaccination schedule
- Sport injuries

FALL CONFERENCE 2005

The Pediatric and Adolescent Trauma Program of the Montreal Children's Hospital of the MUHC provided pamphlets free of charge to QFHSA on the subject of "Returning to Sports After an Injury". Many thanks to Debbie Friedman, coordinator of the program.

HIGHLIGHTS

Chickenpox

After years of warning parents about the side effects of chickenpox and encouraging the chickenpox (varicella) vaccine, this committee saw the Quebec Minister of Health, Philippe Couillard, announce in January 2006 that the varicella vaccine is now included in the Quebec vaccination schedule. It will be covered by Quebec Medicare and therefore free of charge to all those who qualify for Medicare. This is a huge step in the right direction to the reduction of vaccine preventable illnesses.

Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Program

Mr. Couillard is also supportive of another of this committee's endeavors. He has observed the High School CPR Program in action and was very impressed. This was a QFHSA initiative in 1997 in collaboration with the ACT Foundation (Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation of Canada). Plans are underway to set up this program in 250 high schools in Quebec. Presently 50 schools have implemented the High School CPR Program.

HISTORY / ARCHIVES PROJECT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Marion Daigle, coordinator

Archives

Part 2 of the Archives Project is now completed. There are now 60 boxes in the archive collection and further work is still to be done. We need further funding to continue. On March 12, 2006 Marion met with the archivist to discuss archives for local associations facing closure or mergers in the future.

LITERACY

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Marion Daigle, Resource

Mandate

To promote awareness of the requirements for literacy in a knowledge-based society.
To mobilize school and community volunteer resources to advocate and deliver literacy programs for prevention and remediation.

A Children's Literacy Resource Guide is available to help deliver programs

Committee Members

Marion Daigle, Dorothy Nixon, Myrna Guy, Anne MacWhirter,
Harold Spanier, Leah Trineer

Principal Activity – 2005-06

Children's Literacy Resource Guide Launch

Fall Conference – October 22, 2005

- Keynote address - Marion Daigle gave a historical background re CHSF (Canadian Home & School Federation) and QFHSA emphasizing their strong commitment to literacy, in order to strengthen the context in which to launch the Guide. Many examples of practical strategies were outlined to highlight how families, community organizations, teachers and individuals can facilitate the Guide to meet their needs.
- Ready! Set! Go! a follow up workshop was ably handled by Anne MacWhirter and Harold Spanier, QFHSA directors, both of whom have wide experience with literacy activities. Facilitator – Marion Daigle.

November/December – a huge mailing included: all Home & School Associations not at the conference, Quebec literacy organizations, *Guide* contributors, educational and community organizations, CHSF, individuals, teachers, principals, out-of-province requests.

This project was funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Other Important Activities

1. June 9, 2005 – Grenville Elementary – Marion Daigle visited their new larger library. Home and School Past President Kathy Ivall is the library co-ordinator.
2. September 8, 2005 (International Literacy Day)
Center for Literacy of Quebec Giant Book Sale launch – attended by Donna Sauriol, Carol Ohlin and Marion Daigle. A gift certificate of \$400 was presented to QFHSA. An additional \$400 was given later. Books purchased go to Fall Conference participants and for school visits.

3. October 28, 2005 – John Abbott College
Information and Library Technologies Department.
Marion Daigle gave her annual workshop for 26 students. The focus was on the *Guide*. The JAC \$150 honorarium was given to a school library technician.
4. November 17, 2005 – Roslyn Elementary School
Marion Daigle gave a workshop for teachers and community representatives on the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide*.
5. November 18, 2005 – Teachers Convention
Anne MacWhirter, Alan MacMillan and Marion Daigle hosted a very busy information table with a special focus on the *Resource Guide*.
6. January 27, 2006 – Roslyn Elementary Family Literacy Day
Using ideas from the new *Guide*, Principal Jim McMorrان and Leah Trineer, representing the Home and School Association, organized an outstanding Family Literacy Day school assembly. In addition 16 families with newborns were presented with beautiful Born to Read bags, funded by the Home & School Association. The EMSB (English Montreal School Board) organized media coverage.
January 27, 2006 – Family Ties New Carlisle Literacy Day Celebration
Anne MacWhirter presented the program *Your Child Can Succeed in School – and You as Parents Can Help* using pages from the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide*.
7. February 5, 2006 – Edgewater Elementary Born to Read project
The second successful annual celebration was held at the school library, sponsored by the Home and School Association and the school. Marion Daigle and Myrna Guy were co-ordinators. 28 families with 30 children received beautiful Born to Read bags.
8. February 17, 2006 – Executives Appreciation Dinner
Leah Trineer of Roslyn Home and School Association was the winner of the draw for books based on *Resource Guide* evaluations received since the Fall Conference.
9. Appreciation – Geoffrey Kelley, MNA Jacques-Cartier Riding
QFHSA wishes to thank Mr. Kelley for his generous annual \$500 grant in support of literacy.
10. April 7-8, 2006 – Saskatchewan Association of School Councils (SASC)
Marion Daigle has been invited to be the keynote speaker at their Annual General Meeting. Focus will be on the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide*.
11. Recommendation to the QFHSA 2006 AGM
Resolution 2006/3 *Children's Literacy Resource Guide*

MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGE

QFHSA *ad hoc* Transition Committee

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Joanie Beaubien Rossy, Marlyn Brownrigg, Marion Daigle

Mandate Lester B. Pearson School Board Major School Change:
To help facilitate the means for each QFHSA local association to provide for a smooth transition of its membership, and its physical and financial assets before the start of the school year 2006-2007.

