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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1979-80
Presented at the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Calvin Potter, President

Home and School has ended the turbulent Seventies with a smooth and successful year. Only selected activities of the year will be highlighted in this report, since the committee reports which follow will provide a fuller view of our year's work.

Membership

In this era of declining enrollments and closed schools, one can anticipate an erosion of our membership base. That the decline of our membership is only about half the percentage decline of children in Protestant schools is due, in a very high degree, to the continued dedicated efforts of our membership chairman, Fay Richardson.

Finance

The financial solvency of QFHSA is the foundation of our independence as a voice in education. Despite the slight decline in numbers, we have maintained a secure financial position, ending last year with a small operating surplus, and anticipating a slight operating deficit this year. As in previous years we have continued to receive a small but welcome grant from the provincial government.

Follow Up On Resolutions

A peak point of our year is always the annual session on resolutions. The discussions they generate are always informative and productive. But the real benefit from a resolution is the response it causes. The responses to two of our resolutions of the AGM of 1979 are very illustrative of why we place a heavy weighting on resolutions. You may recall one of the resolutions last year related to Educational Television for English viewers in Quebec. Radio-Québec had testified before the CRTC that it had no intention of providing such programmes in English. Our resolution called for such a service and suggested, if necessary, an exchange arrangement be worked out with Ontario. The response to our resolution was very positive from both the CRTC and the Ministry of Education and we understand there has been some rethinking at Radio-Québec.

Another important resolution last year related to High School Leaving Examinations. It called for steps to be taken to ensure students are tested at their proper level and on the proper material, and that papers be free of errors, ambiguities and unidiomatic or other translation errors. The Ministry of Education, through the Associate Deputy Minister, has responded very positively to that resolution, and although there is a consensus that matters were much better in the exams of 1979, we nevertheless had a meeting in April at the Ministry of Education, with the English Directors of Educational Services of Montreal school boards present, to discuss our resolution and possible remedies.

Liaison with other Groups

As has been Federation's tradition, we have kept open clear avenues of communication with a number of educational and other key groups. The President, for example, has had several meetings with the new Associate Deputy Minister of Education. He, or his delegate, has also attended at the regular meetings of the following associations in the province:

- Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards
- Central Parents Committees
- Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal
- Lakeshore School Board

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Outside the province he, or his delegate, has attended meetings of the following:

Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations
New York Parent Teacher Association

In addition, of course, Quebec Federation over the years has continued to play an active role in the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation. The Canadian Federation this year for the first time has participation from provincial federations in all ten provinces. It is a vital educational link with parents across Canada and a positive force for advocacy at the national level.

Special Projects

This year Federation has been pursuing four year-long projects. I will leave it to the committees to deal with these in detail, but I wish to say a few words about each.

Off Montreal Island Development - In the spring of 1979, Federation received a \$20,000 grant from the Secretary of State's office for the purpose of buttressing English culture in Quebec other than on the island of Montreal. Under this grant we have run one-day seminars in the Gaspé, in the Eastern Townships, in Western Quebec and at Quebec City. Under this grant we are also preparing an information folder for parents in regard to the forthcoming school board elections. We think the folder and its inserts will fill a glaring gap in information about school board elections, and hopefully it will improve the participation of parents in voting.

School Bus Safety - Quebec Federation, in collaboration with the Quebec Safety League, has mounted this winter an AWARENESS campaign. Its intention was to improve school bus safety by reminding the public of their responsibilities in this matter as parents and motorists. In this campaign we have had the willing co-operation of:

The Federation of Parent Committees of Quebec and of the
Island of Montreal
The Quebec Provincial Police
The Association of Chiefs of Police and Firemen of Quebec
The Traffic Department of the Police of the Montreal Urban
Community
The Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards

Part of the campaign has been a 'bumper sticker' programme. Initially we had 20,000 printed for distribution to remind parents and motorists to stop when school buses are loading and unloading. That initial thrust was so successful we have had a further 20,000 stickers printed.

Quebec's Bill 101 - The court action initiated by Quebec Federation challenging the constitutionality of 31 articles of Bill 101 has been slowly making its way through the procedures of the courts. I have invited our legal counsel to say a few words on the matter of the case, so I will not comment here on its merits. However, I must say that in the two years since the legislation was enacted there has been a growing recognition of the legal and moral right of our cause. I must also confess to a sense of pride in my fellow parents that they have quietly, steadily, unwaveringly held to their belief that parents' rights in education were not privileges that can unilaterally be expropriated but are the inherited constitutional right of all Quebecers, French-speaking or English-speaking, Protestant or Catholic.

Plan d'Action - Educational change is a continuing evolution in Quebec. With its Plan d'Action the Department of Education will implement a large-scale programme of change in the educational system. It will involve new methods of financing school boards and new concepts regarding the role of parents and the status of local schools and of school boards. Some observers have suggested that while purporting to decentralize and democratize, the Plan d'Action will in fact destroy the local school boards and thereby eliminate all organized opposition to the policies of the Ministry of Education. It is therefore imperative that we monitor closely the Plan d'Action.

Conclusion

We have had a full and active year. I have touched on the highlights, but everyone can appreciate I am sure that every event entails hours of planning and preparation, plus additional hours of co-ordination and communication. It could not operate without the dedicated presence of a number of volunteers. So I wish to end my report by acknowledging with gratitude and appreciation the contribution of the Executive Vice-President in particular and the members of the Executive and Board in general for their contribution to the work of Federation.

Provincial Elementary Language Arts Committee

The function of this committee is to develop curricula for elementary schools in the Province of Quebec. Its role is consultative and it provides liaison among the Ministry, school boards, subject associations, McGill University and the PACT/PAPT Curriculum Council. 1979-80 saw the appointments (for the first time) of the representatives from the Association of Jewish Day Schools and QFHSA.

The committee is concerned with the overall policy for integrating the Language Arts program, implementation in schools, professional development and long range plans. It names working committees to (1) determine needs of teachers and students (2) research topics and (3) develop guides and programs.

