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MINUTES OF THE 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
HELD MAY 4th and 5th, 1979, AT LOYOLA CAMPUS, CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL

Present during the Annual General Meeting were approximately 300 delegates, members of the Board of Directors, observers, invited guests, and representatives of affiliated associations of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations. Fifty-four local associations participated.

May 4, 1979

The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada.

President's Opening Remarks

President A. Morris opened the meeting, appointing Mrs. M. Daigle as recording secretary. He welcomed all delegates, urging them to participate in all aspects of the conference. He also welcomed guests, observers and others representing associations interested in education. He introduced Life Member, William Asherman who has had a long and distinguished association with Quebec Federation. Vivian Graham School, Ile Perrot, a new local H&S was welcomed. A special thank you to Barbara Milne-Smith, Chairman of the AGM, and her committee was expressed.

Introduction of Parliamentarian

William Asherman agreed to act as parliamentarian.

1. Adoption of Agenda

There were no changes suggested and Mrs. G. Code (Macdonald High) moved the adoption of the agenda.

2. Adoption of Minutes of 1978 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: Asherman/O'Connell that the omission to the Constitution Report Item 7, page 5, be noted and minutes altered to include -

Article IX - to be added to paragraph 6(a) after words Annual Meeting:-

See to it that the minutes of all meetings be made available to the Executive Secretary for distribution according to the following schedule:-

Executive Meeting Minutes: Two weeks after a meeting, or if a special meeting of the Executive is being held before the end of that period, in time for the special meeting.

Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting (or Special General Meeting) Minutes: One month after meetings. CARRIED

MOTION: Wiener (A.R. South Shore)/M. Purvis (Christmas Park) to accept the minutes as amended. CARRIED

3. President's Report

Commenting on the President's report, A. Morris stressed the work done in preparing the court action on Bill 101, pointing out that we must deal with the political issues. He spoke of the increased government intrusion in to the life and education of our children. Decentralization is really a myth. We, as parents,

must be aware and become involved and actively participate in what is happening in this province. He is counting on local associations to have dedicated members, willing to participate in the important education issues of today.

MOTION: Morris/R. Wiener (A.R. South Shore) that the President's report be accepted. CARRIED

4. Standing Committee Reports

a) Disposition of 1978 Resolutions

Al Locke, Chairman, reviewed the 1978 resolutions - Support of Elected School Board in the Du Littoral School Area, School Board Elections, School Bus Safety and Integration of Home and School Associations with School Committees. The latter was defeated and Mr. Locke noted this as a vote of confidence in the Home & School in this province.

MOTION: Locke/G. Amarica (Morison) that the 1978 report on resolutions be adopted. CARRIED

b) Membership

Fay Richardson, Chairman, reviewed the membership campaign for 1978 noting a decline of 18%, mostly due to declining enrollments. Books were presented to the following schools for highest memberships:-

Elementary Schools	- Beacon Hill Willowdale Seignory Courtland Park
Out-of-town	- Val Cartier Howick Baie Comeau
High Schools	- Macdonald Lachine

Certificates of Merit for increased membership were presented to:-

Somerled
Valleyfield
Hull
Waterloo
Windermere
Magar

MOTION: Richardson/R. May (Hull) that the report on Membership be accepted. CARRIED

c) Insurance

E. Alexander, Chairman, carefully reviewed the changes that have occurred within the PSBGM and Lakeshore School Board re the Comprehensive Liability Insurance Coverage and the Non-Owned Automobile Liability Insurance.

Additional wording, page 4 after item 3 - "...and we therefore recommend that each off-island association contact its school board to find out whether these operations are, or can be, covered under the Board's Liability Policy in like manner."

Question - Maroulis (Mount Royal) - re extending the coverage through the PSBGM. Sally Aitken (Roslyn) recommended that the Home & School association approach the Board through the Central Parents Committee.

Question - re Lakeshore School Board coverage - re outings to Ontario. Automobile insurance covers it if it is a school oriented project.

Insurance Chairman recommends a new Student Accident Insurance Plan to the Executive Committee at a cost of \$5.50 per child regardless of age. It is

recommended that Federation accept the proposal submitted by the Reliable Life Insurance Company. It was further recommended that we accept the plan that gives us the largest benefits where we would need them most.

MOTION: Alexander/G. Amarica (Morison) that the report of the Insurance Committee be accepted. CARRIED

d) Office Services

Mrs. R. Pidduck, Chairman, reviewed the work of this committee.

MOTION: Pidduck/D. Chant that Mrs. D. Sauriol, Executive Secretary of QFHSA, be granted a maximum of two weeks leave of absence in lieu of overtime pay. CARRIED

MOTION: Pidduck/A. Beaudry (A.R. Waterloo) that the Office Services report be accepted. CARRIED

e) Bill 101

Cal Potter, Chairman, reviewed the events relating to the funds required to meet the costs of the court Action re Bill 101. The 101 Fund and the Rights Fund have raised \$37,000. to date and there is a present balance of \$11,000.

Tax Number - constraints have been placed on raising funds until a tax number is received from the Dept. of National Revenue. Dr. Potter reviewed the history of the application for that number and expects to have an answer in a week's time, but he is not hopeful that deadline will be met.

Direct Contribution - from Secretary of State re Bill 101 Court Action. A grant of \$10,000. is promised. This is only a token gesture as Mr. Forest in his Manitoba action expects to have all his expenses met by the Sect'y of State. Dr. Potter and the Committee have had no reply on their protest re this token grant.

Dr. Potter then introduced two emergency resolutions. Resolution #1 to be addressed to the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation and provincial Federations and Resolution #2 to the Hon. Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and the Hon. John Roberts, Sect'y of State. The introduction of these resolutions at this time was declared constitutional. Dr. Potter agreed to have the resolutions ready for general distribution later in the day.

MOTION: Potter/A. Beaudry (A.R. Waterloo) to defer acceptance of the report until later when members have had a chance to study the resolutions.

Mr. G. Perry argued against accepting resolutions as emergency and suggested that the resolutions become part of the 101 Report and the membership accept the resolutions when we accept the report.

Coffee Break - meeting re-convened at 11:15 a.m.

f) Constitution

Mr. William Asherman, Chairman, reviewed the rules for passing changes to the Constitution. He also thanked the members of the Committee for their hard work.

MOTION: Asherman/G. Perry to accept the report of the Constitution Committee. CARRIED

Article I - Name - no change. The name is found in the letters patent of the QFHSA.
Article II - Constitution - no changes.

By-laws - Article I

MOTION: to amend, Asherman/O'Collin (Lasalle) under Definition of Terms - to insert between Member and Associate Member the term "Honourary Member - A non-voting member recognized for services to Federation and so designated by the Board of Directors." CARRIED (unanimous)

MOTION: to amend - B. Milne-Smith/R. Pidduck - Article I, page 2, line 3 - insert after 'only' a comma followed by 'except that'.
For 18; Against 54, Abstentions 2. DEFEATED

MOTION: Asherman/Morris to accept Article I. CARRIED (unanimous)

MOTION: Asherman/Morris to accept Article II. CARRIED (unanimous)

MOTION: Asherman/Morris to accept Article III. CARRIED (Unanimous)

Article IV - a move to retain #2, page 6, as is was defeated.

MOTION: to amend #2 - Lough (Macdonald)/Maroulis (Mount Royal) - 'The Board of Directors shall appoint Committee Chairmen and committee members, preferably at their June meeting.' For - 65; Against - 6; Abs. - 4. CARRIED

MOTION: Asherman/Morris to accept Article IV as amended. CARRIED

Article V - #3, page 7 - MOTION: to amend - B. Moore/B. Milne-Smith that the word 'nominations' be changed to 'nominating' committee.
For - 24; Opposed - 40; Abst. - 11. DEFEATED

Article V - #4(a) - MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/E. Alexander - addition of a sentence at end of a paragraph - 'Nominations must be received in Federation office nine weeks before AGM.' CARRIED

Article V - #4(b) - MOTION: to amend - B. Moore/B. Milne-Smith - to read - 'If none or only one nomination has been received for a position to fall vacant it is the duty of the Nominations Committee to recruit a minimum of two (2) capable nominees for this position.'
For - 57; Opposed - 13; Abst. - 6. CARRIED

MOTION: R. Laker/G. Perry (Dorval) - If we don't finish at 3:30 p.m. then we follow the agenda continuing at 9:45 p.m. DEFEATED

Article V - #4(c) - MOTION: B. Moore/B. Milne-Smith to delete 4(c).
Opp. - 4; Abst. - 2. CARRIED

Article V - #4(c) - correction - should read Article V, Sec. 7(c) not (iii).

