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MINUTES OF THE 40TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
HELD MAY 11TH AND 12TH, 1984, ON THE LOYOLA CAMPUS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Registered and present during the two day Annual General Meeting were 114 Home & School delegates, 33 members of the Board of Directors, 15 guests and 39 'other' (including workshop leaders). Total - 201. In all approximately 30 local Home & School Associations were represented.

The conference was opened Friday morning, May 11th, 1984, by the President, Mrs. Marion Daigle. Don Barnes, Vice-Principal, Macdonald High School, chaired the Plenary Session on "Quality Education: A Building Block to the Future". Following a coffee break mid-morning, there were four concurrent workshops each chaired by one of the plenary session panelists.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The annual business meeting was opened at 1:48 p.m. by the president, Marion Daigle. The president thanked Angelika Redahl and Peggy MacArthur, Program Committee Chairmen, for the excellent plenary session.

The head table was introduced. Reverend Alex Morris, Parliamentarian and past-president, QFHSA; Sylvia Adams, Membership Chairman and acting Recording Secretary; Barbara Milne-Smith, Resolutions Chairman and past Buzzell Award winner; Sandra Keightley, Executive Vice-President and Publicity/Fund-raising Co-chairman.

Introduced from the audience were Joan Mansfield, President, The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation; William Asherman, Life member of CHSPITF and a member of Quebec Federation for 35 years; Stephen Drake, delegate to the Federation of Parent Committees of the Island of Montreal (and liaison for Quebec Federation) and a Home & School and School Committee member; Caspar Esselaar, Treasurer, QFHSA, back after an illness.

It was suggested that we adhere to a policy of 'no smoking' in the meeting room. Agreed.

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

MOTION: G. Amarica (Board)/Canavan (Edgewater) that Alex Morris be appointed parliamentarian. CARRIED

Credentials Committee

Sylvia Adams, Membership Chairman, reported that thirty (30) schools were represented; sufficient for a quorum.

MOTION: S. Adams (Board)/C. Esselaar (Board) that the Credentials Committee report be accepted. CARRIED

Scrutineers

Since no election would be required for members of the Executive Committee it would not be necessary to appoint scrutineers.



3. Adoption of Agenda

To the Book of Reports, add p.36 Publicity Committee Report (circulated at Business meeting); note there are three (3) additional emergency resolutions.
MOTION: F. Lowry (Lindsay Place High)/B. Peden (Courtland Park) that the agenda be adopted, with additions noted above. CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes of 39th Annual General Meeting (1983)

There were no errors or omissions noted.

MOTION: M. Percy (Hudson)/D. Canavan (Edgewater) that the 1983 AGM Minutes be accepted. CARRIED

5. President's Report (Book of Reports, pp.1-4)

Two minor corrections were noted on pp. 1 and 2.

The importance of resolutions, which form our policy, was stressed. Some of the past year's highlights were noted. QFHSA's responses to Bill 40; Second Language Teaching; and Status of the Teaching Profession in Quebec. Reiterated our stand on items affecting the quality of education for our children. Underlined the independence of our organization and, therefore, the need to be financially independent.

The attendance at Board of Directors meetings of Grace Hone, Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards (QAPSB) liaison; Ann Cumyn, Protestant Committee, Superior Council of Education; Rod Elkin and Bryden Murray, for the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers (PAPT); and Doug McCall, Alliance Quebec liaison, was noted and they were thanked for their regular attendance and active participation - they have reported to the Board members on their association's concerns and taken back information received from us.

The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation aspect of our organization was highlighted. We are only parent group in Quebec linked with a "Canadian" parent organization. The Annual Meeting of our parent organization is being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 22-27, this year. The president noted she was looking forward to this national meeting and the full agenda attached to it. Special thank you to Joan Mansfield, CHSPTF President, for her work.

6. Treasurer's Report

(a) Auditor's Report

Coopers Lybrand are our auditors. Their report, for our year ending August 31, 1983, had been circulated to local Home & School presidents prior to the business meeting.

It was noted that Coopers Lybrand have stated that our charitable tax number can only be used by QFHSA itself, not by individual Home & School associations.

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board)/A. Kiss (Royal West Academy) that the auditor's report be accepted. CARRIED

(b) Proposed Budget 1984/85 (Book of Reports, p.20)

This budget is based on proposed membership fee increase to \$7./family. The \$43,800 in receipts represents only 50% of the cost of operating our association. It was noted that the Expenditure total should read \$84,050 (not \$83,950) and that the difference between Receipts and Expenditures is \$40,205 (not \$52,150).

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board)/H. Koeppe (Lasalle High) that the proposed budget for 1984/85 be accepted as corrected. CARRIED

(c) Membership Fee

The proposed increase in family membership from \$5. to \$7. had been circulated to local Home & School associations prior to the meeting. Some of the reasons for recommending the increase were noted: office expenses had increased with our move to new premises, cost of NEWS keeps escalating but it is invaluable as a tool of communication with all our members.