Members Joanie Beaubien Rossy, Marlyn Brownrigg, Marion Daigle

Background

After initiating the consultation process with its elementary schools in September 2005, the Lester B. Pearson School Board Council of Commissioners voted on its decision on January 12, 2006: a plan to close six elementary schools, to merge many other schools, and to move more than 2,000 students. It is estimated that 23 Home and School Associations will be affected by the closures and mergers, which is more than a thousand of our family members and approximately 30% of our total membership.

At the January Board of Directors meeting, the *ad hoc* Transition Committee was created to monitor the affects of the LBPSB Major School Change and to assist our local associations in the process.

Action

An information meeting was held on March 14, 2006. Invitations were extended to the 23 Home and School Associations and three other schools affected by the Major School Change. Representatives from thirteen schools attended. The agenda included discussion on the financial implications, inventory of donations, history and archives, end-of-year activities.

It was emphasized that it is extremely important that local associations keep accurate records since the current associations will be closed and will re-open with new names and possibly new locations depending upon the individual situations. Copies of all decisions and documents should be signed, dated, and forwarded to QFHSA:

1. Final financial statements, signed and dated by the President & Treasurer, and a financial report to the school families.
2. Inventory and disposal of purchases (Moveable Property).
3. Termination of contracts.
4. Transfer of funds to new bank accounts or in temporary trust to QFHSA.

Archival materials should be catalogued and retained.

Closing schools will be honoured at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee will continue to monitor the situation and act as necessary.

Recommendations to the Annual General Meeting 2006

- Resolution 2006/1 Wider Access to English Education
- Constitution and By-Laws, Article II, Membership and Fees, Sections 7 and 8:
To reintegrate these two sections setting procedures for dissolution and closure of local associations which were in previous versions of the Constitution.

MEDIA RELATIONS & CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNICATORS IN EDUCATION (C.A.C.E.) REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Beverlee Bishundayal, QFHSA Vice-President

Mandate As media relations, responsible for coordinating the promotion of QFHSA events to the general public through various media outlets and writing articles for the QFHSA News. As a member of C.A.C.E., responsible for attending meetings and conferences on behalf of QFHSA and networking with other media professionals.

Summary of Activities

A. QFHSA Publicity

- **AGM 2005**
Media releases were sent out in mid-April regarding the winners of the Golden Torch Award, Unsung Hero Award, Leslie N. Buzzell Award, Gordon Paterson Award, and the Lewis Peace Prize. Media releases were sent to: CFCF News, Global News, This Morning Live, CBC News/Canada Now, and The Montreal Gazette.
- **Executive Workshop – August 26th, 2005**
A workshop was given on media and publicity by Beverlee Bishundayal and Donna Sauriol. Themes discussed in the workshop included: contributing to the QFHSA News, school newsletters, press releases, and dealing with the media. The newsletter/publicity kit was also updated for the workshop.
- **Fall Conference**
Press releases were made with the help of Marion Daigle and Dorothy Nixon for the launch of the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide*. The press releases were sent out in mid-October to The Montreal Gazette, CFCF News, Global News, This Morning Live, CBC News/Canada Now, CBC Radio, and twenty-eight community newspapers across Quebec. These recipients were also mailed an invitation to the Fall Conference, the table of contents and some sample pages from the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide*.

B. C.A.C.E. Meetings

- C.A.C.E.'s AGM in 2005 was held in Ottawa from November 5th -7th. Unfortunately, QFHSA did not send a delegate as the majority of the seminars were not relevant to QFHSA's mandate. This year's AGM will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland from October 15th – 17th, 2006. The next Montreal/Quebec Chapter meeting is scheduled for March 24th, 2006 at CBC-Radio Canada where we will meet with members of the radio and television departments to discuss educational issues and have a tour of the facilities.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Joanie Beaubien Rossy, Chairman

Mandate To promote, encourage and assist Home & School associations and activities throughout the province of Quebec. To work with local membership chairpersons in sharing ideas and concerns. To prepare membership kits and other materials to help promote membership locally and provincially.

School Visits

One of the priorities of the provincial Board of Directors is to keep in touch with local associations. This year there have been regular telephone calls and emails to the presidents. Some schools visited this year were those in Western Quebec. St. Gabriel School in Point St. Charles has expressed an interest in forming an association.

Executive Workshops

In August the annual Executive Workshops were held for local association presidents, treasurers, and membership chairpersons. This event is another opportunity for executive committees to meet each other and to share ideas and information. Kits containing materials to facilitate the work of the local association were distributed.

Membership Page in the QFHSA NEWS

Each issue of the NEWS has a membership page with ideas, up-dates, articles about schools and a message from the membership chairperson.

Major School Change – Membership *ad hoc* Transition Committee

The Lester B. Pearson School Board announced on January 12/06 its decision to close six buildings, and shift 2,300 students in 14 elementary schools. This Major School Change will affect 19 of our local associations. The Membership *ad hoc* transition committee prepared a plan of action, distributed a recommended list of procedures, and hosted an information meeting. It is expected that these changes have the potential to create significant impact on our membership.

Membership Fee

As approved by the delegates at the 2005 Annual General Meeting, the family membership fee for this year was \$16. It is not expected to change for 2006/07.