Article V - #4(f) - MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/W. Asherman - to change 40 days to 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Opp. - 3; Abst. - 0. CARRIED

Article V - #5 - MOTION: to amend - B. Milne-Smith/G. Code (Macdonald) - last sentence to read - These nominations from the membership must be received in the Federation office not later than one (1) week before the Annual Meeting, shall be circulated to each Maintaining Association and shall be included in the official ballot. Opp. - 1; Abst. - 2. CARRIED

MOTION: Asherman/A. Morris to accept Article V as amended. CARRIED

MOTION: W. Asherman/A. Morris to accept Article VI. CARRIED (unanimous)

MOTION: W. Asherman/A. Morris to accept Article VII. CARRIED (unanimous)

Article VIII - #3(b) - MOTION: to amend - B. Milne-Smith/W. Asherman - "Each official representative of each Maintaining Member association shall have one vote on any question which comes before the meeting, with the following exceptions: Associations who, for reason of distance from the locale of the Annual Meeting (i.e. more than 150 miles), are unable to send three official representatives will still be entitled to three votes, expressed either as an identical or a divided vote; application for such privilege to be presented in writing to the Federation's Executive Secretary prior to the consideration of resolutions at the time scheduled on the agenda. CARRIED (unanimous)

Article VIII - #3(d) - MOTION: to amend - B. Milne-Smith/W. Asherman - the last sentence should read - "unless of an emergency nature, resolutions must be submitted in writing to" CARRIED

Article VIII - #4(b) - MOTION: to amend - B. Moore/A. Beaudry (A.R. Waterloo) - "40% of members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board of Directors." For - 26; Against - 30; Abstentions - 8. DEFEATED

Article VIII - #4(b) - MOTION: to amend - Brown (Windermere)/F. Bayne (willingdon) - "55% of members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board of Directors." For - 2. DEFEATED

Article VIII - #4(c) - MOTION: to amend - B. Milne-Smith/Asherman - line 2, change after "members present" to read - "with the following exceptions which require a 2/3 vote of the members present:-

- suspension or expulsion of a member or member association.
- a change to the Standing Rules."

CARRIED

Article VIII - MOTION: W. Asherman/A. Morris to accept as amended. CARRIED (unan.)

Article IX - #5(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g) - MOTION: J. Mansfield (Hudson)/J. Ellingsen (Westmount) to table until 9:45 p.m. Opp. - 55; For - 10. DEFEATED

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith/Asherman - to pass the proposed changes of Mr. Maroulis in principle, with editorial changes to be made in consultation with the Treasurer and the Board, to be ratified by the Board at the June meeting. CARRIED

Break for lunch.

Meeting re-convened at 2:30 p.m.

Adoption of Financial Report

R. Gallay, Treasurer, reviewed the Coopers Lybrand Auditors' Report on the Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 1978. He also outlined the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure (unaudited) up to February 28, 1979, and the Budgetary Forecast for years ended August 31, 1979, and 1980.

MOTION: R. Gallay/R. Laker (Westmount) to approve and adopt the audited financial statement and the Budget for 1979-80. CARRIED

Discussion - on a query about increased cost of H&S NEWS in spite of declining population, Mr. Gallay replied that increases covered printing and postage costs. Distribution of H&S NEWS through the school system was not a viable solution in keeping costs down.

Query - re Bill 101 - Mrs. M. Kift referred to the Minutes of Board of Directors meeting of March 30th re binding obligations re legal costs. Mrs. R. Pidduck indicated that legal counsel has not had accounts rendered monthly as promised.

MOTION: R. Pidduck/M. Kift that action be taken to have accounts of legal counsel rendered monthly. CARRIED (unanimous)

A. Morris, President, thanked Mr. R. Gallay for his work as Treasurer.

g) NEWS

D. Chant, Editor/J. Mansfield - MOTION to adopt the report. CARRIED (unan.)

Awards for outstanding newsletters - Gardenview and Seignior Elementary.

Adoption of Nominating Committee Report

Mrs. E. O'Connell, Chairman, requested the addition of the name Owen Buckingham to the revised slate on the Report of the Nominating Committee as he is a bona fide paid up member.

MOTION: E. O'Connell/R. Laker (Westmount) to adopt the slate of April 5, 1979, with the addition of Owen Buckingham and with the exception of the position of Executive

Vice-President which is going to election.

Discussion - Mrs. S. Adams, member of the Nominating Committee requested permission to read the Minority Report of the Nominating Committee 1979 to the A.G.M. Granted.
MOTION: S. Adams/S. Keightley to accept the minority report. CARRIED

Mr. R. Laker requested permission to read letter he had sent to President, Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Permission granted. He was subsequently ruled out of order by the President.

MOTION: Should we put the question to receive the Report of the Nominating Committee now. Against - 52; For -28. DEFEATED

MOTION: C. Potter/Lough (Macdonald) to table the report of the Nominating Committee until 9:45 p.m. DEFEATED

After further discussion, President Morris declared an adjournment until 9:45 p.m.

10:00 p.m. meeting reconvened. Alex Norris, President, declared that a quorum was present.

Fixing of Fees 1979-80

MOTION: J. Mansfield/Bozel (Macdonald) that the fees for 1979-80 remain at \$4.00 per family. CARRIED

President Morris asked for suggestions for location of AGM for 1980. Suggested were - Bishop's Univ., Quebec City, Loyola Campus, Concordia, Macdonald College, Gaspé.

Constitution (cont.)

Article IX - #1 - MOTION: W. Asherman/Jones to accept. CARRIED

Article IX - #2 - MOTION: G. Perry/G. Code (Macdonald) to accept. CARRIED

Article IX - #3 - MOTION: J. Richer/Richer (Hull) to accept. CARRIED

Article IX - #4 - MOTION: J. Mansfield/Bozel(Macdonald) to accept. CARRIED

Article IX - #5 - dealt with previously.

Article IX - #6 - MOTION: K. Darby(A.R. Baie Comeau)/Richer(Hull) to accept.
CARRIED

Article IX - #7 - MOTION: J. Mansfield(Hudson)/J. Richer(Hull) to accept. CARRIED

Article IX - #8 - MOTION: J. Mansfield(Hudson)/Morgan(Westpark) to accept. CARRIED

Article X - MOTION: G. Code(Macdonald)/W. Asherman to accept. CARRIED

Article XI - page 13 - MOTION: to amend - A. Beaudry(A.R. Waterloo)/R. Wiener (A.R. South Shore) - mid line 3, should read: "may only be reversed by the Board of Directors or by the general membership at the general meeting, provided that due notice". The sentence beginning, "the Constitution and By-laws" should be a new paragraph and after the number (10) the word "weeks" should be added. Further an additional sentence at the end should read as follows: "Proposed amendments to follow the same procedure as established for resolutions presented to the Annual General Meeting." CARRIED

Article XI - MOTION: G. Perry/K. Rangno(Lachine) to accept. CARRIED

Bill 101 Committee (cont. from a.m. session)

Cal Potter, Chairman introduced resolutions I and II. Corrections were made to Resolution I.

MOTION: C. Potter/E. O'Connell that these resolutions I and II be accepted as part

of the Bill 101 verbal report. CARRIED

Adoption of Nominating Committee Report (cont. from afternoon session)

- This segment opened with a call for the adoption of Slate of Nominating Committee with the exception of Executive Vice President which would go to election.
- Mrs. F. Richardson called for a ruling on paid-up membership dates.
- Mr. Asherman replied there was no constitutional rule - only custom.
- Mrs. S. Adams referred to Standing Rule 2(6).
- Mrs. M. Bullen asked that Standing Rule 2(6) be read in full.
- Mrs. M. Kift gave notice of motion.
- Mrs. B. Moore questioned whether a quorum was present. It was.

MOTION: E. O'Connell/T. Jacobson(A.R. Ste Foy) - amendment - To accept the Report of the Nominating Committee splitting the slate into three sub-divisions, namely:-

- A. President - Cal Potter
V.P. - Mrs. Smollett
V.P. - Mrs. G. America
Treasurer - Mr. G. Maroulis
- B. V.P. - Mr. O. Buckingham
V.P. - Mr. A. Locke
Rec. Sec. - Mrs. M. Bullen
- C. Exec. V.P.- Mrs. June Ellingsen
Rev. A. Morris

- Mrs. J. Mansfield suggested that Part B be struck.
- Mrs. M. Kift and Mrs. S. Coughlin spoke against this amended motion.
- Mr. G. Keightley (Dorval) suggested that Dr. C. Potter should not be chairing this part of the meeting.
- Mr. Fred Sawyer, past President Ontario Federation H&S Assoc., asked to act as Alternate Chairman.