Members of the Committee:

E. Bethel	- M.E.O.
J. Cavanagh	- Quebec Reading Council
E. Chaffey	- Quebec Special Educators, Verdun Catholic S.C.
R. Crabb	- Q.F.H.S.A.
M. Enright	- District of Bedford Regional School Board
R. Frauley	- C.E.C.M.
M. Gawley	- M.E.Q.
S. Kovachul	- C.E.C.M. - P.A.C.T.
S. Lamet	- P.S.B.G.M.
C. Lowrie	- P.A.P.T.
M.C. Macalpine	- M.E.Q. - Réponsables (coordinator)
C. MacKey	- C.S. Chateaugay Valley
A. Moss	- Ass. of Jewish Day Schools
V. Smith	- C.S. Greenfield Park
B. Teasdale	- Lakeshore School Board
J. White	- Baldwin Cartier
Dr. F. Stinson	- McGill University, Faculty of Education

This year, the committee has succeeded in developing an integrated language arts program for grades 1-6 (English instruction). Consultation took place with various educator groups and as Q.F.H.S.A.'s representative, I was pleased to assist in obtaining parent reaction. The language program has been submitted to the Ministère de l'Education and awaits their approval.

CENTRAL PARENTS' COMMITTEE OF THE PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARD OF GREATER MONTREAL
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Celia Davids, Liaison

Monthly meetings of the CPC were attended with verbal reports made on items of QFHSA involvement in matters of mutual interest, and written reports for inclusion in their minutes. Valuable pedagogical and administrative information gathered at these meetings reported to our Executive and Board members.

Monthly meetings of the Board of the PSBGM, and Special Meetings called (e.g. School closings; French report), open to the public, were also attended, with reports on each being made to QFHSA Executive and Board members.

Recommendations

1. Continue participation as outlined above.
2. Encourage friendly co-operation collaboration in all affairs of the PSBGM wherever possible and practicable.
3. Publicize QFHSA membership in schools where there is none at present with the aim of forming new Associations, but welcoming individual membership in any event.
4. Strengthen existing Associations by:-
 - a) establishing opportunities for greater contact between schools, e.g. recreational, athletic, social services.
 - b) reviewing the role of the Area Representative. The complementary nature of a Home & School Association and School Committee, together in the same school, needs to be stressed.

Conclusion

It is evident that some parents are not aware of the existence of QFHSA; also that the potential of an independent organisation, at all levels of educational activity, is not fully understood.

BILINGUALISM GRANTS COMMITTEE
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Celia Davids, Chairman

1979/84 will be the third 5-year period of the mandate of the Federal Language Programmes Branch, Department of the Secretary of State, through which payments are made, under the Bilingualism in Education provision, as a contribution to Provincial governments toward costs incurred in promoting the two official languages at elementary, secondary, and post-secondary levels.

Terms of this Programme have not yet been published, most probably due to delays in Federal business caused by two changes in government since the expiry of the previous agreement on March 31/79.

Yet another letter drafted by this Committee, and signed by the President, was sent to all Federal Members of the current Parliament, and together with a draft copy of Resolution 80/5 concerning accountability for the use of Federal funds granted for Bilingualism in Education, should have been in the hands of each Member when the House of Commons re-convened April 14/80.

The support of Canadian Home & School Parent-Teacher Federation was sought in suggesting to Home & School Federations across Canada that they consider preparing

BILINGUALISM GRANTS COMMITTEE - cont.

a similar resolution to 80/5, a copy of which was attached to our letter of March/80.

Recommendations

- a) Proceed as outlined in i) of last year's recommendations.
- b) Continue to monitor all aspects of the Programme, particularly as applied to English language schools in Quebec.
- c) Consider appropriate action to be taken, as an independent body, whenever the interests of parents and children are at stake in this regard.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980

Alex Morris, Chairman

The Nominations Committee, in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws, met in early March. The names of all who were willing to stand for office for the positions open were circulated to all local associations and will be voted on at the AGM.

Executive Vice-President

Marion Daigle

4 Vice-Presidents

Owen Buckingham
Dorothy Chant
Anne MacWhirter
Barbara Milne-Smith
Margo Purvis
Norah Ramsey
Jim Thomerson

Recording Secretary

Bev Smith

If additional names are received before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25th, they will also be included on the ballot.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980

Ruth Pidduck - Alex Morris - Sylvia Adams - Sandra Keightley, Barbara Milne-Smith

The Board of Directors at its June meeting elected Marion Kift as Chairman, following the resignation of Bill Asherman. All other members of the committee agreed to continue.

At a Special Organizational Meeting on July 10th, 1979, it was agreed by the members of the Board present that the assignment of the Constitution Committee should be as follows:-

1. Interpret constitution.
2. Set up constitutional summary (1 page).
3. Solicit input from LOCALS for improvements.
4. Before AGM, state clearly rules for delegates, nominations, etc.
5. Always try to have on committee an 'old' H&Ser and an ex-membership chairman.

These guidelines were ratified by the September Board meeting.

The committee met several times in the fall of 1979 and agreed that its first business would be to bring the Standing Rules in line with the revised Constitution and By-Laws approved at the 1979 AGM. Locals and Board members were asked to submit amendments to these Standing Rules, and to the Constitution and By-Laws, if desired. All amendments submitted were presented to the Board at the November Board meeting and finally approved at the January Board meeting. The entire revised Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules have been sent to all locals, the Board, provincial Home & Schools and Canadian Home & School (CHSPTF). It is hoped to have a 1-2 page summary of the Constitution prepared in the near future for use of locals. As the Constitution in its entirety was not ready to be sent out in January, extracts of the articles dealing with resolutions, constitutional amendments, nominations, and committee reports for the AGM were sent out with the requests for same.

Other questions presented to the Constitution Committee during the year include the following:

- 1) What constitutes a Home & School Association and whether School Committees in a school with no formal Home & School Association could enjoy all the privileges of a Home & School, including the right to send voting delegates to the AGM. It was the initial opinion of the members of the committee that our Letters Patent and Constitution did not permit this; in fact, by definition almost, it would be impossible, as our very title describes us as a "federation of Home & School Associations". Discussion of this very important subject continues and legal opinions have been sought to clarify the point. (This does not preclude School Committees from becoming Affiliate members of Quebec Federation as per By-Law Article II, Section 2(b); nor does it preclude individual parents in a school from organizing a Home & School Association, as per Standing Rule Article II, Section 1(a).)
- 2) Are Home & School Associations in English Catholic schools permissible under our Letters Patent and Constitution? This difficult question has also been referred to legal counsel.
- 3) The question as to whether or not the Nominations Committee could specify a term of office for the positions to fall vacant at the 1980 AGM, as at the

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Summary of activities conducted re the Ministry of Education's Plan d'Action for the Schools of Quebec

After attending a number of sessions conducted by the Associate Deputy Minister of Education and representatives of the Ministry of Education on the Plan d'Action, the decision was made to delay forming a committee to react to the Plan and instead to concentrate on conducting workshops and to inform parents through the Home and School newspaper just what the Plan d'Action is. In my opinion, this approach seems to have been right. The Plan d'Action is now delayed for implementation by a year - no longer September, 1980. Implementation will now be in September, 1981, at the Elementary level. The original Plan is now followed by two new documents called: 1) "Document for Consultation - Regulation Respecting the Course of Study at the Primary Level and the Rules regarding Pre-School Education". 2) "Document for Consultation - Regulations Respecting the Course of Study at the Secondary Level".