These are the results of the 2005/2006 campaign:

Family Memberships (through locals)	4660	(as of March 1)
Individual Family Memberships (directly with QFHSA)	32	
Local Home & School Associations	79	

MOTION

To ratify the decision of the Board of Directors' meeting of January 14, 2006, to terminate the affiliation of the following Home and School associations for failure to submit memberships and fees by February 1: Eardley Elementary, Philemon Wright High School, and Terry Fox Elementary (Pierrefonds). [as required by the Standing Rules, Article II, Section 2]

Note: Warning letters were sent in February to those local associations with low membership.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT [Grants/outreach/promotional materials]

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Margaret Funnell - Director, Membership Development

Mandate:

to prepare the application for the Department of Canadian Heritage [DCH] Program funding; to participate at meetings of and communicate with the Quebec Community Groups Network [QCGN]; to prepare programs and outreach for off-island communities; to apply for other projects that may from time to time be funded by CANHER; to produce new or revised promotional materials linked to membership development; in addition a member sits on the Finance Committee.

QFHSA is a member of the QCGN whose five-year agreement with the Federal Government for the disbursement of the Official Languages Communities Support Program funds was renewed a year ago in April. QCGN members sign a contract with the Department of Canadian Heritage for the Program grant and for any Project grants. The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations [QFHSA] President plus one other member represent QFHSA at the QCGN meetings across the Province.

In April 2005, QFHSA again received DCH Program funding, this time increased by 12.5% over the year before. The results-based management requirement means detailed reports are linked to the instalment payments given out during the year. QFHSA has applied for Program funding for 2006/2007. A special Project grant will provide three off-island Regional Parent Workshops to supplement the Program ones already planned.

The DCH Program funding plus membership revenue and a Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport [MELS] grant are QFHSA's main sources of revenue. The Program funding allowed QFHSA, amongst other outreach activities:

a] to bring parent members from off-island Home and School Associations in more remote areas to its workshops, Fall Conference and Annual General Meeting. It helped subsidize important Regional Council meetings off-island, for example in Western Quebec and Eastern Shores, in addition to meetings held in Montreal at the time of the Fall Conference and AGM.

b] to subsidize cost of PALS Plus workshops and visits by QFHSA representatives, when requested, to local and potential Associations to elaborate our services and offer support.

c] to publish four issues per year of the Quebec Home & School NEWS, provide important materials both for the Fall Conference and AGM and to print and distribute membership material including pamphlets on Why a Home and School is Important and on Homework.

d] to network with educational and community partners where we interact with parent representatives and volunteers, educational, social and health professionals, and other community personnel. This included among many activities, the Canadian Home and School Federation [CHSF] Annual Meeting at Baddeck, NS, and mid-term meeting in Ottawa; Born to Read and other literacy activities; a March panel on Bullying and Schools at the McGill Conference on Bullying, and attendance at the Network Lunches on Montreal's West Island where the community partners meet for talks on topics of high importance to the well-being of youth.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by the Nominations Committee

Mandate To receive nominations for, and to recruit qualified people to, the Board of Directors.

The term of office for a Director is two years and every year one-half of the Board of Directors positions come up for election. The Board consists of 20 elected Directors, plus the Past President.

The first call for nominations was mailed to the local associations on December 1, 2005 with a deadline set for Friday, February 10, 2006. A second call for nominations was sent February 28. Nominees must be paid-up members in good standing. [QFHSA By-Laws Article VI, 4]. Nominations should be signed by at least two, and preferably three, persons from the Local Association and/or the QFHSA Board of Directors.

Deadline

The deadline for receiving nominations to be voted on at the AGM is March 27, 2006. Nominations received after that date would be considered by the Board of Directors for appointment. (QFHSA Standing Rules Article VII, 3.)

Officers of the Federation

According to our By-Laws [Article II, 2 (a)] "*The officers of the Federation shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from among the Directors of the Federation.*" These positions can be nominated from the list of present Directors as well as from the list of newly-nominated Directors.

Nominees As of March 1st, the committee has received the following nominations:

Nominees for a Two-year term 2006/2008

Debi Brown	Oliver Cole	Wanda Leah Trineer
Marlyn Brownrigg	Barbara Smith	

Current Directors completing the term 2005-2007

Michelle Armstrong	Anne MacWhirter	Elena Purser
Beverlee Bishundayal	Donna Norris	Brian Rock
Harold Spanier	Joanie Beaubien-Rossy	

There are, therefore, five vacant positions as Director for a two-year term and two vacant positions as Director for a one-year term.

Committees

Committee chairs can be held by a Director or a Resource person. Volunteers are always welcome to participate in their areas of interest: Advocacy, Conferences, Constitution, Education, Health, Literacy, Membership, Parenting Workshops, Regional Councils, Resolutions, Rights, Safety. Please contact the office for information if you are interested in working on any of these committees.

**PARENTING WORKSHOPS includes PALS
(PARENTS ASSIST LEARNING AND SCHOOLING)**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 29, 2006

Submitted by: Pat Waters, Coordinator/Resource

Mandate:

PALS is a parenting workshop program that is offered to our member schools throughout the year. The first one is free; others cost a minimal amount. New workshops are also offered as they are developed and advertising is done through the QFHSA office.