Vote on the amended motion. DEFEATED

MOTION: J. Mansfield(Hudson)/R. Levell(John Rennie) - amendment (to the original) - To accept the Slate of the Nominating Committee deleting the names of those nominees whose nominations are questionable according to the Constitution. DEFEATED

Vote on the original motion of the Nominating Chairman. DEFEATED

MOTION: M. Kift/Morgan(Westpark) that the present Executive and Board of Directors be requested to remain in office for approximately one month. That there be appointed a new nominating committee to develop a slate in co-operation with the local associations. That this AGM of QFHSA be reconvened by the President in approximately a month's time for the purpose of electing the officers for the coming year in accordance with the new constitution.

- Mr. Asherman, Parliamentarian, declares this motion illegal.
- Mr. F. Sawyer, Chairman pro-tem, suggests that another Nominating Committee be struck. He rules the motion is in order.
- Amendment: Lough(Macdonald)/M. Kift - that voting, if necessary, be done by ballot by mail.
- Vote on the motion, as amended. CARRIED
- Mr. W. Asherman, Parliamentarian, resigns.
- Suggestion: to reconsider the business of nominations committee tonight. DEFEATED
- Suggestion: that Board of Directors meet in a.m. to consider a new nominating committee and present slate for consideration in p.m.

MOTION: G. America(Morison)/J. Kepron(Lindsay Place) to reconsider the business of nominations on May 5th at 3:30 p.m. CARRIED

Recessed Meeting - opened 4:15 p.m., May 5, 1979. Quorum present.

David Hill - Chairman

Marion Kift - Nominating Committee Chairman

Mr. Hill reviewed meeting of Board of Directors in a.m. indicating that a Nominating Committee was formed with Mrs. M. Kift as Chairman.

Mrs. Kift presented Nominating Committee Report (see attached).

MOTION: M. Kift/Gordon(Morison) the acceptance and adoption of the Report of the Nominating Committee Report and call for the election of four vice-presidents from the list of eligible nominees. CARRIED

Election Procedure:

1. Number of voting delegates - 70.
2. Official Ballots - initialled by C. Potter or A. Morris.
3. MOTION: G. Perry/G. Code(Macdonald) that scrutineers for the election be: Wilkinson, Lawless, Thomerson, Cons. CARRIED
4. Ballot Count - while Policy Resolutions 79 are considered.
5. Disqualify ballots with more than 4 names.

Policy Resolutions 1979

Chairman - A. Locke

- 79/1 - Support of Dawson College - Dr. C. Potter spoke to the resolution.
MOTION: C. Potter/M. Tepper(Seigniory) that the resolution 79/1 be referred to the Executive Committee for appropriate minor editorial amendment and action. For - 51; Opp. - 4. CARRIED
MOTION: A. Morris/Holden - Executive Committee to study whether Resolution 79/1 is redundant now. CARRIED
- 79/2 - Job Security of Younger Teachers - MOTION: Lough(Macdonald)/D. Corr to approve this resolution. For - 56; Opp. - 4. CARRIED
- 79/3 - High School Leaving Examinations - speaking to the resolution, John Labute, Dunrae Gardens. MOTION: J. Labute(Dunrae Gardens/Maroulis(Mount Royal High) to approve this resolution. CARRIED
- 79/4 - Contract Negotiations-CEGEP Teachers Union - MOTION: D. Corr/G. America (Morison) to approve this resolution with addition of following destinations - CEGEP Teachers Union and Council of CEGEPs. CARRIED
- 79/5 - Bill 101 - Public Safety - Unilingual French Signs (and amendments) - MOTION: D. Corr/J. Ellingsen(Westmount) to approve this resolution with amendments. CARRIED
- 79/6 - Educational T.V. - MOTION: C. Potter/D. Chant to approve this resolution. CARRIED
- 79/7 - Disposition of Closed Schools - MOTION: C. Potter/G. America(Morison) to approve this resolution. For - 44; Against - 12. CARRIED
- Emergency Resolution 79/1 - Amendments to Public Buildings Safety Act - MOTION: A. Lee/D. Corr to approve this resolution. CARRIED

Suggestion - S. Coghlin(Lakeside Heights) - Each workshop at the Fall Leadership Conference should come up with a Resolution. Mr. A. Locke to refer this to Resolutions Committee.

Nominating Committee

Results of balloting for vice-presidents - Gisela America
Ruth Pidduck
Celia Davids
Joan Kepron

MOTION: M. Kift/Maroulis(Mount Royal High) - The following people be elected as officers of the QFHSA.

President - Cal Potter
Vice -President - Gisela America
Ruth Pidduck
Celia Davids
Joan Kepron
Recording Secty - Marion Daigle
Treasurer - George Maroulis

CARRIED

Installation of Officers - by Mr. T. Wilkinson, President, CHSPTF

He spoke of growing in love and understanding of one another and for our children. He asked that the officers try to the best of their ability to improve Home & School and life in this province. Asked that members agree to support the elected officers to the best of their ability. Closed with a prayer that we not lose sight of the purpose of the organization. Mr. Wilkinson congratulated and declared them officially elected.

President-elect - Cal Potter - reminded us that this is a time to act together, expressed thanks to all who allowed their names to stand for nomination. He is counting on all members of Federation to act together.

Past-President - Alex Morris - expressed his personal support to the newly elected officers and indicated that we have all learned from this experience.

Adoption of all remaining reports en bloc

MOTION: G. Perry/J. Thomerson(A.R. Lakeshore) that the following reports be accepted en bloc: Bilingualism Grants Committee 1978-79; Lakeshore Regional Council, Transportation and Safety Committee, Social Affairs Committee. CARRIED

Motion for Adjournment: C. Potter/G. Perry. CARRIED

Resolutions for incorporation into Bill 101 Committee Report

RESOLUTION #1

1. Whereas freedom of choice of official language of instruction is a goal of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation,
2. Whereas freedom of choice of official language of instruction is the policy of the Canadian Government in relation to all provinces except Quebec,
3. Whereas lack of freedom of choice of official language of instruction denies english-speaking families from Quebec of their citizen's right of unhindered freedom of movement within Canada,
4. Whereas the Federal Government despite public announcements, has seemed to be less than diligent in its support of the QFHSA's efforts to defend the principles of educational rights in Quebec,

Be It Resolved That this AGM request the support of the CHSPTF in obtaining a responsible and diligent response from the Federal Government in the matter of obtaining a tax number and in receiving direct financial assistance for its court action.

cc: CHSPTF
Provincial Federations

RESOLUTION #2

1. Whereas in October 1977, the Prime Minister of Canada said that Bill 101 was inconsistent with the Federal Government's concept of Canada,
2. Whereas on March 10, 1978, the Secretary of State announced that the terms of Federal Government financial support for organizations in Quebec would be identical to those for Georges Forest in his court action in Manitoba,
3. Whereas the action of Mr. Georges Forest which relates to legislative and court rights of Franco Manitobans is being fully financed by the Federal Government and has amounted to over \$60,000 up to the Court of Appeal,
4. Whereas the Secretary of State has offered \$10,000 to the QFHSA against legal costs of a court action that relates not only to legislative and court rights but also to the educational rights of all Quebecers (apart from anglophones born in the province), and to their rights of freedom of communication and freedom of speech that have been violated by Quebec's Bill 101,
5. Whereas the history of QFHSA's dealing with the Department of the Secretary of State has left the impression that there are senior civil servants in the Department who are determined to block effective court action against Quebec's Bill 101 by delay and obstruction tactics,

Be It Resolved That this AGM express its dismay and disappointment at the contrast between the public pronouncements of the Prime Minister and his Ministers and the reality as it is revealed in the performance of the Department of the Secretary of State.

cc: The Honourable Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable John Roberts

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 1979 - MAY 5th, 1979 -
PRESENTED TO THE A.G.M. 1979 ON MAY 5th P.M. SESSION

Chairman - Marion Kift

Members from Board - Gordon Perry
Grace Lindstrom

Alternates - Rod Wiener
Bev Smith

Members from Members-at-large - David Hill
Sylvia Adams
Karen Rangno
Brenda Dezan

Alternates - Sally Coghlin
Gretchen Code
Linda Vaillancourt

Mandate: To review all nominations that had been sent in, with the strictest possible interpretation of eligibility and put forward the number of candidates who are eligible for the offices that are now vacant.

<u>Vacancies Considered</u>	<u>No. of eligible nominees</u>
President	1 nominee
4 Vice-Presidents	5 nominees
Treasurer	1 nominee
Recording Secretary - 1 year	1 nominee

The following are the names of members eligible for positions as officers of QFHSA -
Nominated by:

President	Cal Potter	Lachine High John Rennie High
Vice-President	Ruth Pidduck	Town of Mount Royal High Lachine High
	Joan Kepron	John Rennie High
	June Ellingsen	Princess Elizabeth Elementary Westmount High
	Celia Davids	Town of Mount Royal High
	Gisela Amarica	Nominating Committee
Recording Secretary	Marion Daigle	John Rennie Members of Federation
Treasurer	George Maroulis	Lachine High Town of Mount Royal High John Rennie High

Moved by Karen Rangno and seconded by Grace Lindstrom.