A number of workshops were conducted concerning the Plan. The approach used was to make people aware of what was in the Plan and what it could mean to our schools if it was implemented as written. Workshops were conducted through Home & School Federation or through local Joint Committee of Home & School/ School Committee in Aylmer, Magog, Quebec City, Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and Lakeshore. A report was written concerning the reactions and worries of parents to Dr. Calvin Potter, President of Quebec Federation. This report was printed in the April issue of Home and School NEWS.

It is my recommendation that a working committee be formed at Federation level from the 1980/81 executive to study the Consultation Documents and react to them and the entire Plan.

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1979 AGM delegates had defeated the proposed amendment to change the term of office from two years to one year. It was the opinion of the majority of the Constitution Committee that although no formal motion had been made then to retain the two year term, there had been no motion to have no term of office and that the majority of the delegates present, in voting against any change to the status quo (only a minority had voted in favour of a change to a one year term and no one present had spoken in favour of having no limit to any term of office) thus intended to retain it, and therefore the original article calling for two year terms had not been rescinded and the Nominations Committee was not out of order in specifying two year terms.

4) The members of the committee were also asked by the Membership Committee as to whether local associations who had remitted no names at all to Federation by March 1st would be able to send voting delegates to the AGM. It was the unanimous opinion that the Constitution was very clear on this point (as per Standing Rule Article II, Section 3) and that even though there had been extenuating circumstances in some cases, the rules must be enforced, in fairness to all.

Ruth Pidduck
Sandra Keightley

Sylvia Adams
Dorothy Chant

George Maroulis
Alex Morris

Gillian Hayes

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980

In late May, 1979, QFHSA received a grant of \$20,000 from the Secretary of State to be used to develop cultural awareness amongst English Quebecers who live off the island of Montreal. To that end, the Membership Development Committee formulated and carried out the following projects designed to make the public aware of Home and School and the importance of maintaining and expanding our long established English institution.

SPECIAL EDITION OF THE "NEWS"

The special edition of the NEWS dealt, in part, with the heritage of English institutions and the history of English education in this province. 160,000 copies were printed and distributed through the English school boards (both Catholic and Protestant) to the parents of school children.

MEDIA BLITZ

The Committee felt that a media blitz would be an effective way to acquaint the public with Home & School and promote membership. The blitz covered a wide area of the province.

QFHSA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Travel expenses of an additional seventeen delegates from off-island areas were subsidized so they could attend the Montreal Conference at the Loyola Campus of Concordia University.

MINI-CONFERENCES

Conferences were held in the Gaspé, Eastern Townships, Western Quebec and Greater Quebec (eastern) regions. The quality of the workshops and professional participation was excellent.

BOOKMARKS

Books and libraries play a major role in making young people aware of their heritage. 150,000 bookmarks were distributed through the English school boards to the school children to make them and their parents aware of the value of books to our culture.

BUMPER STICKER CAMPAIGN FOR BUS SAFETY

School bus safety is a continuing concern in rural as well as urban areas. The Committee felt that by funding a portion of the cost of the bumper stickers, QFHSA could provide a much wider distribution.

ELECTION HANDBOOK FOR CITIZENS

Plans are underway to prepare a handbook, for distribution across the province, to make the public aware of their educational system and how it works, from the Ministry of Education down to the electorate.

HOW-TO HANDBOOK

Plans are being made to print this handbook which will inform and assist individuals or groups of individuals who want to set up an association or organization in a structured way in their community. This is not restricted to Home & School. The handbook will contain information on planning and running meetings, parliamentary procedure, fund raising projects, etc.

It is difficult to assess the success of the Membership Development Committee's work at this time. We have had communication from many groups of parents who learned about QFHSA in one way or another. More and more people have been made aware of our organization and the work being done in the schools and of our strength as a provincial organization. Through planning and participating in the mini-conferences many individuals have gained experience and confidence in their abilities to be leaders and animators in their communities.

BUS SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Bev Smith, Chairman

The whole year has been spent leading up to a Press Conference which was held on March 3, 1980. The other participants were the Quebec Safety League, la Fédération des comités de parents de l'île de Montréal, the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, the Quebec Association of Chiefs of Police and Firemen, Sûreté du Québec and the MUC Police.

Our very successful bumper sticker campaign was launched at that conference, with over 25,000 bumper stickers being distributed within the month of March.

The cooperation of every Home & School member is the only means for future success.

LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL 1979-80

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Allan Locke, Chairman

The Lakeshore Regional Council held two general meetings this past year, to which all Home and School associations in the Lakeshore School Board area were invited. A representative from the Regional Council also attended the monthly meetings of the Lakeshore School Board and the Central Parents Committee meetings.

The executive also attended a special meeting concerning the proposed new Lakeshore School Board partial French immersion program and two meetings concerning the government's Plan d'Action. Representatives of the Lakeshore Regional Council attended a meeting with the Federation of Anglophone Parent Committees and a meeting with the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers and the Lakeshore Teachers Association regarding teacher contract negotiations.

The Regional Council will be encouraging locals to encourage parents in their schools to vote in the June school board elections.

- 1) Writing of a resolution re Gifted to be submitted for approval of members at AGM.
- 2) Gathering of pertinent material and attendance at meetings of the recently started Association Québécoise des Enfants Doués/Quebec Association for Gifted Children.¹ Also attendance at meetings at Sault St. Louis School Board where a gifted programme has been offered for the last two years.
- 3) Hopefully, someone from Quebec Federation will attend the International Conference on Gifted Students at Sheridan College, Oakville, Ontario, May 22 and 23, 1980 (optional May 20-21).