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board)/M. Joseph (Courtland Park) that membership fee be increased to \$7.00 per family.

There was much discussion from the floor both for and against the proposed increase. The following amendment was proposed.

MOTION: S. Adams (Board)/S. Keightley (Board) that the original motion be amended to read \$9. per family. Vote: 9 For; Amendment defeated.

Vote on original motion: 6 Opposed; Motion carried.

7. OFHSA Executive Committee Task Force on School Reorganization (Book of Reports, p.4)

The president remarked that Dr. C. Laurin, then Minister of Education, stated he was insulted at the remarks made in an editorial in September '83 issue of the NEWS; that MEQ gives us a grant. This was said at our hearing before the Parliamentary Committee on Education after which Dr. Laurin left the room. Hopefully the new minister of education, M. Bérubé, will be more receptive and will regard our grant request with favour. Mrs. Ann Schlutz has been appointed the new Associate Deputy Minister, MEQ.

MOTION: M. Daigle (Board)/R. Czerkawski (Keith) to adopt the Task Force's report. CARRIED

8. Reports of Standing Committees

(a) Membership (Book of Reports, p.10)

MOTION: S. Adams (Board)/J. Kalman (Hampstead) that the membership report be accepted. CARRIED

Membership awards - books for their schools' libraries - were made to:-

Elementary schools - on island

94.4% membership	Beacon Hill	Adele Klemm, m'ship chm.
84.7% membership	Dunrae Gardens	Helga Marcus/Eve Collins, m'ship chm.
79.0% membership	Valois Park	Donalda Walker, m'ship chm.
75.8% membership	Windermere	Joan Coveyduck, m'ship chm.

(It was noted that the last three schools had their membership chairmen incorrectly noted in the Program Book (p.17)).

High schools - on island

45.2% membership	Lachine High	June Tosh, m'ship chm.
33.2% membership	Royal West Academy	Bill Foliot, m'ship chm.

Schools - off island

52.3% membership	Eardley Elem.	Faye Ingrey, m'ship chm.
44.0% membership	New Carlisle High	Diane Dobson, m'ship chm.

Special Award

61.7% membership	Hudson H&S	Pamela Gogarty/Mary Beth Weigensberg, m'ship chm.
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(Hudson Home & School encompasses Hudson Elementary, Hudson High and Mount Pleasant Elementary)

S. Adams thanked the Reader's Digest for the beautiful Canadian atlases they had donated as membership prizes.

(b) NEWS (Book of Reports, p.7)

MOTION: S. Keightley (Board)/B. Peden (Courtland Park) that this report be accepted. CARRIED

Barbara Peden, Focus on the Locals editor, NEWS, presented newsletter awards to the following schools:-

Christmas Park	Kate Courtnell/Kathy Zanti, editors
Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield	Helga Unterberger, editor
Valois Park	Tina Townsend, editor
Westpark	Betty McKinnon, editor

(c) Nominations (Book of Reports, p.33)

MOTION: O. Buckingham (Board)/V. Minto (Beacon Hill) to adopt the report of the Nominations Committee and therefore acceptance of slate. CARRIED

The slate is as follows:-

Treasurer (two year term)	Caspar Esselaar
Recording Secretary (two year term)	Sylvia Adams
Vice-Presidents (two year terms)	Helen Koepppe
	Joyce Payan
	Sylvia Rankin
	Susan Stamm

The remaining officers commence their second year of two-year terms.

(d) Resolutions and Policy Statements (Book of Reports, pp. 29-32)

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/J. Payan (Willingdon) to accept the Resolutions Committee report and the report on the Disposition of 1983 Resolutions. CARRIED

B. Milne-Smith noted a minor correction on p. 30 of Book of Reports, under resolution #7 "Curriculum: Sex Education. The written report now states we only received an acknowledgement of receipt of the resolution whereas we did have a reply from the Department of Education.

Resolution 84/1 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Dr. Potter (Board) spoke to this resolution. An editorial change in the 5th WHEREAS was accepted so that it reads ...for the purpose of minority official language education as a condition....(underlined word inserted).

Bill Asherman (Board) reviewed how "accounting" was carried out now and how we would ideally like it to be carried out.

MOTION: J. Payan (Willingdon)/C. Ohlin (Northview) to accept this resolution.

Discussion: Joan Mansfield, President, CHSPITF, noted similarity of this resolution to previous ones. Said it was difficult to uphold this position in government meetings. Marion Daigle responded that we wanted to have "accountability" in the present protocol agreements explained. This "accountability" factor was supported by other delegates.

Vote on resolution: 4 Opposed; Motion carried.