Voting Members: Lindstrom, Perry, Rangno, Coghlin, Dezan, Adams.

It was unanimously passed that the above nominees be presented to the A.G.M. as being eligible according to the strictest criteria for eligibility.

Marion Kift, Chairman

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This is essential for ensuring the integrity of the financial statements and for providing a clear audit trail. The records should be kept up-to-date and should be easily accessible to all relevant parties.

2. The second part of the document outlines the procedures for handling any discrepancies or errors that may arise. It is important to identify the source of the error and to take appropriate steps to correct it. This may involve reviewing the original documents and consulting with the relevant staff members.

3. The third part of the document discusses the importance of regular communication and reporting. All relevant parties should be kept informed of any developments and should be consulted as appropriate. This will help to ensure that everyone is working towards the same goals and that any potential issues are identified and resolved as early as possible.

4. The final part of the document provides a summary of the key points and a list of the actions that need to be taken. It is important to ensure that all relevant parties are aware of their responsibilities and that the necessary resources are available to support the implementation of the plan.

5. The document also includes a section on the importance of confidentiality and data protection. All information contained within the document is confidential and should be handled accordingly. It is important to ensure that all data is protected and that access is restricted to those who need it.

6. The document also includes a section on the importance of regular training and development. All staff members should be encouraged to attend relevant training and development opportunities to ensure that they have the necessary skills and knowledge to perform their roles effectively.

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QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

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MINUTES OF THE 34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS HELD MAY 5th AND 6th, 1978, AT THE HOLIDAY INN-DOWNTOWN, MONTREAL

Present during the Annual General Meeting were approximately 300 delegates, members of the Board of Directors, observers, invited guests, and representatives of affiliated associations of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations. Sixty-three local associations participated.

May 5, 1978

Opening Remarks

President A. Morris welcomed all delegates and asked them to participate fully in all the discussions and workshops. He also welcomed guests, observers, and others representing associations with a common interest. He introduced the Life Members of the Canadian Federation who were present. He made special mention of the locals who had formed associations during the past year and congratulated them on their initiative and offered them all future support and assistance.

Introduction of Parliamentarian

William Asherman, who has been associated with Quebec Federation since 1949, was introduced.

1. Adoption of Agenda

There were no changes suggested and the President declared the agenda adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes of the 1977 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: O'Connell/America (Morison) that the minutes of the 1977 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED

3. President's Report

Written presentation included with the 1978 Annual Meeting Reports. In addition, he commented in general as follows:-

Alex Morris stated that no organization can undertake tasks of the magnitude of those undertaken by Quebec Federation without encountering many difficulties, but that the organization of volunteers is capable of overcoming the obstacles in order to benefit others in society - and this is the prime purpose of the organization - to help others. He expressed hope that everyone would share their expertise and knowledge to solve some of the problems that present themselves for solutions during the convention and throughout the year.

He especially singled out the efforts of the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Donna Sauriol, of whom he said - "Has maintained the office at a high level

of efficiency and productivity in spite of many unforeseen circumstances."

MOTION: Morris/Ellingsen that the President's report be adopted. CARRIED

4. Standing Committee Reports

1) Disposition of 1977 Resolutions

Al Locke, Chairman, noted that seven resolutions were received and carried out. All were presented to the parties concerned. A written report was presented as was action resulting on each resolution.

MOTION: Locke/Richardson (Town of Mount Royal) that the 1977 report on resolutions be adopted. CARRIED

2) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Ron Gallay, presented written reports and gave an outline of each report and an explanation of the finances. Included were (1) Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1977, showing a balance of \$15,002., down from \$17,062. at same date one year previously. (2) Statement of Revenue and Expenditure compared with six months ended February 28, plus forecasts for the year ends August 31, 1978 and 1979. (3) Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ended August 31, 1977, with a comparison for those of the year ending August 31, 1976. (4) A note concerning the special fund on Bill 101 activities.

MOTION: Gallay/Scott (Hull) that the audited financial statement be adopted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Gallay/Denhardt (Willingdon) that the firm of Coopers & Lybrand be appointed auditors for the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: Gallay/Scott (Hull) that the financial forecast for the year ended August 31, 1978, be adopted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fixing of Fees

MOTION: Board of Directors/O'Connell that this meeting accept the recommendation of the Board of Directors to raise the fees to \$4.00 per family for the year 1978/79. 54 FOR; 48 AGAINST; 4 ABSTENTIONS

There followed discussion on the various options open to locals to meet their fee requirements to Federation.

MOTION: Gallay/Scott (Hull) that this budget forecast for the year end August 31, 1979, be approved in principle. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) Insurance Report

Bill Chivers, Chairman, presented a written report. He outlined some of the increased benefits.

MOTION: Chivers/O'Connell that the insurance report and recommendations included for the durrent year be adopted. CARRIED

4) Membership

Mae Wilson, Chairman, presented a written report with a modification subject to the constitutional standing of seven new associations claimed in the total membership of 93 locals.

MOTION: Wilson/Richer (Hull) that the membership report be adopted with the number of associations being recorded in accordance with findings on the standing of the new associations listed. CARRIED

Awards for Membership

Books were presented to the following schools for increases in membership:-

Elementary Schools - Willowdale Seignior
 Beacon Hill Meadowbrook

Out-of-town winners

Howick
Thetford Lines

High Schools - Dorval
 Macdonald

Special mention was made of Hull Elementary and Beaconsfield High School who increased their membership to a very high degree but were not eligible for prizes under the rules applying for membership awards.

Considerable discussion was held on this latter point with explanation made re the awarding of membership prizes based on student population rather than family population per school - the latter information not being available in some cases, the former always readily available.

Awards for Newsletters

Books were presented for the quality of production and content of newsletter to Spring Gardens, Cedar Park and Roslyn schools.

5) Bilingualism

Written report presented by Barbara Moore, Chairman.

MOTION: Moore/O'Connell that this report be adopted as presented. CARRIED EN BLOC

6. Transportation

Written report presented by Aldis Lee, Chairman.

MOTION: Lee/Denhardt(Millingdon) that the report be accepted as presented. CARRIED EN BLOC

7. Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation

Written report presented by June Ellingsen, National representative.

MOTION: Ellingsen/America (Morison) that the report be adopted as presented. CARRIED EN BLOC

8. Teacher Contract Negotiations

Written report presented by E. O'Connell, Chairman. The Chairman commented on the fact that the 557 page Martin Commission Report presents a tendency for further centralization, especially related to negotiations, contrary to the brief submitted by QFHS. Quebec Federation, however, would be in favour of most other of the recommendations contained in the report.

RECOMMENDATION: E. O'Connell/J. Mansfield (Hudson) that the Executive Committee, with subsequent ratification by the Board of Directors, at the first possible opportunity following the AGM, take action to ensure the ongoing work with respect to the Martin Commission report. CARRIED EN BLOC

RECOMMENDATION: E. O'Connell/D. Corr that the Board of Directors of Quebec Federation, not later than its September meeting, ensures that the Teacher Contract Negotiations Committee commences study on the forthcoming negotiations (the present contract expires June 30, 1979). That these studies include formation of directives to local associations re analysis of past and present contracts in order that parents can more fully understand these negotiations and the full ramification of the demands and offers, in particular concerning the education of the student. CARRIED EN BLOC

9. Social Affairs

Written report presented by Aldis Lee, Chairman.

MOTION: A. Lee/B. Trottier(Dorval) that the report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED EN BLOC

10. Green Paper Committee

Written report presented by June Ellingsen, co-chairman.

MOTION: J. Ellingsen/E. O'Connell that the report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED EN BLOC

Mrs. Ellingsen noted that she had received very little response from survey of feelings of the locals. Federation needs this information to meet with the Minister of Education at beginning of June.

11. Liaison with Canadian Citizenship Federation

Written report presented by June Ellingsen, Chairman.

MOTION: J. Ellingsen/D. Corr that the report be accepted as presented.

12. Curriculum Council

Written report presented by June Ellingsen.

MOTION: J. Ellingsen/J. Richer(Hull) that the report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED EN BLOC

13. Lakeshore Regional Council

Written report presented by Al Locke, President.

MOTION: A. Locke/B. Pringle(Roslyn) that the report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED EN BLOC

14. NEWS Committee

Written report presented by Dorothy Chant, Editor.