Highlights:

Workshops and trainings that took place during the 2005-2006 school year are:

DATE	NAME OF SCHOOL/GROUP	LOCATION	WORKSHOP TOPIC
Oct. 06, 05	Tyndale St.-Georges Community Centre	Montreal	Homework and Responsibility
Oct. 11, 05	Edgewater Elementary	Pincourt	Victims, Bullies and Violence
Oct. 19, 05	Macdonald High School	St. Anne de Bellevue	Victims, Bullies and Violence Anti-Bullying Panel
Oct. 22, 05	QFHSA Fall Conference	Montreal	Homework Hassles: What is the Parents' Role?
Nov. 03, 05	Allancroft Elementary	Beaconsfield	Learning Styles
Nov. 12, 05	Tyndale St.-Georges Community Centre	Montreal	Positive Discipline
Nov. 14, 05	Arundel Elementary	Arundel	Homework and Responsibility
Feb. 21, 06	Edgewater Elementary	Pincourt	Positive Discipline
Mar. 04, 06	Families & Schools Together (F&ST)	Calgary AB	Conflict and Power Struggles & Balancing Work-life and Family
Mar. 14, 06	East Hill Elementary	Montreal	Learning Styles
Mar. 16, 06	Forest Hill Elementary	St. Lazare	Homework Hassles: What is the Parents' Role?
Mar. 27, 06	McGill University Parent Conference	Montreal	Bullying Panel
April 8, 06	Saskatchewan Association of School Councils (SASC)	Saskatoon, SK	Parents: Gatekeepers of their Children's Education
April 26, 06	Cedar Park Elementary	Pointe-Claire	Hurried Children – Stressed Children
May 27, 06	Federation of Parent Committees FCPQ	Quebec City	Homework Hassles: What is the parents' role?

QUEBEC COMMUNITY GROUPS NETWORK REPORT (QCGN)

Report to Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Donna Norris, President

1. This year was a year of change and celebration for the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN). In May QCGN celebrated its 10th Anniversary of service to the English Speaking Community.
2. QCGN was a signatory to the contribution agreement with Health Canada and responsible for the administration of the \$4.7 million that was being invested in the English-speaking community over a five-year period for the Health and Social Services Networking and Partnership Initiative (HSSNPI).
3. QCGN was becoming increasingly involved in consultations with various departments, such as Industry Canada, Justice Canada and the Privy Council. QCGN participation on the Consultative Committee for English-speaking Minority Communities (health and social services), the Justice Department's advisory committee and the National Coordination Committee (PCH and the English-speaking communities).
4. During the past year the QCGN has completed and endorsed its Strategic Plan as well as the Community Development Plan. The Strategic Plan was endorsed this year by QFHSA and the 23 other community groups that are members of QCGN. The Community Development Plan that had been in progress for the last three years will provide the community with the tools required to further its development. We would like to acknowledge the support of PCH in respect to the Community Development Plan and the Strategic Plan, and thank PCH officials at the regional and national offices.
5. An invitation from the Official Languages Intergovernmental Affairs from the Office of the Privy Council was extended to QFHSA President to participate in the Ministerial Consultations held in Ottawa on October 26th & 27th. The midpoint of the "Dion Action Plan for Official Languages" was the issue of this consultation. The Honourable Mauril Bélanger, Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, the Minister responsible for Official Languages, Minister for International Trade, Minister Responsible for Official Languages, and Associate Minister of National Defence, welcomed participants to the third ministerial consultations for minority language communities. The moderator was Ms. Anne Scotton, Director General, Official Languages, Privy Council Office. Minister Bélanger put forth the following two questions;
 - How do we work together to implement the Horizontal Results-based Management and Accountability Framework?
 - How do we complete the implementation of the Action Plan in order to better position ourselves for its renewal?

Throughout the consultation the second question was addressed. Organizations seemed to have a better understanding of the question and are still unsure how to proceed with Horizontal Results-based Management and Accountability Framework. The delegates who were addressing the panel of Ministers were given two minutes each to bring forward praise, or our dissatisfaction, with how we were proceeding and/or what we felt had been accomplished.

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Martin Murphy President of QCGN made the closing remarks for the English-speaking community and Jean-Guy Rioux, President of Fédération des communautés francophone et acadienne made the closing remarks for the Francophone group. The session ended with Minister Bélanger's closing remarks. All participants were invited to the House of Commons the next morning to see the Action Plan for Official Languages document tabled. We were also invited by the Honourable Mauril Bélanger to a celebration lunch that took place at the House of Commons West Block.

6. Norma Stirling joined me at the QCGN table this year. We have attended a three-day meeting in Montreal and another in Quebec City. In June QCGN will be having its 11th AGM. Both Norma and I will be attending to represent QFHSA.
7. In Quebec City on March 23rd 2006, I attended another Ministerial Consultation representing QFHSA. These consultations bring you face to face with QFHSA Government Partners. All QGCN members are represented and a dialogue between the Government Partners and the Non-Profit Organizations takes place. The dialogue between us is important and can help determine the Federal Government's commitment to the Official Language Law. It is essential that our government partners hear what we, as an English-speaking minority, think, feel and require in order to have thriving English-speaking communities throughout the Province of Quebec.
8. This year QCGN and Canadian Heritage have made it possible for QFHSA to have Regional Parent Conferences in the Gaspé, Eastern Townships and the Chateaugay Valley region.