Resolution 84/2 HOME & SCHOOL MEETINGS - NO SMOKING PLEASE

Amendment. MOTION: D. Smith (Edgewater)/R. Czerkawski (Keith) to change the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED from "to ban smoking" to read "to encourage no smoking". Vote on amendment: Carried.

MOTION: M. Ashby (Board)/M. Joseph (Courtland Park) to accept the amended resolution. CARRIED

Resolution 84/3 INTEGRATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

MOTION: D. Dobson (New Carlisle)/B. Milne-Smith to accept this resolution.
Discussion. Local associations had problems with exactly what 'special education' entailed. Are we talking about physically and/or mentally handicapped children?

MOTION: A. Cumyn (Dorset)/J. Kalman (Hampstead) to refer the motion for further study. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Therefore the original motion is tabled for further study.

Resolution 84/4E ALTERNATIVE SHELTER FOR ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILDREN

MOTION: M. Ashby (Board)/A. Kiss (Royal West Academy) to accept this resolution.
Discussion. Marilyn Ashby discussed the kinds of situations existing today for many children and the importance of action on the matter. Judy Kalman (Hampstead) felt the BE IT RESOLVED clauses were too general in nature.

MOTION: J. Kalman (Hampstead)/R. Kandalgaonkar to table this resolution for further study. Vote: 10 For; Defeated.

Vote in favour of original motion: 8 Opposed; Carried.

An editorial change was accepted in the second BE IT RESOLVED to change ".... provide intensive publicity...." to read "....be encouraged to provide intensive publicity....".

Resolution 84/5E CARE AND ASSISTANCE FOR EMOTIONALLY, PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND SOCIALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN

MOTION: M. Ashby (Board)/A. Kiss (Royal West Academy) to accept this resolution.
Discussion. Marilyn Ashby stated that professionals are now stretched in their ability to give services and that children are merely being referred in a circle. Rose Kandalgaonkar noted that destinations should include CLSCs and DSCs. Joan Mansfield suggested the resolution be endorsed in principle and that it be referred back to the committee for destinations.
Vote on original resolution: Carried

Resolution 84/6E HOMEMAKER SERVICE FOR ABUSIVE OR NEGLECTFUL FAMILIES

MOTION: M. Ashby (Board)/A. Kiss (Royal West Academy) to accept this resolution. CARRIED

Several minor editorial changes were accepted. First WHEREAS changed from "WHEREAS the statistics of child abuse...." to read "WHEREAS statistics show that child abuse....". BE IT RESOLVED changed from "....the goal toward alleviating abuse...." to read "....the goal of alleviating abuse....".

Resolution 84/7E PETITION ON BILL 40 - FURTHER ACTION

MOTION: C. Potter (Board)/F. Lowry (Lindsay Place) to accept this resolution. CARRIED

This resolution is a follow-up to Resolution 83/17E voted on last year.

Resolution 84/8E BILL 40 - A QUESTION OF CONSTITUTIONALITY

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board)/M. Percy (Hudson) to accept this resolution. CARRIED

It was agreed to add "Opposition Education Critic" to list of destinations.

Resolution 84/9E NATIONAL ASSEMBLY REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINISTERIAL REGULATIONS

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board)/J. Payan (Willingdon) to accept this resolution.
Editorial corrections accepted. Under (b) in the first WHEREAS to change "....to review or disallowance...." to read "....to review and disallowance....". Under THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to change "....that regulations will be made subject to review or disallowance...." to read "....that Ministerial Regulations will be made subject to review and disallowance....".

Vote on corrected resolution: Carried.

Statement of Policy

Referred from 1983 business meeting.

Under HEALTH, #8. QFHSA supports the right of minors (14 years and older) to seek treatment for sexually transmitted diseases or drug addiction by a qualified physician without consent of parent or guardian.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/C. Esselaar (Board) to accept this Statement of Policy.

Discussion. Delegates spoke both for and against this particular statement. Those against felt it divided families; those for felt it gave treatment to minors who were unable to approach their families.

Vote on this Statement of Policy: Carried.

Under TEACHERS, #3. QFHSA supports teachers having access to information, guidance and training in the principles of mental health.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/D. Smith (Edgewater) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: 1 Opposed; Carried.

Under TEACHERS, #4. QFHSA supports teachers receiving specific training in recognizing the exceptional child.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/A. Cumyn (Dorset) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: Carried unanimously.

The following Statements are based on resolutions passed at the 1983 business meeting.

EDUCATION - SYSTEM

Replace present statement #1 with the following statement:-

QFHSA endorses responsibility for education at the local level being kept in the hands of School Commissioners democratically elected by universal suffrage to serve on confessional school boards representing a broad community of schools (Resolution 83/1).

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/J. Kalman (Hampstead) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: Carried.

Add statement #7. QFHSA supports English speaking residents having access to English Protestant schools within a reasonable distance even in rural areas.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/F. Lowry (Lindsay Place) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: carried.