MOTION: D. Chant/G. Denhardt(Willingdon) that the report be accepted as presented. CARRIED EN BLOC

S. Aitken (Westmount) congratulated the editor on the high quality of the last two issues of the NEWS.

15. Office Services Committee

Written report presented by Ruth Pidduck, Chairman.

MOTION: R. Pidduck/F. Richardson (MountRoyal) that the report be accepted as presented. CARRIED EN BLOC

MOTION: B. Pringle(Roslyn)/G. America(Morison) that all the reports be adopted as submitted. CARRIED

5. Nominations

Written report presented (as circulated April 5, 1978). E. O'Connell, Chairman, reported no further nominations received - the nominations presented in the report stood.

MOTION: E. O'Connell/W. Asherman that the recording secretary cast a solitary vote on behalf of the assembly to adopt the slate as presented. The vote was cast.

Lyman Roberts, a member of the Nominating Committee, spoke on a point of privilege. He made various suggestions to improve the functioning of the Nominations Committee. He felt that the restrictions of the constitution hinder the selection of a representative slate because of the fact that there is a limitation on the candidates permitted to be put forward by the Nominations Committee.

MOTION: L. Roberts/E. O'Connell that at the earliest convenience the executive committee consider the problems related with the functioning of the nominations committee re the selection of suitable candidates and that it instruct the constitution committee to examine the ground rules preparatory for a possible change in the constitution to be considered at the next AGM.
CARRIED

6. Resolutions

1) Emergency Resolution 78/1

Support of Elected School Board in the Du Littoral School Area

MOTION: E. O'Connell/J. Scott(Hull) that the resolution as printed be accepted.
CARRIED (80 For; 2 Abstentions)

2) Resolution 78/1

School Board Elections

MOTION: D. Chant/R. May (Hull) that the resolution as printed be accepted.
CARRIED (80 For; 2 Abstentions)

3) Resolution 78/2

School Bus Safety

MOTION: M. Daigle/J. Richer(Hull) that the resolution as printed be accepted.
CARRIED

4) Resolution 78/3

Integration of Home and School Associations with School Committees

MOTION: B. Pringle/K. Robb(Westmount) that the resolution as printed be accepted. DEFEATED (15 For; 63 Against; 4 Abstentions)

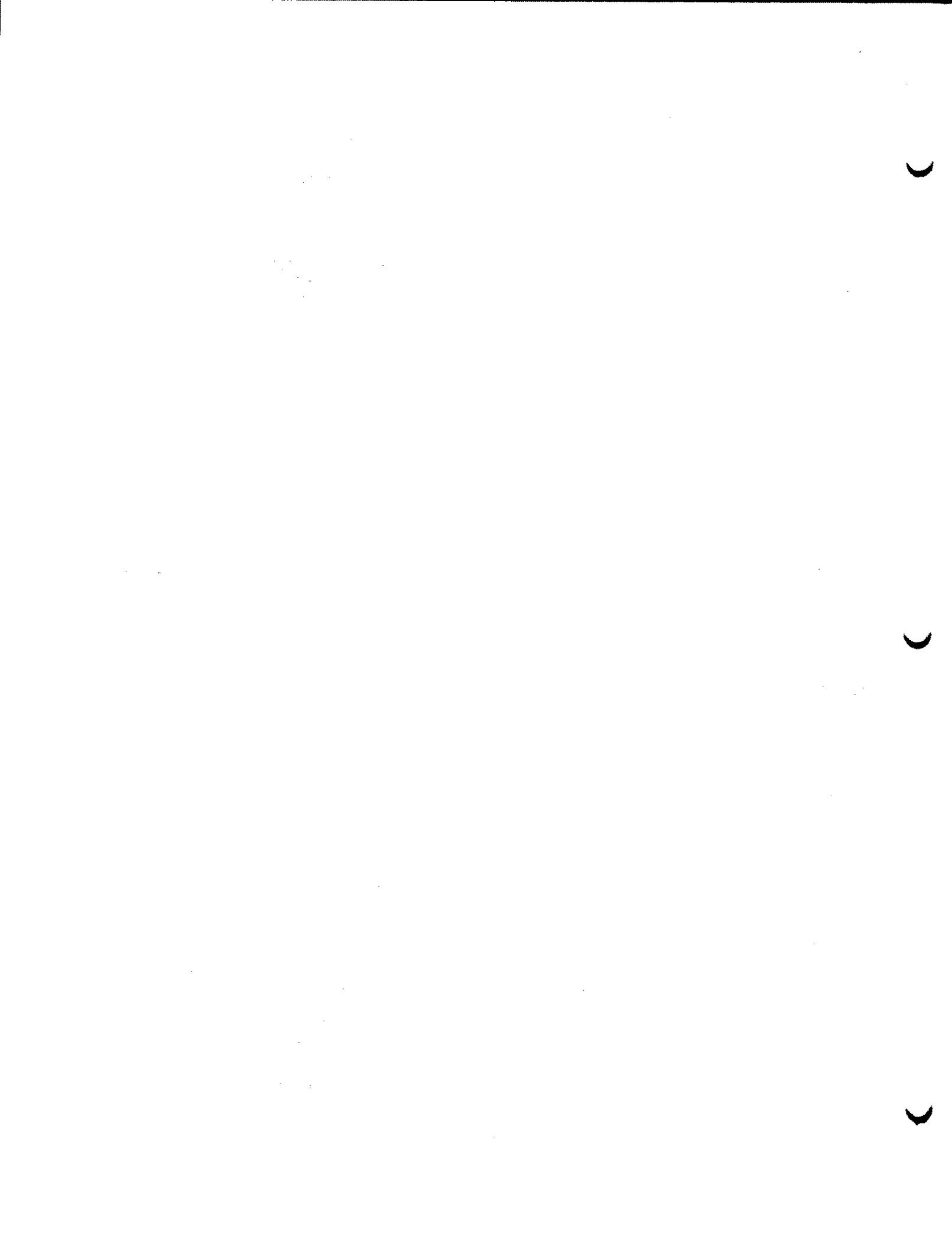
7. Constitution

Written report presented by chairman, William Asherman. Mr. Asherman made comment on the articles to be amended and voted upon.

MOTION: W. Asherman/E. O'Connell that Article V, Paragraph 4, be changed as noted - that is the addition of the word "subsequent" at the start of the clause. CARRIED

MOTION: W. Asherman/W. May (Hull) that Article V, Paragraph 6(ii) be deleted from the constitution. CARRIED (38 For; 12 Against)

MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT AT 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6th.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1978-79

A review of our year's work in Home and School indicates that we have continued to maintain a high level of activity in many areas. This report will not be a complete list of our activities, for the reports following will themselves give an overview.

MEMBERSHIP

Numerically our membership is lower than last year due to an overall decline of the school population. In spite of tremendous efforts on the part of the membership chairman, many schools have experienced a general apathy, this being reflected in the decline of close to 20%. However, we have gained a number of new associations and several school committees have become group associate members.

FINANCE

Despite decreased membership our financial position remains firm, thanks partly to the grant from the provincial government and to to increased advertising revenues in the NEWS and A.G.M. Program Book.

LIAISON WITH OTHER GROUPS

We have maintained our relationship with a number of educational and other organizations. The President has met with and represented Quebec Federation to the newly appointed Associate Deputy Minister of Education, while we have been represented by the President, or his delegate, at regular meetings of the following associations - Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, Central Parents Committee, Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and Lakeshore School Board. Outside the province the President has represented Quebec Federation at the Ontario Federation annual meeting and a delegate attended the New York P.T.A. During the year the President has attended the fall and spring conferences of Q.A.P.S.B. as well as the P.A.C.T./P.A.P.T. convention.

Quebec Federation has taken an active role in the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation, hosting the 1978 Annual General Meeting in Lennoxville, where we had a full complement of delegates. Through its continual representations, Quebec Federation has been able to make this national body more aware of the nature of Quebec society and its political orientation. The President of Quebec Federation is a member of the National President's Advisory Committee.

REPRESENTATIONS

Much of Federation's representative activity this year has been focused on the provincial and national capitals and our elected representatives. Delegations of parents have visited M.N.A.'s in Quebec to protest provisions of Bill 101 and a group of Home and Schoolers visited M.P.'s in Ottawa. The President, Executive Vice-President, and other members have represented Home and School to many M.P.'s and cabinet ministers of the federal government, while constant liaison has been maintained in our attempts to obtain financial and personal support.

COMMUNICATION

Recognized by all Federations across Canada as the best and widest read Home & School newspaper, the NEWS continues to be our main medium of written communication. All members of Home & School receive this paper, as do School Committees and many individuals. Supplementing the NEWS has been the personal contact with locals by the President and members of the Executive. During the year the President has visited local Home & School associations in Beacon Hill, Christmas Park, Holland School (Quebec City), Meadowbrook, Lindsay Place High, Valleyfield (Gault)

School Committees of Centennial High, Russell Elementary and Ecole Primaire de Beaconsfield.