RESOLUTIONS/POLICY COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by the office

Annual General Meeting 2005

- **Statement of Policy**

The delegates voted to add to the Statement of Policy, as passed by the 2004 Annual Meeting:

EDUCATION #46 *Increased funding for libraries and librarians* [2004/01]

HEALTH #24 *Institution of a comprehensive Non-Smoking Policy, for all students in all schools, be developed, enforced and supported.*
[2004/05]

MISCELLANEOUS #3 *MEQ give priority to its commitment to provide adequate support to the Learning Materials Centre, so they can improve and enlarge their scope to produce English Materials.* [2004/03]

- **Resolutions 2005**

Five resolutions had been previously circulated to the Local Associations, were accepted unanimously for caucusing, and addition to the Agenda. With some minor changes to the wording, all resolutions were carried.

Resolution 2005/01 Drunk Driving Sentences

Resolution 2005/02 Permanent Linguistic Voters List for School Board Elections

Resolution 2005/03 Special Education Services in Mainstream Schools

Resolution 2005/04 Alternative Programs for Special Needs Students

Resolution 2005/05 Learning Disabled Students with the following addition:

Be It Further Resolved That Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. request the Minister of Education to make more funding available *in a separate envelope [mesure spéciale]* for additional trained personnel to work with learning disabled students in the classrooms.

- **Disposition of Resolutions**

Following the adoption of the resolutions at the Annual General Meeting, French translations were done and bilingual versions with covering letters were mailed to the Destinations on May 27/05.

Resolutions 2005/02, 2005/03, 2005/04, 2005/05

Letter of June 14, 2005: Receipt acknowledged by the office of the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sports (MELS), M. Jean-Marc Fournier.

Annual General Meeting 2006 – Proposed Resolutions previously circulated

- **Resolution 2006/1 Wider Access to English Education**
- **Resolution 2006/2 Technical/Vocational Education for Youth**
- **Resolution 2006/3 Children's Literacy Resource Guide**

RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Brian Rock, Chair

Mandate QFHSA is concerned with the well-being of children and the cultural health of our community as a proper environment in which to raise them. Rights are not simply an abstraction. They define our obligations to and opportunities for our children. We, Home and Schoolers, have a history of pleading and defending the rights of all children and their parents. Parents should have the choice of the Official Language used in the education of their children.

Members Oliver Cole, Marion Daigle, David Harries, Barbara Milne-Smith (Secretary), Dr. Winifred Potter, Brian Rock (Chair), Betty Shannon, Nick Zaferis
Ex-officio: Donna Norris

Meetings Meetings were held on Friday, October 21/05 & Monday, February 13, 2006. A Special (Drafting) Meeting was held on Thursday, February 16th, 2006 to update resolutions. Members of the Rights Committee participated at several meetings of the Education Committee dealing with topics of common concern.

Topics The place of religion in our schools
Ethics and Religious Culture
Confidentiality of student registrations and records
Wider access to English education
Three-year plans of allocation and destination of immovables
Deeds of establishment
Closure of schools

Guest Speaker Mr. Konrad Muncs, Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport, was our invited speaker on Friday, October 21st, 2005.

SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Donald W. Smith, Chair

Mandate Attendance at Executive and Board of Directors meetings; regular contribution of "Safety Scene" information in the Quebec Home and School NEWS; report to Executive and Board of Directors meetings on current safety issues and preliminary study of possible emergency response project for schools.

- Continued monitoring of safety and transportation events as well as safety programmes was maintained.
- Also, regular contributions were made to the Safety Scene page of QFHSA NEWS throughout the year.
- 2006/2007 should see, with the Board of Directors, a review of the mandate and the steps needed to be taken to ascertain that its mandate be fulfilled in the coming year. (This is beginning to read like a New Year's resolution!)

SMALL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Brian Rock, Chair

- Mandate The QFHSA Small Schools Committee is an *ad hoc* committee mandated to establish and to support a QFHSA Small Schools Task Force.
- Members Michelle Armstrong, Debi Brown, Oliver Cole, Margaret Funnell,
Anne MacWhirter, Brian Rock (Chair), Norma Stirling
Ex-officio: Donna Norris
- Meetings Several planning meetings were held in 2005.
Several meetings were held with officials of the Ministry of Canadian Heritage.
- Topics Grant Application
Geographic Logistics
Human Resources
Financial Resources
State of Preparedness
Co-operation with the Quebec English School Boards Association
Collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport
Working relationship with the Ministry of Canadian Heritage
- Status Awaiting approval of grant application by the Minister of Canadian Heritage.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by the Board

- Recommendation: To recommend to the voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting that we endorse the Reliable Life Insurance Student Accident Plan for the year 2006-2007.

We are informed by Reliable Life that the coverage and premium(s) remain the same as last year. If you would like your school to promote its policy simply refer your parents to their web site: www.insureyourkids.com. All the information they require is up on the site, including application forms, policy information, how to made a claim, etc.

In Quebec, the Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance, is handled by Rowat Insurance Agency, 391 Main Street, Shawville, QC J0X 2Y0. Call them toll-free at 1-888-547-3737; fax 1-819-647-5776.

Our own insurance broker for liability coverage has looked at this particular student accident policy and feels it is very good value for cost.

AGM 2005

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 2006

Submitted by the office

Mandate: It is the mandate of the AGM General Arrangements Committee to organize the Annual General Meeting and Conference in accordance with the timeline as defined in the QFHSA By-Laws and to organize the Awards Dinner.