Add statement #8. QFHSA endorses no changes in our education structure that would affect the status of confessional school boards unless there are Canadian constitutional guarantees for elected English language school board systems with administrative and pedagogical English language support services.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/G. Amarica (Malcolm Campbell) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: carried.

EDUCATION

Add Statement #19. QFHSA supports school boards having control and management of curriculum.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/J. Kalman (Hampstead) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: carried.

Add statement #20. QFHSA supports the development of curriculum for English schools being placed in the hands of qualified educators and parents within the English speaking community.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/J. Ellingsen (Board) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: carried.

Add statement #21. QFHSA endorses parents' right of exemption from Moral and Religious Education.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/D. Canavan (Edgewater) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: 1 Opposed; carried.

Add statement #22. QFHSA endorses courses in parenting education for both adults and students.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/A. Kiss (Royal West Academy) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Add statement #1. QFHSA supports Quebec having a Centre of Science and Technology.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/D. Canning (Dorset) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: carried.

SAFETY

Add statement #5. QFHSA supports the inclusion of traffic safety in the school curriculum.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/C. Esselaar (Board) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: carried.

WELFARE

Add statement #10. QFHSA endorses police officers laying charges in instances of wife-beating.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/M. Ashby (Board) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: carried

Add statement #11. QFHSA supports community action in support of agencies concerned with family violence.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board)/M. Joseph (Courtland Park) to accept this Statement of Policy. Vote: carried.

(e) Insurance Committee (Book of Reports, p.11)

Mr. Alexander recommended we renew our contract with the present insurance carrier - Reliable Life. He reviewed statistics and claims made against the insurance company.

MOTION: E. Alexander (Board)/A. Morris (past president QFHSA) to accept the report and recommendation. CARRIED

(f) Rights Committee (Book of Reports, pp.26-29)

Dr. Potter spoke to the report and about planned Ottawa Blitz.

MOTION: C. Potter (Board)/J. Kalman (Hampstead) to accept the report. CARRIED
There was discussion about Ottawa Blitz. Dr. Potter asked parents to be 'visible' because Quebec situation seems to be ignored. The Publicity Committee felt the statement "Double Standard/Double Cross" was too strong. Delegates were asked by a show of hands to indicate if they favoured this statement. Carried.

9. Adoption of remaining Reports

MOTION: C. Ohlin (Northview)/H. Green (Sunnydale) that all remaining reports be endorsed 'en bloc'. CARRIED

10. Date and Site of 1985 A.G.M./Conference fee

MOTION: M. Daigle (Board)/C. Ohlin (Northview) that the date of the 1985 AGM be either the first or second weekend in May; site Loyola Campus; conference fee to be set by Board of Directors in consultation with Program Committee. CARRIED

Adjournment

Alex Morris moved the meeting adjourn. CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1984-85

Presented at the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Marion Daigle, President

OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: A QUESTION OF VALUES as a theme for this year's conference has several meanings for Home and School. During this annual general meeting you, as delegates, representing your local associations will be called upon to make decisions which will have significant meaning for the future of this provincial organization. Keeping in mind that the fundamental basis for our parental involvement in Home and School is the value we place on our children and youth, I am certain that our decisions will reflect our concern for their education and well-being.

Membership

While there has been a significant rise in the number of group affiliate memberships - school committees and school boards - the overall family membership has declined. Membership chairmen have worked very hard and are to be commended for their efforts. In an effort to find ways and means of overcoming this decline, a strategy planning committee circulated a questionnaire to all locals. We hope to improve membership in the coming year.

Finance

Maintaining a secure financial position in order to maintain a secure independent status is a QFHSA goal. This year it was necessary to launch a community appeal for funds to offset the loss of our annual subsidy from the provincial government. Already the response from local Home and Schools, school boards, teacher and principal associations has been encouraging. We will continue to apply to the MEQ for a subsidy since we believe that as a non-profit organization we are entitled to recognition of the services which we render to schools in Quebec. In addition, please give consideration to the recommendation of the Finance Committee in its report.

Resolutions and Statements of Policy

It is refreshing to see so many resolutions this year ranging over a wide variety of topics. It shows that the membership is indeed concerned with issues and that you have taken the time to voice your concerns to the membership at this AGM. These resolutions and statements of policy are a tremendous source for reference when we are asked for the opinions of the membership. Some of these resolutions will make their way to the Canadian Home and School and Parent Teacher Federation while others are based on resolutions already passed by our national body.

School Reorganization

This report is being written in early April before the court hearings on Bill 3, the regime pedagogique and the injunction on Law 3. In addition a new Bill 29, introduced a week ago, is the government's latest attempt to cover its tracks in matters related to Law 3. QFHSA's position remains clear as pointed out in my Task Force report on this topic in this Book of Reports. The campaign Test Bill 3 NOW - no implementation without clarification is one that should be given full support.