In the fall of 1978, the President and three members of the executive spent several days in New Carlisle organizing and implementing a mini-conference.

A successful attempt was made this year to effect better communication with the Central Parents Committee of the PSBGM. During the year the President met several times with the C.P.C. Chairman and has sat on an ad hoc committee seeking ways of co-operation.

CONCLUSION

Contrary to expectations, the President's job - if it can be termed as such - did not become easier than the previous year. Internal factionalism and conflict diverted much of the energies of Federation from its intentions and did not allow us to get on with our real business of working for better education for the children of this country. However, the President's term of office has been a fascinating one and one in which Quebec Federation has made more positive inroads into the area of governmental operations than ever before.

Because of the complex nature of our society, in which government agencies are becoming more and more involved in day to day life, and because it is impossible to compartmentalize the many intertwined facets of life as education, health, economics, recreation, etc., Home and School of necessity must broaden its vision and allow itself to more into subjects and areas not before considered. While remaining non-political we must nevertheless be aware of and either support or resist individuals, parties and legislation that affects education.

I thank the membership for their support of me during the past two years, as I extend my gratitude to the Executive Vice-Presidents in particular, and to members of the Executive and Board of Directors in general for their contribution to the work of Federation.

ALEX J. MORRIS
President

BILINGUALISM GRANTS COMMITTEE 1978-79
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1979
Barbara Moore, Chairman

This was the final year of the second five year Federal-Provincial Programme for Bilingualism in Education.

A watch was kept on the English language media throughout the year for any information related to Bilingualism grants and kits of information on the grants were supplied in response to requests by three outside organizations. Two letters were drafted for signature by the President and sent to all federal members of Parliament to remind them of the impending end of the current agreement and of our position on the need for accountability. One of these letters was sent during the week when Parliament opened in October 1978, the second was sent in January 1979 when the House reconvened after the Christmas recess. Currently a watch is being kept on the media for news of any signing of a new agreement and for its terms.

Recommendations: 1) Once the terms of any new Federal-Provincial Agreement for Bilingualism in Education are known, that consideration be given to inviting representatives of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers and the Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers to a meeting to examine the terms of the agreement and hopefully to establish a unified position and approach on obtaining the grants through the Government of Quebec.
2) A member be added to next year's committee with the specific responsibility of monitoring the French news media for information related to the grants.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Moore,
Chairman.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE 1978-1979
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1979
Everett Alexander, Insurance Chairman

For many years Comprehensive Liability Insurance Coverage has been offered to local Associations under a Master Policy issued by an Insurance Company to Quebec Federation.

Most local Associations availed themselves of this opportunity to cover against claims for Bodily Injury and Property Damage - including fire damage to rented premises - arising out of activities usual to a Home and School Association.

Also, most Associations covered themselves against Bodily Injury and Property Damage claims arising from the use or operation of any automobile, not owned by the Association, but which, at the time of an accident, was being driven on Home and School 'business'. This latter is known as Non-Owned Automobile Liability Insurance.

Over the past few months your Committee has re-studied the whole question of Liability Insurance and it now seems fairly clear that:

1. Associations connected with Schools operated by The Lakeshore School Board are covered under the Board's Liability Policy as 'additional assureds' and therefore they no longer need to take out separate liability coverage.
2. Associations connected with Schools operated by the P.S.B.G.M. are covered under the Board's Liability Policy, while using or occupying premises owned by the Board with respect to accidents occurring on such premises. Therefore, Associations under the P.S.B.G.M. whose activities are confined solely to the Board's premises, no longer need to take out separate Liability Coverage.
3. All Associations who do not engage in activities outside the Province, need no longer carry Non-Owned Liability Insurance, because the Quebec Government Automobile Insurance Plan compensates all automobile accident victims for Bodily Injury and Death, on a no-fault basis.

Unfortunately we have had to limit our enquiries to the Montreal Island Boards and we therefore recommend that each Off-Island Association contact its School Board's Liability Policy in like manner.

If we can help in any way - please call on us!

Liability Insurance Coverage will be made available again next school year (or so our Brokers tell us) under a Federation Master Policy, for any Association that requires it.

With regard to student Accident Insurance, three plans are under study and a recommendation will be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 1978-1979

Report to the Annual General Meeting

Fay Richardson, Chairman.

Membership, as of April 1, 1979, reads as follows:-

Associations submitting membership lists	84
Number of Memberships	8,587
Supporting Members (individuals who have not joined through a local Home & School)	62
Associate Members (families who have joined through more than one school)	511
Group Association Memberships	6
Associations not submitting lists	3

Membership has decreased this year by approximately 18%. The Membership Chairmen worked hard as they were faced with decreasing enrolments, threatened school closures and parent apathy. Members of the "flying squad" visited several schools to promote Quebec Federation of Home and School Association and were received warmly. All School Committees across the province, where we do not have Home & Schools, were sent material about QFHSA and several have requested more information so we are optimistic about next year.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Elementary Schools - on Montreal Island

Beacon Hill	93.51% - Membership Chairman - Gail Ouattnocchi
Willowdale	91.66% - Membership Chairman - Nancy Leithead
Seigniory	73.56% - Membership Chairman - Sue Randall
Courtland Park	72.18% - Membership Chairman - Sepp Froeschl

Out of Town Winners

Val Cartier	84.21% - Membership Chairman - Joan Rourke
Howick	38.54% - Membership Chairman - Phyllis Taylor
Baie Comeau High (McCormick)	35% - Membership Chairman - Kaye Darby

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 1978-1979, Continued

Winning High Schools

MacDonald High 59% -Membership Chairman- Betty Brunet
Lachine High 44.47% -Membership Chairman- Linda Simpson

Fay Richardson
Chairman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT 1978-1979

Report to the Annual General Meeting

William Asherman, Chairman

The purpose of this brief report is to refer to the Proposed Revision of Federation's By-Laws sent to the membership in accordance with Article XI of the present By-Laws.

The Constitution Committee worked out the amendments in a number of its meetings held between November 1978 and the beginning of March 1979 and decided to present the revised portions of the By-Laws together with those remaining unchanged so as to enable the membership to study and discuss the By-Laws in their entirety.

It should be emphasized here that the changes shown in the proposed revision, as compared to the current By-Laws, are only proposals, which can come into force only after having been adopted by a qualified (2/3) majority of voting delegates at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

William Asherman,
Chairman.

NEWS REPORT 1978-1979
Report to the Annual General Meeting
Dorothy Chant, Editor

There have been five editions of the "NEWS" published since the 1978 Annual General Meeting. These have covered 'events' in Education in Quebec that have been and still are a direct challenge to Q.F.H.S.A.

The "NEWS" is an important information vehicle for the Grass Roots of Q.F.H.S.A., constantly accumulating, evaluating and presenting updated reports and information on such Government issues as WHITE PAPERS, GREEN PAPERS, BRIEFS AND BILLS.

The reports on the A.G.M. Workshops -Leadership Conference - and the National A.G.M. are always informative and interesting and give an accurate account of YOUR opinions, conclusions and in some cases directives to YOUR Board of Directors.

Your \$4.00 Annual Fee to the Q.F.H.S.A. is necessary, not only to finance the Administration but to insure that publication of the "NEWS" on a regular basis continues.

The Editorial Board of the "NEWS" is always eager to have your participation either as an organization or an individual and welcomes your criticism constructive or otherwise.

Editorial Board: 1978-1979

Joan Mansfield (Articles and Rewrite)
Gordon Perry (Lay-out)
Sandra Keightly (Advertising)
Fay Richardson
Marion Kift*
Jane Findlay*
Ruth Level (Focus on the Locals)
Alex Morris (Editorials & Policy)

Gillian Hayes*
Syd Dutton*

Replacing those retiring above
(1979-1980)

Dorothy Chant
Editor

OFFICE SERVICES COMMITTEE 1978-79
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1979
Ruth Pidduck, Chairman

Office Premises

After carefully checking out other space available, it was decided that finances did not permit a move at this time. Consequently it was agreed to stay in the present premises. In order to save the expense of renting facilities from the PSBGM or a local church for Board Meetings, it is recommended that the dividing wall in the back office be removed permanently to provide sufficient space for the Board to meet there. It will be necessary to purchase more chairs to accommodate members, and possibly a small air conditioner, but it is felt that the economies to be effected in the long run would more than offset the cost. The other advantages would include privacy and convenient access to files, telephones and photocopier if required.

Office Equipment

During the past year we have purchased the following major equipment for the office:-

An IBM Selectric Typewriter. This makes the old electric typewriter available for use by volunteers and committee members and has improved office efficiency.