Arrangements: Glenna Uline, with Sylvia Adams, Michelle Armstrong, Margaret Funnell, Anne MacWhirter, Rickhey Margolese, Donna Norris, Diane Radu, Norma Stirling, Susan Tweddell, et al. All members of the Board of Directors participate in planning and organizing the events.

Theme: The 61st anniversary theme was *Touching Minds ~ Shaping Futures*.

Highlights: For the 2nd consecutive year, it was held at the Montreal Airport Hilton, Dorval.

1. Awards Dinner – Friday evening, April 22, 2005

- a) Attended by 118 people including Directors, guests, award winners, and schools.
- b) The Master of Ceremonies was Patricia Waters, Past President of CHSF & QFHSA.
- c) The winners of the three major awards were:
 - The Leslie N. Buzzell Award – Norma Stirling, Past-President who has served in many QFHSA leadership roles. The award was presented by Susan Tweddell.
 - The Gordon Paterson Award – presented by QFHSA parent Elena Purser, to Elizabeth Pope, a Special Education teacher who encourages parent participation. She was nominated by Lord-Aylmer Home & School.
 - Lewis Peace Prize – presented by parent Diane Blanchette to Souvenir Elementary School in Laval for its many outstanding charitable projects involving students, teachers, and families. Accepted on behalf of the school by Stéphane Ethier, Vice-Principal.

2. Annual General Meeting & Conference – Saturday, April 23, 2005

- a) Registration: 101 people, representing 74 from 30 Home & School Associations with 67 voting delegates; the others including Directors, Past Presidents, guests, and staff.
- b) Six schools attended from outside the Montreal area.
- c) Membership and Newsletter Awards were presented at the beginning of the meeting.
- d) The business session approved the three recommended additions to the Statement of Policy, passed five resolutions, and adopted three amendments to the By-Laws.
- e) Election for the Board of Directors was held and Sylvia Adams, Past President of CHSF and QFHSA, conducted the Installation Ceremony.

3. Regional Council – “mock” regional council with representatives of six schools

4. Workshops held concurrently following the luncheon:

- *Long Live Kids* with Linda Millar, Concerned Children’s Advertisers
- *All Work and No Play: How to achieve balance in your family life*, with Lucy MacDonald.
- *Advocacy: Dealing with Issues at School*, facilitated by Patricia Waters.

EXECUTIVE WORKSHOPS – August 26, 2005
Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006
Submitted by the office

The workshops for local association executive committee leaders were held Friday, August 26, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the QFHSA office. There was an excellent turnout with 31 persons representing 16 Montreal-area schools, 9 from the Board of Directors, and two office staff.

Following the welcoming introduction by President Donna Norris and a brief regional councils organizing meeting, the group divided into sections to discuss their different areas of responsibility. Leadership suggestions and information tips were given by the moderators, followed by an exchange of ideas among the participants.

Presidents' Workshop	Norma Stirling, Oliver Cole
Membership	Michelle Armstrong, Joanie Beaubien Rossy Marlyn Brownrigg
Treasurer	Carol Ohlin, Ellen Hum & participants
Media/Publicity/Newsletters	Bev Bishundayal, Donna Sauriol

Executives' kits were given to those schools which had not previously received them and membership materials were prepared for schools who had ordered them in advance. Sample financial reports, year-end reports and a selection of school newsletters were available. A selection of extra parenting/promotional materials was also available.

Evaluation comments were positive and appreciative. Everyone was keen to begin the new school year. In terms of scheduling, August was the preferred month, although several people commented that a Friday night on a vacation weekend was not the best time. Most people felt that May and June were too busy with end-of-year activities. This year some schools were not able to attend because it was the weekend for the Walk to End Breast Cancer fund-raising event. Executive workshops are also scheduled for the Fall Conference.

Regional Councils

English Montreal schools felt it would be difficult for them to organize a regional council for their area, but suggested that QFHSA choose a date and host a meeting at our office.

FALL CONFERENCE 2005

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by the office

The 2005 Fall Conference was held at Royal West Academy on Saturday, October 22. The theme was *Touching Minds – Shaping Futures*. Bebe Newman-Braziller and her large group of volunteers merit our special appreciation for their efficient and gracious hospitality and organization as the host school. RWA Principal Mary Reynolds's welcoming speech generously credited the Home and School with its exceptional service and contributions to the school.

Program

- Plenary session: Marion Daigle launched the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide*
- Leadership Workshops:
 1. Together We're Stronger – Roslyn School with Leah Trineer, Treasurer/Membership & QFHSA Director; Governing Board Chair, Liz McCallum; Jim Morran, Principal.
 2. Smooth Sailing Ahead – Antoinette Brunetti, President, East Hill & Linda Gibson, Past President, Macdonald High School
 3. The ABCs of Being Treasurer – Jane Dorey, Allancroft and Debi Brown, QFHSA Treasurer
 4. Membership Strategies – Ruth Frenette & Dawn Chipps, Lindsay Place High School and Joanie Beaubien Rossy, Allancroft and QFHSA Director.
 5. Ready! Set! Go! *Children's Literacy Resource Guide* with Marion Daigle, Anne MacWhirter, Harold Spanier
- Regional Council Workshops
- Parenting Workshops
 1. Bullies – Everybody's Business – Deb Kellman & Mona Segal, DM Family & School Services
 2. Homework Hassles: Pat Waters
 3. Made for each other! Impact of cyberspace technology on pre-teens & teens, Dr. André Caron, Université de Montréal
 4. Active Bodies – Healthy Minds, Michelle Harper (Lakeside Academy) & Rebecca Wilson (Purcell Academy)
Association of Physical Educators of Quebec