Court Action 101

Last June forty Home and Schoolers participated in a blitz on Ottawa where we spoke to Quebec M.P.'s about the delay in bringing our case on Bill 101 to court. This action was a very positive one, resulting in our being given the go-ahead to update the case, with the promise of funding by the Secretary of State. Since then our delay has been in finding an academic constitutional consultant to restructure the case. Written opinions have been received and Dr. Calvin Potter, Chairman of the Rights Committee will give a full report at the AGM. It is extremely important that any decision made on further action re this very important court case be made with long range implications in mind.

Liaison with Other Groups

We are fortunate in having a number of Home and Schoolers sharing their expertise on behalf of the QFHSA and we appreciate their efforts.

Quebec Safety League	Don Smith
Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards	Marion Daigle
Lakeshore School Board	Barbara Milne-Smith
Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal	Allan Locke
Central Parents Committee/PSBGM	Valerie Carpenter
Parents Committee/LSB	Caspar Esselaar
Federation of Parents Committees of Island of Montreal	Stuart McQuisten
Federation of Parents Committees of Province of Quebec	Stephen Drake
PAPT-PACT Curriculum Council	Gary Stronach
United Nations in Montreal	Ann Cumyn
Quebec Association for Intercultural Education	Sarah Evett
Secondary Language Arts Committee	Gisela Amarica
Primary Language Arts Committee	Carol Wilson
	Sharon Robinson

Attending our Board of Directors' Meetings on a regular basis were: Rod Elkin and Ken Cooke, PAPT; Mrs. Grace Hone of QAPSB; Ann Cumyn, Protestant Committee of Superior Council of Education.

On the National Level - QFHSA continues to be an active participant in the Canadian Home and School Parent Teacher Federation. Joan and Allan Locke as national representatives and I, as President, represented QFHSA at the 1984 Annual Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Mrs. Joy Bastness of Saskatchewan was installed as President and Mrs. Joan Mansfield of Quebec was the recipient of a Life membership as outgoing National President. A full agenda of business was covered in a week of activity.

The mid-term meeting held in November, 1984 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, was an occasion to celebrate the founding of the first Home and School in Canada in 1895 in Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

The 1985 Annual Meeting will take place June 2 - 9 in Cornerbrook and St. John's, Newfoundland.

Other Functions

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October 1984. Barbara Milne-Smith attended the QAPSB Annual Meeting in Montreal.

Nov. 1984. Sylvia Adams represented QFHSA at the New York Parent-Teacher Association Annual General Meeting.

Several members represented QFHSA at the PAPT-PACT conference. As well a very successful display table promoted Home and School to the conference delegates.

Visits to a number of local Home and School Associations have been among the highlights of the year. Meeting and discussing matters of local concern have helped to shape decisions at the Board of Directors' level.

In January 1985 QFHSA mourned the death of a dear Home and Schooler and friend, Mr. Bill Asherman. Throughout the years his expertise and steady support for Home and School was an inspiration.

Now it is time for me to say thank you to each and everyone who has given me support during my term of office as your President. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the Association and trust that you will extend the same gesture to the incoming President.

QFHSA EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Marion Daigle, Chairman

The most pressing education issue facing parents, teachers, administrators and school commissioners is that of the reorganization of the school system of Quebec.

The following is a resumé of the events related to this issue and of the activities of the QFHSA Committee.

Spring-Fall 1984 - Various documents related to amendments to Bill 40 were in circulation. QFHSA Committee studied these as they related to our Statement of Policy on reorganization.

October 31, 1984 - Bill 3 introduced into National Assembly. QFHSA Task Force prepared a response to this bill based on the QFHSA Policy Statement on reorganization. It was recommended that the constitutional validity of Bill 3 be established before its passage into law. This was sent to the National Assembly Standing Committee on Education and circulated to media, school boards, parent committees, teacher associations, as well as local Home and School associations.

E.S.P.N. - English Speaking Parents Network Founding Convention - November 1984 at Mount Royal High School. Membership by school committee only.

December 20, 1984 - Bill 3 passed into law by the Quebec National Assembly. New Minister of Education, François Gendron appointed. Supreme Court of Canada renders judgement that Law 57 is unconstitutional. Parts of this law had been incorporated into new Law 3.

4 Jan. - end of March - Ministry of Education begins implementation of Law - maps of new territories of boards are circulated, preparations for elections of new boards.

QAPSB, MCSC and other school boards seek injunction to halt implementation - action to be heard April 15, 1985.

QFHSA Task Force supports campaign launched by Lakeshore School Board Parents Committee - Test Bill 3 NOW - No implementation without clarification. Circulation of information, posters, pins and features in Home and School NEWS.

Bill 29 - amendments to Law 3 tabled in National Assembly.

