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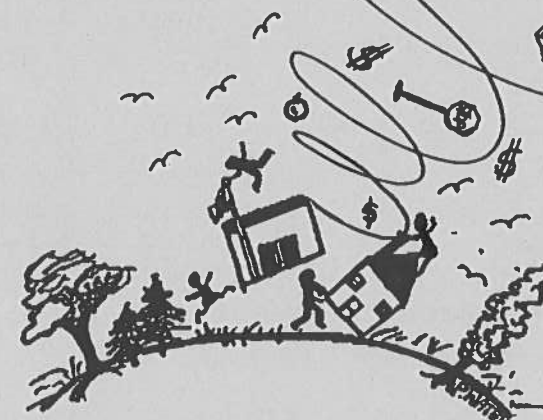
Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations



53rd Annual Convention

THEME:

ADJUSTING TO CHANGE



on:

APRIL 25-26, 1997

Being held at:

Holiday Inn / Pointe-Claire

6700 Route Transcanada, Pointe-Claire, Quebec

1996/97 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

(based on number of families)

ON ISLAND BOARDS – Elementary Schools		Membership Chairmen
Royal Vale	100.0%	Pam Wener
Beacon Hill	90.0%	Kersti Leetmaa
Edinburgh	84.3%	Sharon Martin
Merton	82.1%	Kathleen Fauteux
Honourable Mention		
Westpark	64.4%	Joanne Mackarous
Dunrae Gardens	60.2%	Flora Lopes
ON ISLAND BOARDS – Secondary Schools		
Royal West Academy	31.9%	Carol Stenhouse
Honourable Mention		
Macdonald High	22.5%	Susan Tweddell
Hudson High	21.6%	Angela Brisbane
OFF ISLAND BOARDS		
Baie Comeau Elementary/High	54.3%	Cécil Burton
Honourable Mention		
New Carlisle Elementary/High	28.1%	Brenda Gallan
Shigawake-Port Daniel	24.4%	Barbara Hottot
SPECIAL DRAW FOR SCHOOL STAFF/TEACHERS		
Nancy Bulow, teacher at Ecole Primaire Harwood		

1996/97 NEWSLETTER AWARDS

	Editor
Windermere Elementary – <i>At Home and School</i>	Diane Corona
Macdonald High School – <i>the Mac Link</i>	Sunita Prasher

UNSUNG
HERO
AWARD
WINNERS



Aylmer	Tracey Simard
Courtland Park	Teresa Alper
Edgewater	Claude Menard
Edinburgh	Karen Johnstone
E.P. Harwood	Luc Gervais
	Nancy Bulow
John Rennie High	Edith Berrigan
New Carlisle High	Pat Harris
E.P. Pointe-Claire	Isolde Eitle
St. Paul	Doriana Desua
Terry Fox	Caroll-Ann & Ken Case
Windermere	Irene Jenkins

GOLDEN
TORCH
WINNERS



Aylmer	Charlotte Taylor
Beaconsfield High	Suzanne Whittingstall
Courtland Park	Sarah Fletcher
Edgewater	Shirley McCallum
Edinburgh	Giulia Primiani
E.P. Harwood	Marita Tomkinson
New Carlisle High	Ruth MacWhirter
E.P. Pointe-Claire	Jean-François Forget
	Joan Parker
Royal West Academy	Debbie Andreatos
	Brenda Pelletier
Willingdon	Anne Clark Childs
Windermere	Louise Beaudry

LEWIS PEACE PRIZE

for contributing to a safe and peaceful community environment

STUDENT COUNCILS of JOHN RENNIE HIGH and ECOLE SECONDAIRE POINTE-CLAIRE

John Rennie High School Home and School Association was proud to nominate the members of the student councils of John Rennie High School and Ecole Secondaire Pointe-Claire, jointly, for the Lewis Peace Prize for the stalwart efforts they have made throughout the school year to promote and foster harmony between the students of these schools as the two school communities adjust to sharing a school home. We are delighted that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations has chosen to recognize the work of these students by awarding the Lewis Peace Prize to both councils.

The student councils have co-operatively organized activities such as a combined dance, February Follies (a week of school spirit activities) and an AIDS Awareness program within the parameters of maintaining each school's identity and using both languages as the circumstances required. Funds raised during council organized doughnut sales and a citrus fruit sale were used for the benefit of both school communities. Students from both schools organized and participated in a Multicultural Day held to celebrate the multitude of cultures represented in both school communities.

John Rennie Home and School is proud that the Quebec Federation has recognized that the leadership and co-operation shown by the members of the student councils of both schools have fostered more harmonious relations between the students of both school communities by awarding the Lewis Peace Prize to both student councils.

Congratulations to the members of the student councils of John Rennie High School and Ecole Secondaire Pointe-Claire!