Proposals for continued work:

- 1) Column in Home & School NEWS dealing with:
 - a) Problems of gifted and talented children.
 - b) Problems of parents of gifted (different income levels).
 - c) Teachers and the gifted.
 - d) The gifted girl (quest article, if possible).
 - e) Exchange of information and programmes from various schools.
 - f) Who and what is available, where, cost and interest level.
 - g) Brain challenging contests, exams, etc. (where, why, what and how to participate).
 - h) Reaction from parents, others ... write us letters.
- 2) Gathering a list of resource people - honoraria? ... free.
- 3) Are Home & School locals interested in 1 hr. session about gifted children? 1/2 hr. talk, 1/2 hr. question period. Teachers invited.
- 4) Mentor programme - also can high school, college, university facilities be enlisted for gifted interested in computers, maths, science.
- 5) Approaching clubs to form junior or associate memberships - Mensa (already has). What about astronomy, gems and minerals, Science, Language Arts? Ties in with newspaper column.
- 6) Preparing a kit for parents and teachers. Would suggest a nominal charge. Kit could include:
 - i) Reading lists.
 - ii) Reprints of articles (permission from publishers?)
 - iii) How to put pressure on School Boards and Governments.
 - iv) What can be done at no cost or minimal cost.
 - v) Clubs.
 - vi) Memberships in TAG-Canada, National Association for Gifted, USA, etc.

¹The official name of this group has now been established as -
L'association des parents des enfants doués/Quebec Association for Parents
of Gifted Children.

There will be a summer school during July for Gifted Children sponsored by the PSBGM and the Association.

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980

Submitted by: Ruth Pidduck - Aldis Lee - Dorothy Chant

At the special Organizational Meeting, held on July 10th, 1979, it was agreed that the assignment of the Office Services Committee should be as follows:

1. Recruit volunteers to help.
2. See to orderly operation of office.
3. Set priorities of work to be done.
4. Ask that office be informed of work to come and committee people be encouraged to help.
5. Make recommendations re premises and equipment.

These suggestions were ratified by the September Board Meeting and the committee has endeavoured to follow this mandate.

Volunteers

Although few new volunteers have been recruited, committee chairmen and executive members have been much more considerate in requests for extra work and more co-operative in assisting in getting such work out. This has resulted in much more efficient use of time by the Executive Secretary and the Office Services Committee. It is hoped that this trend will continue and that committees which plan large campaigns or special projects will endeavour to recruit members of their committees or outside volunteers to help with the extra work required. (For example, the Bill 101 Committee found it necessary last summer to hire students to finish sending out receipts.) With only one full-time employee - who is already fully occupied in answering dozens of calls and inquiries; dealing with our extensive correspondence; transcribing minutes and reports, etc. - obviously any extra assignment must result in neglect or postponement of some of this normal workload, or extra overtime on top of her usual frequent overtime.

Office Renovation

It having been agreed to remain in our present premises for another two years, the back office partition was removed in order to allow sufficient space to hold our Board of Directors meetings. The back office was carpeted and new chairs and a folding boardroom table purchased. This should result in considerable savings in rental charges, also it has been found to be extremely convenient to have the files, the duplicator and telephone available during Board meetings. More shelves and storage boxes have been purchased and it is hoped to completely overhaul our accumulated files during the summer. Fire extinguishers and a smoke detector have been installed. Surplus equipment will be disposed of when ownership is ascertained. Another typewriter was purchased so that three people may type at the same time in rush periods; also telephone answering attachment.

Circulation of Reports, etc.

In response to numerous complaints about the proliferation of material sent out to locals it has been decided that only minutes, not each and every report submitted by committee chairmen, area representatives, or reports of liaison with other organizations, should be sent to local presidents, unless specifically requested. (The Constitution only calls for circulation of minutes, not reports, with the exception of the Annual Reports.) The Recording Secretary will endeavour to incorporate important parts of reports into the minutes and the NEWS will endeavour to find space in each issue for full reports of conferences, conventions, school board meetings, Central Parents Committees meetings, etc.

LAKESHORE SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Marion Daigle, Liaison

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As representative of the Lakeshore Regional Council of QFHSA I attended meetings of the Council of Commissioners of the Lakeshore School Board, generally held on the first Monday of each month.

Some of the topics of discussion from September to April were: the cost sharing project for school bus monitors at Sunnydale Park School; the long range implications of the classe d'accueil programs in Lakeshore School Board schools in the 1980's; the new French Second Language policy; a new Board-wide Facilities Committee to conduct an on-going study of the rational use of pupil space throughout the Lakeshore School Board territory.

The Lakeshore Regional Council representative reported to the Council of Commissioners on the QFHSA Leadership Conference, the Bus Safety Campaign and plans for 1980 AGM.

It is recommended that this liaison be continued.

PARENTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS (LAKESHORE SCHOOL BOARD)
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Marion Daigle, Liaison

As representative of QFHSA I attended monthly meetings of the Parents Committee as well as a workshop on Bill 71 and the role of the School Board commissioners.

Chaired by Mrs. D. Walker, the Parents Committee dealt with the following topics of concern: Bill 50 by which two members of the Parents Committee were appointed as commissioners to the Lakeshore School Board; the Plan d'Action Committee hosted an information meeting in January; the Education Committee studied the new French Second Language Policy of the Lakeshore School Board; Bus Safety in conjunction with parent representatives of the Baldwin Garbier Board.

QFHSA reported on Leadership Conference 1980, the Bus Safety Campaign and AGM 1980.

It is recommended that this liaison be continued.



SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES OF OUR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (CHSPTF)
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Calvin Potter, President

Every member of QFHSA is automatically a member of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF). CHSPTF is the national voice of ten provincial federations with approximately 1900 local associations and 60,000 members. It is the largest voluntary organization in Canada. Unfortunately, it is probably also the most under-financed.

Because of its budgetary constraints, CHSPTF relies heavily on corresponding committees to accomplish its tasks. Yet despite its reliance upon volunteers and the mails, the one office in Toronto directs and controls the study and monitoring of a number of critically important projects, such as:

- Vehicle violence in T.V. films
- Parent representation, per se, on the C.B.C.
- Bilingualism grants
- Child Abuse
- Drug use and abuse
- Marijuana under the Narcotic Control Act

This list is not complete, but it illustrates the issues on which representation is made to bodies, such as the Federal Government, the Council of Ministers of Education, the Canadian Education Association, the Canadian School Trustees Association, the Canadian Teachers Federation, etcetera.

In addition to representation on critical issues, CHSPTF maintains liaison with a number of national and international organizations.

Finally, your national body with financial assistance from the Federal Department of Health and Welfare, has held successful national conferences on Child Abuse and Neglect and on Drug and Alcohol Use and Abuse in the past eighteen months.