Registration

Total registration	159	(before 7 cancellations)
Participating schools:	37	
Delegates from schools:	88	
Displays:	18	with 25 representatives 12 commercial; 5 non-profit; 1 free
Workshop presenters:	8	
QFHSA Directors, Office, others	24	
Others:	6	Françoise Stake, QPAT; Noel Burke, MELS Craig Buchanan & Sandra Munro, FCPQ
Others (Literacy etc)	5	
Royal West Academy volunteers	18	Bebe & Howard Braziller, Nives Degano, et al

EXECUTIVES APPRECIATION DINNER 2006
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- Theme *Spirit of the Volunteer*: This 5th annual event was re-named this year to include all executive members who are extraordinary volunteers in their schools.
- Attendance The dinner was held at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club in Dorval on Friday evening, February 17. It was attended by 40 people representing 12 local associations and QFHSA Directors, Past-Presidents, resource people and office staff. Three schools that had planned to attend had last minute cancellations due to illness and the extremely challenging driving conditions.
- Program Guest speaker Stephanie Mitelman gave an entertaining and informative presentation on Understanding Adolescent Sexuality. Each person received a folder of pamphlets and other written material provided by Stephanie. The evening began with a cash bar and informal networking in the charming setting of the main lounge. During the enjoyable four-course dinner, there were many opportunities to “win” fun prizes and gifts. The successful evening was organized by the QFHSA Events Committee.

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK (T/SAW), February 6-10, 2006
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Submitted by the office

Theme
Canadian Home & School Federation sponsors this national Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. The theme for this 19th consecutive year was *Touching Minds, Shaping Futures*.

Date
This year the date coincided with the Quebec week selected by the Minister of Education, Leisure and Sport. However, schools may celebrate the week at any time convenient for their schedule.

Materials
The Saskatchewan Association of School Councils, which is the provincial Home & School office, prepares the CHSF Idea Files (which include the Participation Report Sheet, Poster and Publicity Ideas, etc.). This year, due to budgetary concerns, new materials were not ordered and the Idea Files were not sent to the provincial organizations. The Printable PDF Idea File and poster could be downloaded from the website: www.teacherstaffappreciation.com

QFHSA NEWS

Home and School local associations are encouraged to submit a Participation Report and photos of their T/SAW activities for publication in the NEWS.

REGIONAL PARENT CONFERENCES

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Submitted by the Regional Conference Committee

Mandate QFHSA, working with other Quebec Community Groups Network partners, hosted three community parent conferences in regions of English minority speaking Quebecers, presenting workshops to parents, educational staff and community members on key issues of concern to their school communities, and initiating networking opportunities through the formation of Regional Home and School Councils.

The conferences were financially supported by a special project grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage (PCH).

Members Donna Norris, Michelle Armstrong, Debi Brown, Anne MacWhirter, Elena Purser, Marion Daigle, Sheila Splane

Events Weekend workshops for parents, educational staff, students and community members were organized and presented in three regions:

- Eastern Townships - Ayer's Cliff – April 7/8

Workshops on:

Touching Minds/Shaping Futures (*Children's Literacy Resource Guide*)
Building Your Child's Self-Esteem
Substance Abuse Training Program
Adolescent Sexuality
Bullying
Ready, Set, Go!

- Gaspé region March 31-April 1

New Carlisle High School & Shigawake Port-Daniel

Workshops on:

Touching Minds/Shaping Futures (*Children's Literacy Resource Guide*)
Substance Abuse Training Program
Teenagers and Drug Use
Special Needs Intervention
Teenage Sexuality
Student Services: You Wanted to Know What?
Building Your Child's Self-Esteem

- Chateauguay Valley Region April 22

Workshops on:

Touching Minds/Shaping Futures (*Children's Literacy Resource Guide*)
Parenting Today's Youth
Substance Abuse Training Program
Adolescent Sexuality
Ready, Set, Go!

QCGN Partners involved:

CASA (Committee for Anglophone Social Action – Gaspé region)

CVESPA (Chateauguay Valley English Speaking Peoples' Association – southwest Quebec)
Townshippers Association

Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers Convention (QPAT)

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Submitted by Anne MacWhirter, Vice-President

The 2005 QPAT Convention was scheduled for November 17-18 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. As usual, QFHSA had an information table, but because of union difficulties at the venue, the Convention was shortened to one day. Board members were prepared to time share for two days, but three people manned the booth for the one day period. They encouraged those who stopped by to learn more about Home and School and about the new *Children's Literacy Resource Guide*. Some *Guides* were sold and all the pages photocopied for the day were distributed. A teacher from the South Shore won the raffle draw for the prize basket.

REGIONAL AREA REPORTS

Gaspé region

Submitted by Anne MacWhirter, Vice-President

The two locals located at New Carlisle School and Shigawake, Port-Daniel School have had successful meetings. The New Carlisle group held their annual Bazaar and supper in late November. It was, as usual, a success, with more than 20 display tables of crafts, artwork and baking. The group continues to support the Day Memorial Fund.