So that all Home and Schoolers may be reminded of the position of QFHSA on school reorganization, the Be It Resolved portion of Resolution 83/18E Confessional School Boards is reprinted below:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations take the stand that any changes in our present education structures must in no way affect the present status of Confessional School Boards until there are Canadian constitutional guarantees for elected English language school board systems with administrative and pedagogical English language support services.

THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION SUMMARY
OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES OF OUR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (CHSPTF)
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Marion Daigle, President, QFHSA

Every member of QFHSA is automatically a member of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF). Each of the ten provinces is a member with approximately 60,000 membership - the largest voluntary organization in Canada. The central office is located in Ottawa, Ontario.

CHSPTF coordinates its activities through a number of corresponding committees on a very limited budget. Project committees include:

Fitness/Nutrition	Home Influences
Smoking and Health	Bilingualism
Education	Bus Safety
Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Media Awareness
Child Abuse and Neglect	Training and Development
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Our National organization also maintains liaison with the following organizations:

- Canada Safety Council
- Canadian Association for Young Children
- Canadian Council for Children and Youth
- Canadian Council for Exceptional Children
- Canadian Council Smoking and Health
- Canadian Intramural Recreation Association
- Canadian Multicultural Foundation Inc.

Canadian UNICEF Committee
 Children's Broadcast Institute
 Family Service Canada
 International Union of Family Organizations
 IUFO Canadian Committee
 National Council of Boy Scouts of Canada
 National Voluntary Organizations
 United Nations in Canada Association
 Vanier Institute of the Family
 Canadian Teachers Federation
 Canadian Council of Ministers
 Canadian Education Association
 Canadian Association of School Administrators

This year's mid-term meeting took place November 25-27 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, chaired by Joy Bastness, President. This was also the occasion of the 90th Anniversary of the founding of Home and School in Canada by Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell in Baddeck, Nova Scotia. Hospitality by Nova Scotia Federation in celebrating this event was deeply appreciated.

All CHSPTF committees have followed a busy schedule of activities:

Child Abuse and Neglect - Eleanor Davies, P.E.I., Chairman and Dr. Bert Rose of Newfoundland participated at the International Congress on Child Abuse and neglect in Montreal, Quebec in Sept. 1984. They gave a poster presentation. The Quebec Committee manned a booth and were part of a workshop panel.

Fitness/Nutrition launched a slide/tape kit entitled "Have I got a Deal for You" for use in parent workshops by local associations. This has proved useful for older elementary students as well. A national radio spot will be heard across Canada in spring of 1985.

Smoking and Health - "Smoke Free Spaces for Kids" kit prepared by Canadian Heart Foundation and CHSPTF circulating nationwide in '85.

Home Influences - prepared a brochure for parents entitled "We Care about Children" as an inspiration to "caring" about our children and youth.

Media Awareness - are continuing to monitor television programming, the new video phenomenon and particularly pornography and the media.

IYY 1985 - a national committee is acting as a coordination unit and clearing house for the information and ideas being planned and carried out by youth during this special year.

Among the many volunteers serving at the National level are several from Quebec during 1984-85:-

Past President - Joan Mansfield
 Constitution, Resolutions and Policy Committee - Sylvia Adams
 Bilingualism (Special Assignment) - Bill Asherman
 Board of Trustees - Chairman - Barbara Milne-Smith
 IYY Committee - Marion Daigle

Thirteen resolutions submitted by provincial federations will be presented at the Annual Meeting - June 2 - 9 in Newfoundland.

6 An increase in membership fee will also be on the agenda.

This report touches very briefly on the activities of our National Home and School. Call our provincial office for information on any activity of interest to your school.

QUEBEC HOME & SCHOOL "NEWS"

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Dorothy Chant Hannah, Editor

The "NEWS" is a vital link between the grass-root membership of Home and School - the local association - the Executive and the Board of Managers.

Each group is encouraged to participate in its production: - to contribute - to criticize - to evaluate in order that we, the Editorial Staff, are able to produce a paper five times a year to act as a liaison between these groups and to encourage all readers to become more aware, interested and involved in the school and the education of their children.

The "NEWS" has a circulation of approximately 10,900 per issue, including peer associations in the Quebec Education Field. Your paper has come to be recognized as a very fundamental and professional paper - one that is staffed completely by dedicated volunteers.