The record is an impressive list of activities and representations on behalf of the membership and this achievement is due in no small way to the energetic dedication of our national president, Mr. Tom Wilkinson. We are all indebted to him.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 1979-80
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
 Fay Richardson, Chairman

Membership, as of April 1st, 1980, reads as follows:-

Associations submitting membership lists	76
Number of Memberships	7835
Supporting Members (individuals who have not jointed through a local Home & School)	75
Group Affiliate Memberships	6
Associations not submitting lists	3

We are very encouraged that our membership has been held to this level while school enrolments have declined, schools have closed and many families have moved away from the province. The Membership Chairmen, considering all adversities, have done an excellent job.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS - based on number of families in school

Elementary Schools on Montreal island

Beacon Hill	91.81%	- Membership Chairman - Maureen Blanchard
Somerled	83.41%	- Membership Chairman - Selma Almaleh
Herbert Purcell	77.71%	- Membership Chairman - Anita Bender
Willowdale	77.44%	- Membership Chairman - June Taylor

Out-of-town winners

Valleyfield - Gault	49.15%	- Membership Chairman - Diane Bouchard
Magog - Princess Eliza.	45.33%	- Membership Chairman - Scotty Dustin

Winning High Schools

Macdonald High	50.39%	- Membership Chairman - Betty Brunet
Lachine High	50.09%	- Membership Chairman - Gert McKelvey

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Everett J. Alexander, Chairman

This year we liased with the Central Parents Committees of the P.S.B.G.M. and The Lakeshore School Board to study the Proposals submitted for our Student Accident Insurance for the 1980/1981 school year.

The Lakeshore School Board Committee was represented by Stephanie Oldfield, the P.S.B.G.M. Committee by Bob Burnett, and Federation by myself. Mr. Burnett also acted on behalf of the Laurenvale, Greater Hull, Richelieu Valley and Chateauguay School Boards.

Four propoals were considered.

After careful comparison of the benefits we came to the unanimous conclusion that the Proposal submitted by Alliance Mutal Life offered the 'best deal'. It was also the least expensive!

It is therefore this Committee's Recommendation that the Proposal submitted by Alliance Mutual Life be presented at the Annual General Meeting of Federation for recommendation to the local associations.

This report was submitted to the Executive Committee of Quebec Federation, together with our working documents upon which the committee's recommendation was based, and the executive committee has approved the recommendation.

Liability Insurance will again be made available to those local associations desiring it through Nichol Insurance Agencies Ltd. The forms for Public Liability insurance will be available late August/early September from Federation's office for those who wish them.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Gordon Perry and Sandra Keightley, Co-chairmen

The Publicity Committee have worked on the following projects during the past year:

Publicity was sent out to radio, television and newspapers for our 1979 AGM.

A one minute radio commercial was produced by QFHSA Publicity Committee and aired by CJAD, CFCF and CKO for membership promotion.

QFHSA held a press conference at the Hotel Bonaventure in March to kick off the Bus Safety Campaign. Press attendance was excellent and we received very good press coverage by all the media. One of the comments made by Mr. Rousseau of the MUC police was "after 16 years it was very encouraging to see QFHSA and the police force back working together again". Bumper stickers were distributed throughout the city by Radio Stations CJAD and CKO, the TMR Library and public service announcements were made by radio station CFCF.

The Publicity Committee have attended the Membership Development Committee out-of-town mini conferences held in the Gaspé (October), Magog (November), Hull/Aylmer (March).

QUEBEC HOME & SCHOOL NEWS
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980
Dorothy Chant, Editor

During the year 1979-80 there were five issues of the NEWS, plus one Special Edition which was in co-operation with the Membership Development Committee. Our circulation varied between 10,500 and 12,200 with the Special Edition covering 175,000 homes, schools and institutions.

The 'Focus on the Locals' section provides the means of informing the local associations of the "happenings" in the various schools and areas and is the only reliable method to do this in Quebec. Because of its importance we need the cooperation of all associated locals in keeping us supplied with the articles and pictures necessary to give this section of our newspaper the prominence it deserves.

Letters to the Editor, opinions and suggestions for articles that would be beneficial, informative to our readers, are always welcome and needed to make the NEWS a truly "grassroots" paper.

Our Editorial Board asks for your continuing support as this is the only information vehicle that Q.F.H.S.A. has that guarantees us reaching all the members of our locals in Quebec. It is your newspaper and it is your responsibility to use it.

The Bumper Sticker inserted in the last issue hopefully indicated to our readers the positive position that Quebec Federation has taken and is following to focus attention on this important issue - the safety of our children.

1980 Newsletter Award Winners

Dunrae Gardens Elementary and Westpark Elementary

Congratulations to these two schools for putting out what the editorial board considered to be the best and most informative newsletters to their parents.

Editorial Board - 1979-80

Gordon Perry - Layout	Fay Richardson
Sandra Keightley - Advertising	Gillian Hayes
Alex Morris - Editorials and Policy	Syd Dutton
Joan Mansfield - Articles and Rewrite	

A special thank you to Ruth Pidduck for her work on 'Focus on the Locals' and Donna Sauriol, the Executive Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1980

All resolutions passed at the 1979 Annual General Meeting were forward to the appropriate bodies for their consideration and action.

Resolution 79/1 - Support of Dawson College

A copy of the resolution was forwarded to Dawson College to indicate our support, as well as to the Ministry of Education. No reply was received from the Ministry.

Resolution 79/2 - Job Security of Younger Teachers

The C.E.Q. replied stating that it was also a concern of theirs and that they hoped the new contract would improve the situation.

Resolution 79/3 - High School Leaving Exams

The Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers replied that the joint PACT/PAPT Curriculum Council would study the problem. The Superior Council of Education informed us they had passed the resolution on to the Committee for Secondary Education for study.

In addition, there was a meeting between Dr. Potter, our President, and Mr. Ernest Spiller, the Associate Deputy Minister for Protestant Education. The Ministry requested that we follow up this subject and this has resulted in the formation of an Exam Committee, which is just getting underway.

Resolution 79/4 - Contract Negotiations - CEGEP

The Council of CEGEP's replied that they were studying the matter and would discuss it with us.

Resolution 79/5 - Unilingual French Signs

Replies were received from the Quebec Safety League and the ministries of Transport, Tourism and Cultural Affairs. This has culminated in our present awareness campaign and the distribution of 40,000 bumper stickers.

Resolution 79/6 - Educational T.V.

A reply was received from Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission telling us this had been discussed with Radio Québec. Subsequently we found that Radio Québec did bring in several English language TV educational programs from Ontario. An Education TV Committee has been set up to follow up on this subject.

Resolution 79/7 - Disposal of Closed Schools

The School Council of the Island of Montreal replied that they are looking into our suggestion. The PSBGM wrote that this is a serious issue of priority for them and it is being carefully looked into.