A secondhand desk and chair suitable to the typewriter, to take place of small metal stand we were using.

Photocopier. This new piece of equipment is well used and has helped make up for the lack of volunteers.

Executive Secretary

The Board of Directors, On October 5, 1978, formally agreed to a contract promised to Mrs. Donna Sauriol at the time of her hiring in November 1976, together with an increase in salary to compensate for cost-of-living increases since then. The Board at that time also approved a job description for the Executive Secretary, to form part of the Standing Rules of QFHSA.

Included in the contract approved by the Board was provision of payment for exceptional amounts of overtime, or equivalent time off. It is recommended that because of the increased workload borne by the Executive Secretary in the past six months and the anticipated effort which will be required to re-issue the up-dated constitution in the next few months, plus the necessity to send out thousands of receipts for donations to the Bill 101 fund, etc., that the Executive Secretary be granted an additional one or two weeks paid vacation this summer in addition to her usual two weeks with pay.

Volunteers

The number of volunteers in the office dropped last year to an all time low. The few who did continue were forced to call upon their families and personal friends in order to fulfill the commitments they had made to Quebec Federation. This drop is in part owing to the increased tendency for women to return to school or to work. There are very few people able and willing to give their full time to Quebec Federation, or any other organization, and fewer still willing to do it without pay, particularly when others may be doing similar work for recompense, either salary or expenses. This has been an objection met with time and time again when trying to recruit volunteers for the office. It is therefore the strong recommendation of this committee that no salary or allowance be paid in

future to any member of Quebec Federation (except the hiring of an Executive Secretary as called for in the Constitution, Article 8, #4 (e)) unless and until sufficient funds become available to pay each and every volunteer at an equal rate. This is a volunteer organization and should remain so. Some obviously can and will donate more of their time and services than others; some may have more specialized talents and training than others, but in a volunteer organization such as ours, every volunteer should be given equal consideration if we are to attract any volunteers to our cause.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Pidduck

CURRICULUM COUNCIL REPORT 1978-79
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1979
June Ellingsen, Liaison

The Curriculum Council is the PACT/PAPT instrument for consultation with the Ministry of Education and the government of Quebec in matters of curriculum and examinations. A subject association is formed of teachers in a science (i.e. mathematics, English, music, etc.) affiliated to Curriculum Council and aided by grants, that is a recognized body working to advance the status and teaching of their subject at all levels of education. The Curriculum Council encourages the effective operation of their subject associations and ensures that their opinions are known and understood by M.E.Q., and coordinates nominations to M.E.Q. Committees dealing with curricula, programs and examinations.

The above statements are important to QFHSA because they can affect in many ways the education of our children, especially with the changes regarding examinations (from secondary one) and compulsory courses planned by the M.E.Q.

A chief concern of Curriculum Council this year has been that the subject associations have not been as actively involved as in past years and most have had difficulties with membership. Some are even defunct such as the Quebec Association of Biology Teachers. Every effort is being made by C.C. to encourage teachers to join their subject associations. Perhaps there is some way that QFHSA could also help? We need active provincial associations of teachers as much as the C.C.

The Plan d'action is of course also of paramount concern and should be studied by all local associations so that all members will know the implications for education in the future. It must be realised that while the plan d'action is directed to all public schools in Quebec, no distinction is made between French and English sectors.

Reports on C.C. meetings have been made regularly to the Board of Directors and subsequently circulated to all local associations.

Respectfully submitted

June R. Ellingsen

LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL 1978-79
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1979
Allan Locke, Chairman

The Council is composed of schools under the Lakeshore School Board.

In addition to executive meetings a general meeting was held, with the Lakeshore School Board Director General, Robert Lavery, as speaker. The council also became involved in the seeking out of two new school commissioners in Ile Perrot and Beaconsfield. Executive of the Council attended a special meeting with the elementary school section of the Superior Council of Education, held at Christmas Park School.

Teacher contract negotiations are now underway between the Board and the Lakeshore Teachers' Association and the Lakeshore Regional Council is keeping a watchful eye on these proceedings.

Allan Locke
Chairman, L.R.C.

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE 1978-79
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1979
Aldis Lee, Chairman

The accomplishments for the year are that the M.U.C.T.C. have completed the installation of flashing red lights and more adequate identification. Confirmation has been received that the Student Card Application form will no longer ask for documentation of a confidential nature. An acknowledgment only has been received to Resolution 78/3 concerning the mandatory training of school bus drivers.

A report in the Gazette stated that the Jodoin report advised the Quebec government that there were 2000 unsafe school buses in the province and that parents and Home & School Associations should be doing something about it.

Recommendation

Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations enter into dialogue, on behalf of the parents of school children in Quebec, through the good offices of the Associate Deputy Minister Protestant, and all those concerned in bringing about mandatory driver training and regular safety inspections of all school buses.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 1978-79
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1979
Aldis Lee, Chairman

Reorganisation of the structure of Social Affairs, having a chairman for each area, i.e., smoking, drug, child abuse, etc., has not been implemented. However the editorial staff of the NEMS are to be congratulated on their wide and extensive coverage of social affairs. It has been suggested that this Federation concentrate its efforts in the prevention of the need for social assistance for whatever reason. It is the recommendation of this committee that Quebec Federation do so.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE 1978-79
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1979
Allan Locke, Chairman

Report on Resolutions Passed at 1978 Annual Meeting

Resolutions passed at last year's annual meeting were dispatched to the organizations concerned for their consideration and action.

Resolutions passed were:-

Emergency Resolution 78/1
Support of Elected School Board in the Du Littoral School Area

Resolution 78/1
School Board Elections

Resolution 78/2
School Bus Safety

Two resolutions in particular should be noted.

Bus safety continues to be of utmost concern. In spite of all of our efforts accidents still occur all too frequently. With school closures often resulting in additional busing of children, we must all continue to monitor all aspects of the school bus operation to make it as safe as possible.

The second, and certainly most controversial resolution presented in 1978, dealt with the "Home and School" relationship with "School and Parent Committees". "Home and School" became a victim of its own success. "School Committees" are now legally constituted in each school and presumably are here to stay. "Home and School" retains the important function of fund raising - a must in this day of limited school budgets. Also "Home and School" is free from governmental appointment and can be involved in local or provincial issues in education acting on their own or through the Federation, speaking freely in the best interests of children. Both groups are needed, and the best interests of education are served when they work together in the local schools.

Thanks to all who submitted resolutions and debated them so eloquently at the 1978 annual meetings.

Allan Locke
Chairman, Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION 79/1 - SUPPORT OF DAWSON COLLEGE

From: Executive Committee, Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

WHEREAS it is widely recognized that Dawson College, being the largest CEGEP in the Province of Quebec, provides education for the many graduates of the high schools of this province,

WHEREAS Dawson College provides an active program of adult education for the benefit of all residents of Quebec,

WHEREAS this same College maintains a high standard of instruction in spite of severe physical restraints and limitations,

WHEREAS this standard of education will only be maintained if funds are made available from the Department of Education,

WHEREAS sums of money have been promised to Dawson College from public funds over a number of years, but have recently been withheld by the Minister of Education,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations deplores the action of the Minister of Education in withholding funds which were promised by the Government,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations requests the Minister of Education to release immediately such funds as have been promised to Dawson College.

Destination: Dawson College
Minister of Education

Background

Over a number of years various governments of this province have promised financial assistance to Dawson College, to allow the College to consolidate its operations and upgrade their facilities. A sum was recently promised to Dawson by the government, but was withheld by the Minister of Education.

RESOLUTION 79/2 - JOB SECURITY OF YOUNGER TEACHERS

From: Lachine High School Home & School Association

WHEREAS there is widespread concern among many parents that under the present seniority system the job security of younger teachers is being jeopardized to a greater and greater extent each year as school populations decline,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations requests the Minister of Education to immediately initiate a dialogue amongst boards, administrators, unions and parental groups to explore all possible alternatives to the present system.

Destination: Minister of Education
Q.A.P.S.B.
Q.A.S.A.
P.A.P.T.
C.E.Q.
Central Parents Committee

RESOLUTION 79/3 - HIGH SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATIONS

From: Mount Royal High School Home & School Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

Destination: PAPT-PACT
Minister of Education
Curriculum Council
Q.A.P.S.B.
Superior Council of Education
Q.A.S.A.