At SPDS, the annual Christmas Basket was used as a fundraiser. The staff and members joined together to make this a success once again. All proceeds were used to purchase books for the classrooms and library. The focus is on literacy at both schools.

A partnership was enjoyed working with the local IODE womens' volunteer group. Reading Circles were held in each community along with a successful book exchange where over 1200 books exchanged hands.

Both schools participated in Teacher Appreciation week.

Shigawake, Port-Daniel elected a president this year. Emphasis on healthy eating remains a focus of the school and the Home and School. The Home and Schools held two book fairs from scholastic during the year. Profits are taken in books for the school libraries.

We are fortunate that in each school, the principal takes a genuine interest in the meetings and reports to each meeting regarding the school activities.

Western Quebec Regional Council

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 29, 2006

Submitted by Elena Purser, QFHSA Director

Western Quebec Regional Council has not been as active this year as in the past. Regional Council meetings were held within the QFHSA 2005 Fall Conference format and the two schools present from WQ region (Lord Aylmer and Dr McDowell) participated. Since then meetings were held on November 03rd and February 20th.

Last year our Regional Council sponsored our 3rd annual Parents Conference for the Gatineau area, but this year have opted instead to hold parenting workshops in various schools and to make it open to the other schools if they wish to attend.

Quebec Federation of Home of School Associations

QFHSA's School Bus Safety Awareness and Concern

Launched in 1950 with *Elmer the Safety Elephant*, QFHSA has long been keenly interested in many areas of safety concerns – from driver education, to padded seats, and safety education programs in school. QFHSA was also instrumental in the implementation of the rules and regulations for school bus markings and the red "stop arms" we see today. Helped implement Traffic Safety School Brigades in schools

Mission Statement

The QFHSA is an independent, incorporated, not for profit volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the educational and general well being of children and youth. The QFHSA promotes the involvement of parents, students, educators and the community at large in the advancement of learning and acts as a voice for parents.

There is a tendency for governments, and their bureaucracies, to exercise greater powers over the lives of its citizens. It is therefore essential that Home & School Associations be very active to give parents a greater degree of control over the decisions affecting the future of their children.

Honorable John Ciaccla
MNA, Mont-Royal, 1973-1998

1940s

1944 – Inaugural meeting of Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations.

1945 – First issue of the *Quebec Home & School NEWS* put out as a mimeographed newsletter. It has been published as a newspaper/magazine continuously since 1948.

2000s

2000 – Parental Advocacy Project begun with a grant from Canadian Department of Heritage.
2002 – "Come Read With Me!" contest in collaboration with Office of Commissioner of Official Languages and Literacy Partners of Quebec.

1990s

1994 – PALS (Parents Assist Learning and Schooling) – bilingual workshops introduced through the Canadian Home & School.
1997 – Lewis Peace Prize established to honour an individual or group that actively contributes to a safe and peaceful school community, or world.

1980s

1980 – Very successful STOP/ARRÊT bumper sticker campaign highlighting safety.
1988 – TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK became an annual event across Canada.

1973 – Gordon Paterson Award (named for the first President of QFHSA) established to recognize an outstanding educator who has encouraged the participation of parents in education.

1977 – Brief to Secretary of State requesting accountability of federal funds granted to provinces for minority and second language instruction.

1978 – Quebec Federation, with 17 co-plaintiffs, filed writ in Quebec Superior Court, challenging the constitutionality of Bill 101.

1979 – Federation granted status as a registered charity.

1970s

QFHSA's Literacy Awareness Programs

Begun in 1990 to celebrate International Year for Literacy, the Canadian Home and School Federation initiated a major *Literacy in the Information Age* awareness and activity campaign. QFHSA continues to actively promote: Born to Read/Le Goût de Lire, school and community libraries, "Come Read With Me!" writing contest, family literacy programs, book drives, etc., throughout the province. Many small rural English language communities, in particular, benefit from the financial support for material resources.

1950s

1950 – Quebec Federation inaugurated the Leslie N. Buzzell Award for outstanding service to The Federation and for furthering the aims of Home & School and education.

1954 – Quebec Federation's Insurance Committee instrumental in introducing Student Accident Insurance in the province.

1960s

1962 – Quebec Royal Commission of Inquiry on Education established (Parent Commission). QFHSA presented a 45,000 word brief to the Commission, containing 176 recommendations, based on a poll of local associations.

1966 – QFHSA statement regarding guidance services in schools.

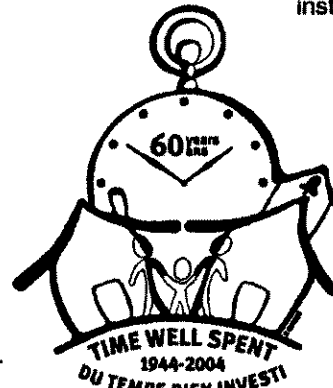
1968 – QFHSA received the first Quebec Community Safety Award for its contribution to the development of an effective safety program.

It's About Us

The growing importance and recognition of the Federation, particularly in educational circles of the province is proven by the fact that a growing number of organizations have co-operated with Federation on the one hand and have requested and received Federation's co-operation and advice on the other.

The existence of the Home and School groups is a powerful testimony to the passion that parents have for their children's education and an avid interest in supporting and shaping its outcomes. Such initiative is to be nurtured and cherished among parents – the primary players and essential partners in the education of our youth.

Noël Burke, 2003
Asst. Deputy Minister of Education, Québec



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