Resolution 79/1E - Amendments to Public Buildings Safety Act

Quebec Safety League assured us they would refer the matter to their Board members and reported that Ville St. Laurent has initiated action with regard to trained supervisory personnel in skating arenas.



RESOLUTION 80/1 - COSTS OF BUSING STUDENTS TRANSFERRED FROM CLOSED SCHOOLS

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

WHEREAS, because of declining enrollment and the cost of maintaining schools, many schools have been closed or are presently under study for possible closure,

WHEREAS, when a school is closed, the cost of busing the students to other schools is borne by the Ministry of Transport, not the school board or the Ministry of Education, there may be a financial incentive for school boards to close schools for economic rather than strictly pedagogical reasons, and

WHEREAS the cost of education and transportation comes from the public purse and will ultimately be paid by the taxpayer,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that school boards be required to prepare a forecast of the transportation costs generated by the closing of a school, and that such forecast be submitted in the consultative process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when forecast transportation costs approximate or exceed the cost of maintaining the school in question, its closing be deemed inexpedient, provided that viable pedagogical program can be maintained.

Destination: Premier of Quebec
Ministry of Transport
Ministry of Education
QAPSB

RESOLUTION 80/2 - MANDATORY SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING UNDER ADULT EDUCATION ACT

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

WHEREAS parents throughout the Province of Quebec are becoming more concerned about school bus safety regulations and adequate driver training, and

WHEREAS the law now requires the drivers of a school bus to demonstrate only his/her ability to handle the vehicle he/she is driving,

WHEREAS smaller school boards may be hampered by budgetary restrictions in conducting their own training program,

WHEREAS the Department of Transport have developed a complete and comprehensive school bus driver training course,

BE IT RESOLVED that the ministry of Education include in its Adult Education Courses the Department of Transport's 'School Bus Driver Training Course',

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that accreditation of this course be mandatory for all school bus drivers within a reasonable amount of time.

Destination: Ministry of Education
Department of Transport
Quebec Safety League
Quebec Association of Protestant
School Boards
Association Transport Ecolier du Québec
Province of Quebec -
Interministerial Committee

Background

This resolution is further to resolutions already passed in 1973, 1974 and 1978.

RESOLUTION 80/3 - EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR SAFETY PROGRAMMES IN ENGLISH

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

WHEREAS there are approximately 189,148 children being legally educated in the English language in the Province of Quebec, and

WHEREAS there exists excellent material expressly produced for classroom use by the Department of Transport for children of all ages in the French language, and

WHEREAS Chapter 4, Section 122, of Bill 101, directs the civil administration to use French only signs EXCEPT FOR REASONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY, and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education provides educational materials for its pedagogical programmes in sufficient quantities in the English language,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Education request that all materials prepared by the Ministry of Transport for its classroom safety programmes be provided in sufficient quantities in the English language.

Destination: Ministry of Education
Ministry of Transport
Quebec Association of Protestant
School Boards
Quebec Safety League
Province of Quebec -
Interministerial Committee
Federation of Parent Committees
of the Island of Montreal
Federation of Parent Committees
of the Province of Quebec

Background

This resolution is further to a resolution passed in 1952 requesting that traffic safety be a separate and distinct subject in the school curriculum.

RESOLUTION 80/4 - THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN QUEBEC

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

WHEREAS the strength of the English language and our cultural heritage is nurtured within our educational institutions, and

WHEREAS we are living in Canada, where English is one of the two official languages, and in North America, where it is the predominant language, and

WHEREAS restrictive government legislation, such as Bill 101 in Quebec, has severely limited students' entry into our English language schools, and

WHEREAS the proliferation of the Class d'Accueil programmes presently offered by the Ministry of Education in our English language school system seriously threatens the viability of English language education and culture in this province, and

WHEREAS these Class d'Accueil programmes seriously affect the continuance of the English language community school, and

WHEREAS there has been an increase in the number of programmes being offered in the French language throughout the elementary and secondary English language schools, and

WHEREAS costs for all second language teaching programmes must be borne out of existing budgets set aside for English language education,

BE IT RESOLVED that our Protestant School Boards in Quebec be charged with responsibility for the promotion and preservation of our English language educational system.

Destination: Quebec Association of Protestant School
Boards
all QAPSB boards
Superior Council of Education -
Protestant Committee
Parents' Committees of QAPSB

RESOLUTION 80/5 - ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR MINORITY
LANGUAGE EDUCATION

From: Bilingualism Grants Committee, Quebec Federation of Home and School
Associations

WHEREAS agreements are presently being renegotiated under the Federal/Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act supporting the teaching of second languages during the period 1979/84, and

WHEREAS under the previous agreements accountability regarding the distribution of these funds by provincial Departments of Education to the school boards has not been required, and

WHEREAS the provinces resist providing an accounting of funds received and the manner of their distribution for the purpose designated under these Federal Grants, and

WHEREAS taxpayers are entitled to an awareness that their contribution to federal funds be allocated in such manner that the intent of the programme is fulfilled, and

WHEREAS the sum in question amounts to \$852,000,000 over the five year term of the agreement, and

WHEREAS in order to claim their share each province must supply evidence to support such claim, and

WHEREAS having supplied such evidence the provinces should be in a position to readily distribute funds received equitably to their school boards, and provide the Federal Government with an audited report, and

WHEREAS the placing of these monies received for the purpose of minority language education into provincial general revenues could be termed mis-appropriation, and

WHEREAS the Federal Government should be ever watchful as to the proper expenditure of taxpayers' monies,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations request the Federal Government to require accountability from the provinces as to the distribution of Federal Grants for the purpose of Minority Language Education as a condition for release of public funds.

Destination: The Prime Minister of Canada
The Secretary of State
The Auditor General
All Federal Members of Parliament

Background

Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations has pursued the question of accountability during the two 5-year periods (1969/74 and 1974/79) that Federal/Provincial agreements supporting the teaching of official second languages have been in effect. Much research, and lobbying, has been done, with no result to date.

Reference Material (see over)

RESOLUTION 80/5 - cont.

Reference Material

- Resolutions passed at Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations' Annual General Meetings in 1973 and 1976 (6 resolutions in all)
- 1976 Brief to the Minister of Education, Province of Quebec
- 1977 Brief to the Secretary of State for Canada
- Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPITF) President's Communique of April 3, 1979

RESOLUTION 80/6 - GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

From: Gifted Children Committee, Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

WHEREAS neither the Green Paper nor the Plan d'Action have made any provision for gifted and talented children, and

WHEREAS the percentage of gifted and talented children in our schools warrants that they should be entitled to be educated to their full potential (reference #1),

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that the Minister of Education officially acknowledge the existence of gifted and talented children in the school system and thereby encourage school boards and Faculties of Education to offer enrichment programmes and teacher training programmes by providing the funds and resources necessary for the implementation of such programmes and training (reference #2),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minister of Education provide facilities to ensure the identification of the intellectually and creatively gifted, and set up education programmes to develop these students to their full potential (reference #3),

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minister of Education restudy the possibility of offering a five (5) year primary course aimed particularly at the intellectually gifted, but open to all students (reference #4).