Background

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

RESOLUTION 79/4 - CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - CEGEP TEACHERS' UNION

From: Executive Committee, Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

WHEREAS the number of enrolments in Québec's schools and CEGEP's are continuing to decline and will logically lead to pressure from the Ministre de l'éducation upon School and CEGEP Boards to arrest and reduce costs, principally total salary expenditures, and

WHEREAS it is to be expected that there will be continuing pressures from School and CEGEP Teachers' Union Groups to guard their respective employment futures as well as contesting rigorously any attempts to reduce their salary status and conceived rights to salary increases, and

WHEREAS there has been evidence in both recent years and months of protracted contractual negotiations and almost without fail, lengthy periods of strikes and the resultant, cancelled classes, and

WHEREAS this is the designated Year of the Child, and it behooves on one hand both employer parties, namely the Ministre de l'éducation and the respective Education Authority Boards; and on the other, the respective teacher groups, to reorganise the negative result that ensues in respect to the child's education.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations recommend to all parties concerned that they recognise their responsibilities to the children of this Province and in the event that the up-coming negotiations break down that they submit to compulsory and binding arbitration and/or conciliation.

Destination: Minister of Education

RESOLUTION 79/5 - BILL 101 - PUBLIC SAFETY - UNILINGUAL FRENCH SIGNS

From: Transportation and Safety Committee, Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

WHEREAS Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations has currently set in motion certain legal action pertaining to the invalid nature of the Québec Government's Law, referred to as La Loi 101, and

WHEREAS the English Version of the above Law, referred to in English as Bill 101, states in Chapter 1, Section 7, that "French is the official language of Québec", and

WHEREAS Chapter IV, Section 27, of Bill 101 sets forth that only the official language shall be used on traffic signs, and

WHEREAS the same section allows that the "French inscription may be complemented or replaced by symbols or pictographs", and

WHEREAS the Civil Administration is directed as in Chapter IV, Section 22, to "use only French in signs and posters, except where reasons of public health or safety require the use of another language", and

WHEREAS the Province of Québec has living within its borders some 1,200,000 persons, adults and children of mother tongue other than French, and for the most part, speaking and understanding the English language, and

WHEREAS the Province of Québec invites and attracts annually in the order of 150,000 tourists and visitors from other Canadian Provinces and from the United States, most of whom have no knowledge of, or at best a rudimentary vocabulary in, the French Language, and

WHEREAS the Province of Québec has a moral obligation to take every possible precaution to prevent road accidents and those particularly involving children and bicycles.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations inform the Ministre des Transports du Québec that the current practice of eliminating the alternative English Language instructions on road signs is illegal in terms of its own Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the ultimate reinforcement of his own department's declared road safety program, and in the interest of children in this Year of the Child, the Ministre be requested to reconsider its sign modification program in a more positive manner and, if necessary, add additional English instruction and/or pictographs to ensure that maximum protection and direction is given.

Destination: Department of Transport

RESOLUTION 79/6 - EDUCATIONAL T.V.

From: Executive Committee, Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

WHEREAS educational T.V. is subject to the jurisdiction of the C.R.T.C., and

WHEREAS the Educational T.V. Program of Radio Québec (see transcript of C.R.T.C. Hearings, pp. 150 onwards) as approved by the C.R.T.C. is exclusively in French, and

WHEREAS there are more than one million viewers in Quebec whose language of the house is English, and

WHEREAS the C.R.T.C. as a federal agency is responsible to ensure that the intentions and standards for making public services available to minority communities in accordance with the Official Languages Act are adhered to,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations protest the failure of the C.R.T.C. to apply an equitable standard of Canadian educational services for the two linguistic communities in Quebec, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the C.R.T.C. insist upon Radio Québec providing educational services for English-speaking viewers, and that exchange arrangements with Ontario Education T.V. be made for that purpose.

Destination: C.R.T.C.
Minister of Education

Background

This resolution deals with the fact that Radio Québec is a provincial network that is supposed to provide for the interests of all Quebecers, 20% of whom are non-francophone. In the hearings before the C.R.T.C., Radio Québec justified the absence of English educational programs on the basis of the fact that in Montreal subscribers to cable service could receive up to nine English stations, in addition to the Vermont educational television. This completely ignores, (1) the needs of some 400,000 English Quebecers who are not resident in Montreal and even for those resident in Montreal those who do not subscribe to cable service.

RESOLUTION 79/7 - DISPOSITION OF CLOSED SCHOOLS

From: Executive Committee, Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

WHEREAS the educational resources of the Protestant sector of the Province of Quebec were financed by taxation of Protestant subscribers, and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of parents to recoup financial investments,

WHEREAS many schools are being closed or otherwise disposed of by the Department of Education,

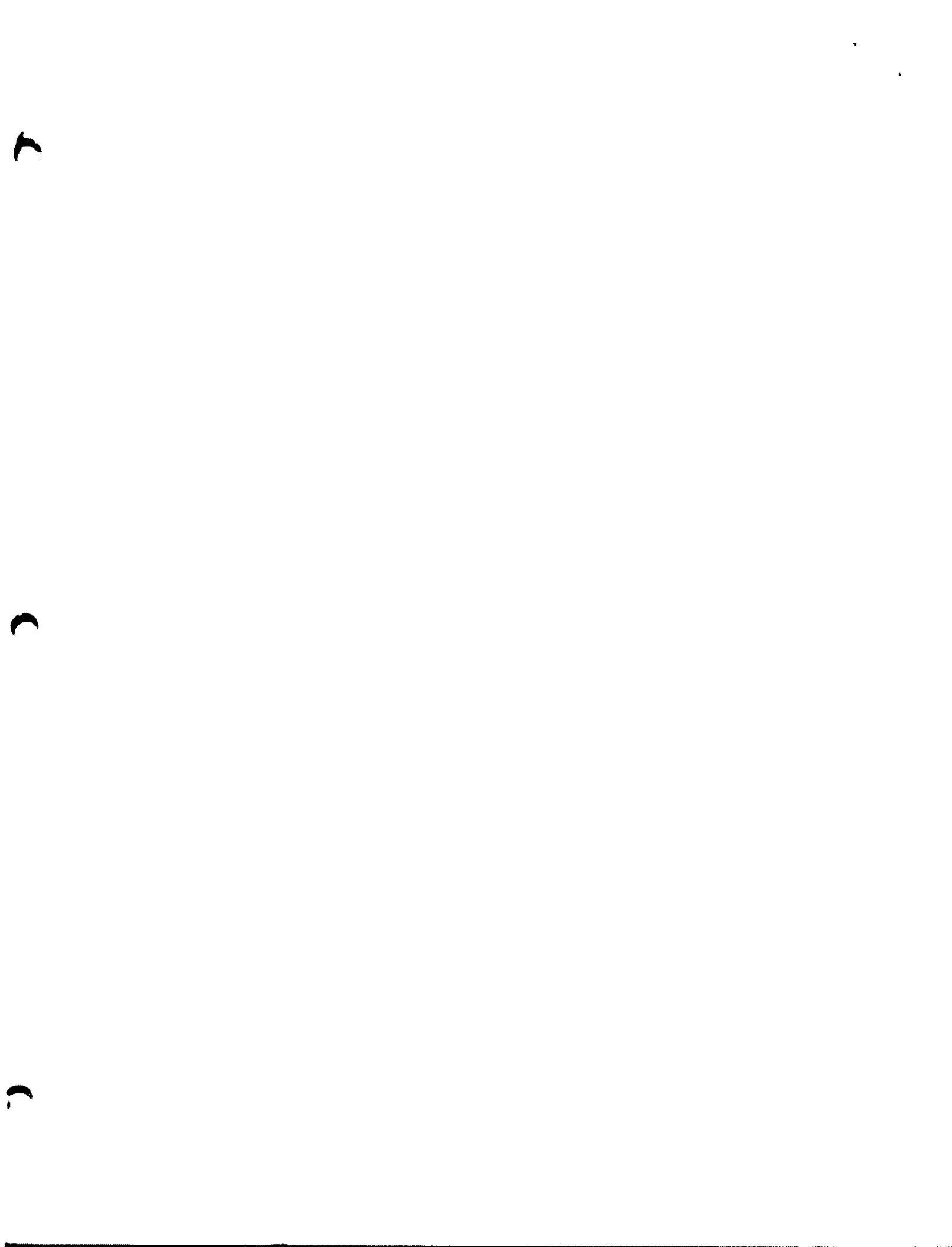
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations request that the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards and its member boards seek to recover money obtained from the sale or leasing of such schools from the Island Council of Montreal and the Department of Education,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the money thus recovered be applied to the purpose for which it was originally intended, namely the furtherance of education in the Protestant sector of the province.

Destination: Island Council of Montreal
P.S.B.G.M.
Q.A.P.S.B.
Department of Education

Background

Declining school enrolments have resulted in many schools being closed. The indications are that more schools will be subject to closure in the years to come. Protestant taxpayers have a vested interest in these properties and the money accruing from the sale or rental should be used to further education in the Protestant system.



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