Lay-out and Co-ordination	-	Gordon Perry
Advertising	-	Nancy Johnston
Focus-on-the-Locals	-	Barbara Peden
Safety	-	Don Smith
Editorial and Policy	-	Alex Morris
Re-write	-	Jon Percy
		Lise Martin
Editor	-	Dorothy Chant Hannah

Newsletter award winners for the 1984/85 school year are:-

Beacon Hill Elementary School - Editors - Margie MacDonald
Nancy Acton

Cedar Park Elementary School - Editors - Kathryn Brydon
Francie Gunther

Valois Park Elementary School - Editor - Tina Townsend

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Helen Koeppe, General Arrangements Chairman

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Committee members were:

- Registration - Ann Gagné, Ann Cumyn, Doreen Canavan
- Hospitality - Joan Locke, Sylvia Rankin, Val Carpenter, Steve Drake
and Katherine Koeppe
- Kits - Joyce Payan, Gordon McGibbon, Sarah Evett
- Signs - Sylvia Rankin
- Publications
Table - Sue Stamm, Sarah Evett

The conference was held Saturday, October 13, 1984 at Lindsay Place High School. Over 134 people attended from local associations, school committees and as special guests. Over 10% were off-island delegates. The theme of the plenary session was Home and School : Why Belong? an up-to-date explanation of what it means to be a Home and Schooler.

There were three displayers and a Quebec Federation publications table, which was especially appreciated. The new Home and School handbook was distributed, one copy for each association attending, and was very favourably received.

The fourteen workshops were well received. These were:

- Part I -
 1. Integrating Volunteer Efforts with Existing Health Agency Workers and Community Resources. Maureen Haynes, Debbie McLeod
 2. How to Run Successful Programs. Jon Percy, Rod Elkin
 3. Fitness and Nutrition. Sylvia Adams
 4. Safety: Street-proofing your child. Betty Lou Manker, Judy Kusel, L. Vogt
 5. International Youth Year (1985). Sylvia Rankin, Joan Locke, Marion Daigle
- Part II -
 6. Home and School: Cooperation. Carol Ohlin, Fred Argue, Gisela Amarica, Ralph Ross
 7. Leadership Development. Scott Haldane
 8. Communicating. Alex Morris
 9. How to Run a Meeting. Marion Daigle
 10. Does your School have a Babysitters' Training Program? Bella Lafontaine
- Part III -
 11. Fund Raising. Fran Lowry, Helen Green
 12. Leadership Development, Part II
 13. Membership and Membership Development Off-island. Sylvia Adams
 14. Newsletters and Publicity. Rose Kandalgaonkar, Sandra Keightley, Marilyn Harrison

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1984

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Joan Locke, General Arrangements Chairman

This year's Annual General Meeting was held at the Campus Centre of Concordia University.

An excellent program was presented relating to this year's theme, "40 Years of Change and Challenge". There was a last minute cancellation of our guest speaker, Mr. Gaudieri of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. He was ably replaced by Mme. H el ene Lamarche, Education Director of the museum.

It was a nostalgic awards banquet as many of our former presidents returned for this event. With special decorations, and birthday cakes courtesy of P.A.P.T., our anniversary was well celebrated.

The greatest concern was that ten fewer schools were at our conference than last year. This should be considered seriously when planning for next year. The total number of people attending was only slightly less than last year due to special guests attending our 40th - Friday Lunch 100, Friday Dinner 118 and Saturday Luncheon 135.

The main Annual General Meeting Committees consisted of the following people:

Program Coordinators:	Angelika Redahl and Peggy MacArthur
Hospitality:	June Smith
Displays:	Joyce Payan
Registration:	Valerie Carpenter
Program Book:	Barbara Milne-Smith and Gordon Perry

A complete financial statement is attached to the June 15, 1984, Board of Directors' Minutes. A simplified breakdown follows:

Our basic expenditures are:

Program Book	3,940
Meals	3,337
Use of Concordia facilities	1,577
Off-Island delegates	366
Long Distance calls to Off-Island locals	<u>134</u>
	<u>\$9,354</u>

Our basic revenues are:

Conference fees (from local H & S Assns.)	1,202
Program Books advertisements	6,685
Displayers	1,465
Meals (Paid for by delegates)	<u>3,143</u>
	<u>12,495</u>

While mailing costs connected with the conference (estimated at \$1,750) are not included in the above expenses, they should be borne in mind. With regard to the 1984 conference there were approximately 15 mailings.

The winner of this year's Paterson Award was Connie Middleton-Hope and for the Buzzell Award, Gisela Amarica.

AREA REPORT - DORVAL
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Barbara Peden, Area Representative

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Courtland Park Elementary School

A very active group of parents continues to raise several thousand dollars a year for the benefit of students and school life, largely through a professional-crafts, baked-goods, used articles sale held in November.

This year the money has been spent on classical music cassettes, globes, a World Book encyclopedia, a computer printer and other items, and on professional French theatre entertainment.

Courtland Park combines its executive with the school committee, and has undertaken to revise its constitution to accommodate the merger.

Dorval High/John XXIII

This Protestant and Catholic High School has weathered a very trying year, as imminent closure threatened once again. The school committee/executive, students, staff and parents put up a spirited defence. The City of Dorval endorsed their cause, as did Courtland Park parents. Closing the school this year seemed particularly short-sighted in view of the uncertainty brought about by the passage of Bill 3.

The community was relieved to hear that the PSBGM has decided to keep the school open for now. The local continues to discuss new and imaginative ways to boost enrolment.