Destination: Ministry of Education
McGill University, Faculty of Education
Quebec Association of Protestant
School Boards
Fédération des commissions scolaires
Catholiques du Québec
Federation of Parent Committees
of the Province of Quebec

Background

Reference #1 - Gifted children constitute 5% or more of the student population. This figure compares to other minority groups such as the perceptually handicapped and the deaf.

A study by U.S. psychologist, Louis Wernan, showed that "the gifted for their level of intelligence, are the most retarded group in education. For their potential ability and I.Q. they are learning less than any other group in our schools."

Reference #2 - Consultation concerning the Green Paper on Primary and Secondary Education, "A Survey of the Results of the Consultation", p. 183, "the other subjects 'forgotten' deal with a variety of problems;Gifted Children."

Reference #3 - Reiteration of resolution passed in 1976 by Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations.

Reference #4 - Consultation concerning the Green Paper on Primary and Secondary Education, "A Survey of the Results of the Consultation", p. 127, under the heading 'Duration of Primary Course', "the Green Paper discards the possibility of a five year primary course. Parents concerned by this change are not happy about the decision. That would mean even more neglect of the problem of overtalented children."

(cont. see over)

RESOLUTION 80/6 - cont.

Background (cont.)

Until the Ministry of Education recognizes that there are gifted and talented children in the school system, no one in education feels impelled to do anything whatsoever for these children. We acknowledge that there is a smattering of programs here and there, mostly in large urban areas, but their duration has always been dependent on the few people who initiated them and the temporary funds allocated to them.

RESOLUTION 80/7 - HIGH SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATIONS

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

WHEREAS High School matriculation is a pre-requisite for the CEGEPs in the province of Quebec, or the equivalent institutions outside Quebec, and

WHEREAS the failure of the Ministry of Education to supply matriculation examination results by the admission date of post secondary institutions forces them to adopt other criteria for admission, and

WHEREAS a student who is rejected on the basis of "other" criteria and subsequently is found to have passed the matriculation requirements has no recourse to recover either the lost academic time or from the psychological damage, and

WHEREAS it is unjust that defenseless students incur the risk and pay the cost of the Ministry's deficiencies,

BE IT RESOLVED that either the Ministry of Education implement an information retrieval system whereby grades required by CEGEP Admission Offices in Quebec, or their equivalent outside Quebec, can be determined before admission date or, when release of matriculation examination results is delayed, all matriculants be declared to be automatically admitted to CEGEP.

Destination: Ministry of Education

RESOLUTION 80/8 - ESTABLISHMENT OF GAMBLING CASINOS IN THE PROVINCE

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

WHEREAS the provincial government has indicated the possibility of gambling casinos being established in the province of Quebec, and

WHEREAS the past and present experiences of various governments have shown that the establishment of gambling casinos leads to a decline in the social, economic and moral climate of an area, and

WHEREAS studies show that theft, prostitution and loan sharking rise dramatically in areas where casinos have been established,

WHEREAS gambling casinos have little or nothing of social value to contribute to the welfare of a province, and

WHEREAS the intention of the government, if carried out, would be to set a negative moral example for the youth of the province,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as a responsible parent body Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations opposes the establishment of gambling casinos in the province of Quebec and urges the government to disallow attempts by any agencies or individuals to organize and set up such casinos.

Destination: Ministry of Social Affairs
Ministry of Justice
Ministry of Cultural Affairs
Montreal Urban Community (MUC)
Ministry of Education - (Youth)
High Commission, Sports & Recreation
Gamblers' Anonymous
Anglican Church of Canada - Montreal
Diocese and Quebec Diocese
Presbytry of the United Church
Presbyterian Church in Canada -
Presbytery of Montreal
Baptist Church of Canada
Roman Catholic Church - Montreal
and Quebec Diocese

RESOLUTION 80/9 - TRAINING OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION

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

WHEREAS there is widespread evidence that prompt application of cardiopulmonary resuscitation by trained personnel can save many victims of choking, asphyxiation, drowning, drug overdosage, electrocution and heart attacks, and

WHEREAS such training is readily available at reasonable cost and can be easily mastered by almost any layman, and

WHEREAS there have been fatalities in Quebec Schools in the past which could possibly have been prevented if a teacher or other staff member had been trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations petition the Ministry of Education and/or the Ministry of Social Affairs to require that at least one member of the staff or support staff of every school be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and to approve the allocation of sufficient funds for such training, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each school board encourage every school employee to take such training, in particular lunch-time supervisors, and that every teacher union strongly encourage every individual teacher to do so also.

Destination: Ministry of Education
Ministry of Social Affairs
Quebec Association of Protestant
School Boards
Provincial Association of
Protestant Teachers

Background

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation is an emergency first aid procedure which consists of first recognizing respiratory and cardiac arrest (including drowning, suffocation, drug overdose, electrocution, heart attack and choking) and, secondly, starting the proper application of resuscitation to maintain life until help arrives. The course includes both theoretical and practical demonstrations and practice, culminating with a final written and practical test to obtain certification.

A fifteen hour course over five weeks, or a shorter one-day course, is available through Resuscitar Inc. a non-profit organization set up several years ago with the goal of informing and training the lay public in C.P.R. The course is approved by the Canadian Heart Foundation. Many doctors and nurses, as well as ambulance attendants, policemen and firemen have taken the course. The entire teaching staff of Lower Canada College have recently completed the course.

RESOLUTION 80/10 - QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS RESOLUTIONS

From: Executive Committee, QFHSA

WHEREAS resolutions passed by the Annual General Meeting express the policy of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, and

WHEREAS the resolutions constituted the policy of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations go back to the year 1947, and

WHEREAS many of these policies have been superceded by events and customs,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that all resolutions be declared null and void on the tenth anniversary of their passage unless reaffirmed by the Annual General Meeting.

Destination: QFHSA, Annual General Meeting

Background

It is customary in most organizations to either reaffirm or drop resolutions after ten (10) years, in order to keep resolutions in line with the policies of the organization, and it is felt that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations should do so at this time. The remaining resolutions, including those passed during the past nine years, will be incorporated in a handbook representing Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations' policy.