John Rennie High Secondary V Student Council Members:

Kim Blenz	Kristan Brander	Jackie Cloutier	Melanie Deckelbaum
Amanda Fisher	Terry Gagnon	Monique Lessard	Jessica Mills
Sabrina Padron	Robyn Read	Sarah Reynolds	Jennifer Van Rantwyck

Ecole Secondaire Pointe-Claire Secondary V Student Council Members:

Dalila Brakchi	Ioana Finichiu	Bethany Hartropp	Maher Jomaa
Moussena Kermasha	David Kind	Minas Kokinos	Julie Lafrance
Mimsky Metellus	Elisheva San Nicolas	Evelyn Tanguay	Karen Yum

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Patricia Waters

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone to the 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations. Your participation is welcomed in the full day of business and educational issues that are on our agenda. It is only through the interest and caring of our members that we are able to make the constructive changes needed to enhance the viability of our dynamic organization.

We are all affected in some way by any changes being implemented in the school system. These changes are going to add to the stress in our schools and our families. Parents will be faced with increased costs as well as reduced services as the number of school boards are cut. As larger school boards replace the smaller ones, there will be more demand on parent time! Parents will be playing an important role as all of these changes are being implemented, especially on volunteer parent committees.

Our emergency resolutions on the agenda today reflect these changes. We are concerned about the removal of mandatory driver's education, the rescinding of Sec. 93 of the Canadian Constitution and the effects of more financial cut-backs on our schools. We can accept these 'changes' gracefully or we can fight back using our 'lobbying power'.

As parents we are the heart of the support network for our children, our teachers and our schools. We are there to listen to the problems, help find solutions and make sure the transition into this strange new world of the 21st century is a safe one for our children.

1997 CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Awards – Leslie N. Buzzell Award	Patricia Waters
Lewis Peace Prize	Miriam Lalande
Gordon Paterson Award	Wendy Buchanan/Allan Locke
Membership Awards	Francie Gunther
Newsletter Awards	Diane Radu
Book of Reports	Carol Ohlin
General Arrangements	Barbara Chatelois-Page
	Miriam Lalande
Hospitality	Barbara Chatelois-Page
	Carol Ohlin
Kits	Jamie Lalande
	Patricia Waters
Nominations	Wendy Buchanan, Allan Locke
	Co-Chairmen
	Norma Cheng
	Lynda Kowalenko
	Alice MacLeod
Program	Wendy Buchanan
Photography	Photo Art
Preview Flyer & Program	Wendy Buchanan
Preview Flyer & Program Book Artwork	Patricia Waters
Publicity	Dorothy Nixon
Registration	Carol Ohlin
	Storm Vandersluis
Resolutions	Helen Koeppe, Chairman
	Wendy Buchanan
	Ann Cumyn
	Marion Daigle
	Margaret Funnell
	Miriam Lalande
	Allan Locke
	Barbara Milne-Smith

LESLIE N. BUZZELL AWARD
for outstanding service to the Quebec Federation
MARGARET FUNNELL



When it comes to commitment in getting a job done, there are few more experienced and willing people than Margaret Funnell. QFHSA is honoured to have Marg among its corps of volunteers. Not only has she given considerable expertise, time and talents to local and provincial Home and School leadership, but she has also given dedicated service to education, in particular.

Her leadership with Home and School began in the early 60's as President of the local association at Lakeside Heights Elementary in Pointe Claire. She moved on to chair the School Committee at Seigniory Elementary. In 1976, Marg was elected a Commissioner to the Lakeshore School Board (LSB), where one of her many leadership roles was as Vice-Chairman from 1980-90. She was particularly active during this time with the Quebec School Boards and Canadian School Trustees Associations. Ever mindful of her roots in education, Marg was always available for meetings with local Home and School Associations in her area, and was a regular at QFHSA conferences and AGMs. Marg's record of leadership includes active participation in many other service organizations, both local and national.

In 1991 Marg was elected as a QFHSA Director and as a Vice-President on the Executive Committee. In addition she was Resolutions Chairman from 1991-93. Shortly after she agreed to chair the Membership Development Committee, where she continues to bring careful thought and organization to the very time-consuming and challenging mandate of this committee. Quietly and diligently, Marg has spread the word about Home and School activities to a wider community through the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN), where she represents QFHSA.

Both Margaret and her husband, Owen, are busy parents and grandparents, as well as sharing a number of common community and hobby interests.

For leadership and dedication to the voluntary mission of QFHSA, Margaret Funnell is indeed a worth recipient of the 1997 Leslie N. Buzzell Award.

GORDON PATERSON AWARD

for outstanding service to the education of children

LOIS PINEAULT



Lois grew up in Lachute, Quebec. In this beautiful little town she received an excellent elementary and high school education. She feels that she had very dedicated teachers throughout her school years and she is still in contact with her grade 7 teacher.