If this resolution (80/10) is passed we will then need to decide which of the resolutions prior to 1972 we want to reaffirm. The Resolutions Committee will, therefore, examine all our resolutions to determine which ones they feel need reaffirming and any local association who wishes to be part of this study is very welcome. A complete list of all our resolutions has been made and is available at the Federation Office.

AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION 80/1A - COSTS OF BUSING STUDENTS TRANSFERRED FROM CLOSED SCHOOLS

From: Lachine High School Home & School Association

WHEREAS, because of declining enrollment and the cost of maintaining schools, many schools have been closed or are presently under study for possible closure,

WHEREAS, when a school is closed, the cost of busing the students to other schools is borne by the Ministry of Transport, not the school board or the Ministry of Education, there may be a financial incentive for school boards to close schools for economic rather than strictly pedagogical reasons, and

WHEREAS, this represents an actual saving only to the school board concerned and not the taxpayers, inasmuch as the costs of both education and transportation come from provincial tax revenues and thus will ultimately be paid for by the taxpayer,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Quebec Federation petition the provincial government to transfer from the Ministry of Transport to the Ministry of Education the administration of all funds allocated for school busing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Education then allocate such funds to each school board on a pro rata basis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each school board, prior to the initial proposal of any school closure, prepare a forecast of the probable busing costs which would be generated by such a closure; and that such forecast be considered an integral part of any submission for such closure, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever such a study forecasts busing exceeding (or approximately equaling) the forecast costs of maintaining the school in question, the school board responsible must justify any recommendation to close said school on strictly pedagogical, rather than financial, reasons, to the satisfaction of the majority of the parents of said school.

Destination: Premier of Quebec
Min. of Transport
Min. of Education
Quebec Association of Protestant
School Boards

Background

This amendment is in line with the original resolution submitted, which had as its main thrust the transfer back to the Dept. of Education from the Dept. of Transport the administration of funds for school busing, as had been done until five or six years ago.

RESOLUTION 80/4A1- THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN QUEBEC

From: Lachine High School Home & School Association

To change: BE IT RESOLVED that our Protestant School Boards in Quebec be charged with responsibility for the promotion and preservation of our English language education system.

To read: BE IT RESOLVED that our Protestant school boards in Quebec be charged with exercising greater responsibility for the promotion and preservation of our English language educational system and culture.

Background

As the resolution originally reads "that our Protestant School Boards in Quebec be charged with responsibility for the promotion and preservation of our English language educational system" there appears to be a subtle implication that heretofore they have not done so, which would not have the same connotation as the suggested amendment "exercising greater responsibility", which would imply that they have in the past been responsible for the promotion and preservation of the English language educational system, and should be asked to continue to do so but to a greater extent. In addition, we suggest the addition of the words "and culture", inasmuch as we feel it equally important that English culture be strongly promoted and preserved; and with the proliferation of French Immersion classes and Classes d'Accueil programmes there could be a possible diminution of the transmission of English cultural values, if the increase in such programmes necessitated the hiring of an excessive number of teachers from non-English cultures.

RESOLUTION 80/4A2 - THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN QUEBEC

From: Lakeshore Regional Council of Home & School Associations

To change the fourth Whereas from: WHEREAS the proliferation of the Class d'Accueil programmes presently offered by the Ministry of Education in our English language school system seriously threatens the viability of English language education and culture in this province, and

To read: WHEREAS the proliferation of four and five year old Classe d'Accueil programmes presently offered by the Ministry of Education to children of anglophone Quebec residents seriously threatens the viability of English language education and culture in this province, and

To delete the 5th and 6th WHEREAS which read: WHEREAS there has been an increase in the number of programmes being offered in the French language throughout the elementary and secondary English language schools, and

WHEREAS costs for all second language teaching programmes must be borne out of existing budgets set aside for English language education,

Background

Classe d'Accueil is preparation for French school. The MEQ recommends that children in four or five year old Classes d'Accueil stay in French school at least until the end of Grade 3. After opening Classes d'Accueil in a school, a school is expected to become a French school within three years.

RESOLUTION 80/5A - ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR MINORITY LANGUAGE EDUCATION

From: Macdonald High School Home & School Association

To change the 8th WHEREAS from: WHEREAS the placing of these monies received for the purpose of minority language education into provincial general revenues could be termed mis-appropriation, and

To read: WHEREAS the placing of these monies received for the purpose of second language education into provincial general revenues could be termed mis-appropriation, and

To change the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations request the Federal Government to require accountability from the provinces as to the distribution of Federal Grants for the purpose of Minority Language Education as a condition for release of public funds.

To read: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations request the Federal Government to require accountability from the provinces as to the distribution of Federal Grants for the purpose of Second Language Education as a condition for release of public funds.

Background

The word "Minority" implies the existence of a sovereign Québec in which by the Parti Québécois definition the language of the majority is French and the language of the minority is English. The implication of acceptance of their terminology is unacceptable.

RESOLUTION 80/7A - HIGH SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATIONS

From: Lachine High School Home & School Association

To change the BE IT RESOLVED that either the Ministry of Education implement an information retrieval system whereby grades required by CEGEP Admission Offices in Quebec, or their equivalent outside Quebec, can be determined before admission date or, when release of matriculation examination results is delayed, all matriculants be declared to be automatically admitted to CEGEP.

To read: BE IT RESOLVED that either the Ministry of Education implement an information retrieval system whereby grades required by CEGEP Admission Offices in Quebec, or their equivalent outside Quebec, can be determined before admission date by reference to the high school records and/or recommendation of the Principal or, when release of matriculation examination results is delayed, all matriculants be declared to be (delete "automatically") admitted to CEGEP by reference to the high school records and/or recommendation of the Principal.

Background

It is felt that students should not automatically be admitted to CEGEP without some reference to their previous High School record or without the recommendation of their Principal, as it would be doing no favour to a marginal student to be admitted to a CEGEP and subsequently be forced to return to High School.

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RESOLUTION 80/9A - TRAINING OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN CARDIO-PULMONARY
RESUSCITATION

From: Lakeshore Regional Council of Home & School Associations

To add a third BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local Home and School Associations participate in the funding of equipment (i.e. mannequin) and courses for their local school boards to offer for the use of their respective schools' staffs.

Background

A suggestion would be for all the local Home & Schools in any given board or region to get together to jointly make a contribution towards equipment or towards the cost of courses for teachers in their schools.

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