Lois graduated from McGill University with a B.Ed. in May 1963, and began teaching with the Lakeshore School Board in September 1963. She has been a teacher at Allancroft, Lakeside Heights and Valois Park Schools, and has taught grades 2 through 6 during her career. She also completed a Master of Science in Education in December 1972. That same year she became a Mom for the first time.

Lois has always been the kind of teacher who brings out the best in her students. The following are just a few of the ways in which she went that extra mile for the children. Thanksgiving was celebrated with a dinner for her pupils, which she cooked. Hallowe'en brought pumpkin carving and decorating with a Grandparent. Christmas was celebrated with a traditional French Canadian meal, again cooked by Mrs. P, as well as caroling around the neighbourhood. Easter brought bonnet-making time with parents. Another event was the overnight camp-out behind the school. All these events took a lot of parent involvement and support.

Last year, Lois encouraged her class to enter the Commonwealth Essay Competition. No one was prouder than she was when a student in her class placed second in Quebec and two other children received honourable mention.

In 1990, Lois received the Lakeshore School Board Award of Merit. This is given each year to an employee of the board by his or her peers, not unlike the Academy Awards.

In 1997, Lois is receiving the Gordon Paterson Award from the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations. The award is given to an educator nominated by parents, not unlike the People's Choice Award.

We are proud to have Lois Pineault as a teacher at Valois Park School. She is a most worthy recipient of the Gordon Paterson Award.

Message from CHSPTF President

KATIE McFADYEN



It is my privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the Canadian Home and School Federation to your annual meeting.

This has been a very challenging year for education across our country as many provinces are facing massive changes in funding, curriculum and partnerships.

But never before have the contributions of parents been so recognized and appreciated. This is the time for parents to take advantage of the opportunity to

make positive changes and impact education on behalf of all children. If we work together towards a common goal, all things are possible.

May you find a common goal and have a productive year working together.

I wish you all a very successful annual meeting.



*The Canadian Home and School
and Parent-Teacher Federation*
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QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

1997 CONFERENCE THEME *ADJUSTING TO CHANGE*

Change is taking place every day in our lives, in our organizations and in our educational systems. Everywhere we turn we are being asked to make a change: to learn a new computer program; use a new household "technological toy"; or learn how to cope with the consequences of financial cuts in education.

We are experiencing a rapid transition in the 90's that is more demanding and stressful than ever before. How can we adjust to these changes in a positive way? How can we help our children to adjust and, at the same time, maintain effective schools and a quality education for all?

CONFERENCE OUTLINE

Friday, April 25, 1997

QFHSA Offices, 3285 Cavendish Blvd., Suite 562, Montreal

5:00 - 7:00 pm **Early Bird Special** – for out-of-town delegates and local members.

This is an opportunity for local Home & Schoolers, and those from far and wide, to meet in an informal setting and get to know one another. Are we all that different? Do we share the same concerns? Can we help each other in any way? Please join us at the Home & School office for a light supper and some interesting topics of conversation. This evening is a most pleasant start to our AGM and is sure to entertain all.

Saturday, April 26, 1997

Holiday Inn - Pointe Claire, 6700 Trans-Canada, Pointe Claire

8:00 - 8:30 am **REGISTRATION** – in the lobby.

8:30 - 12:30 pm **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Two CAUCUSING sessions will be held within this format.

8:30 - 9:45 am Welcome and appointments.

Reports accepted as read – only recommendations will be addressed.

Treasurer's Report - discussion and details.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING continued

9:45 - 10:00 am Nutrition Break

10:00 - 11:00 am CAUCUSING session

11:00 - 11:15 am Break

11:15 - 12:30 pm RESOLUTIONS

12:45 - 2:45 pm **AWARDS LUNCHEON** – in the dining room.

Buzzell Award – recognizes the achievements of a Home & School member at the provincial level.

Lewis Peace Prize – recognizes an individual or group making a significant contribution towards peace.

Paterson Award – recognizes an outstanding educator who believes in involving parents.

Golden Torch Award – recognizes the volunteer achievements of Home & School members at the school level.

Unsung Hero Award – recognizes outstanding volunteers within the local school.

Membership – schools who achieve exceptionally high membership (based on families).

Newsletter – for the most informative and imaginative school newsletters for parents.

2:45 - 3:45 pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - JUDITH NEWMAN

Vice-President, Conseil supérieur de l'éducation

The Conseil supérieur de l'éducation, an independent permanent advisory board to the Minister of Education, has often emphasized the important role of parents in the school. It has also recommended that we pay careful attention to the way in which changes are implemented in the educational system – the decision to make a change is just the beginning of a long process.

What are the implications for parents of the current thinking on the subject of change? How can parents help to bring about the changes needed in our schools? How can we help our children adjust to the changes they must face – changes in school, and changes in the world around them. Judith will present the positions of the Conseil and others and discuss with you how we might help our children cope.