AREA REPORT - LAKESHORE AREA I
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Peggy MacArthur, Area Representative

Lindsay Place High School

Telephone chain set up this year involving parents of 7th and 8th grade students in order to boost membership and keep parents informed of activities. Information sessions were held on Child Abuse, a successful two day conference on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and Strategies on Handling Stress.

A sub-committee is reviewing and formulating updated constitution. A Spring Fair is planned for May.

Northview

Babysitting courses and chess lessons sponsored again this year. Kindergarten children were fingerprinted. Fundraisers were Video Lunches, Towne Faire, Almond Sale. Financial support given in all areas of school life: the play "My Fair Lady", books for library, field trips, QFHSA, Grade 6 Cross Canada Trip, Science Fair, etc.

The Home and School endorsed the Lakeshore School Board stand on Bill 3. Safety Patrol with trained Grade 6 students set up. Children work at school crossings on a rotating schedule.

Valois Park

Workshops of interest were given for parents. Included were: Health and Nutrition with Sylvia Adams, Streetproofing Kids with Officer McDuff. Craft classes for parents with option of donating crafts produced to school for next year's Christmas Fair. Babysitting course held this year for the Grade 6 students. Bike rodeo coming up which highlights bicycle safety. Money was raised through a Ski and Skate sale, apple sale, the Santa Fair and a bike exchange. Valois Park will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a Pot Luck supper involving staff, parents and children.

Sunnydale

An International Night was held involving staff, parents and children. Each class displayed different country. Parents cooked. Fashion show was held and \$1,000 was raised. Other successful fund raisers were Santa Fair and school supply shop. Upcoming play "Show Stoppers" to be presented May 28 and 29.

AREA REPORT - LASALLE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Helen Koeppe, Area Representative

Keith School

Major fund raisers for the Home and School were the Christmas Bazaar and a spring chocolate sale. Proceeds enabled the school to receive another computer for student use and a professional performance of 'A Christmas Carol'. Students delighted committee members by sending hand-written and illustrated thank-yous. Each month an objective is chosen (e.g. February was Caring for Property), testimonials from home and from school are posted on a special bulletin board.

Joint information evenings are held in cooperation with the School Committee. One of the Keith sisters died recently (for whom the school was named) and a donation of books was made to the Mackay Center in her memory.

Cecil Newman School

Successful Christmas Bazaar enabled the affiliated School Committee to purchase equipment and to provide lessons for children at lunchtime.

Lasalle High School

Annual variety Show directed by Miss Kousaie was presented to enthusiastic audiences on two evenings. Theatre Arts students under the direction of Mr. Gordon Day performed in an innovative program called 'Booze'. These stage presentations using the trial and tribulations of teenagers experimenting with alcohol as well as those who may live with an alcoholic parent are performed during classtime to a few classes at a time with time left for discussion afterward.

Impressive new school newspaper 'Modem' written by students in a special English program and printed on school printing equipment was introduced. Some finalists in the school science fair won prizes at the large Science Fair held at Marianopolis College in March.

School Committee, concerned staff and community leaders are working hard to solve the problem of hungry students.

The activities of these schools was reported in an Home and School column using the Home and School logo in the local weekly newspaper and also appeared occasionally in the neighbouring Verdun paper.

COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Report to Annual General Meeting, 1985
Jon Percy

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The mandate of this committee seems to have been informally expanded this year to include the area of science education in general as well as the specific question of the use of computers in our schools.

An information file has been established for all the documents that are received by QFHSA on the subject of science education in Quebec. Any item of particular interest will be written up for the NEWS or brought to the attention of the Executive and Board. On October 10, 1984 Lydia Austin and I attended a meeting sponsored by the Science Council of Canada. It was in the form of a workshop attended by "a cross section of 40 to 50 senior representatives from government, industry, labour, the media and education". It is a good indication of QFHSA's stature in the educational community that it was invited to participate. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Science Council Report - Science for Every Student: Educating Canadians for Tomorrow's World. A full report of the meeting was presented in the December 1984 NEWS.

The Second Annual Computers in Education Conference was held in Montreal from December 12-14, 1984. QFHSA was again one of over 100 participating organizations supporting the conference. This year the conference was strictly oriented to professional educators and there was no provision made for a "public day" at the Computer Fair as there had been the previous year. As a result QFHSA was not as heavily involved as last year although we did distribute informational brochures to our locals. Planning is already underway for the 1985 conference, but it is not yet clear what our degree of involvement is likely to be.

An information file has been set up to deal with the considerable influx of documents on the subject of computers in education. Many of these are MEQ releases concerning their plans and specifications for computerization of schools. I have also made a point of collecting a wide range of other information on the question of the educational uses and abuses of computers. This information resource is available to all. Items of particular interest are generally highlighted in the NEWS.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Ann Cumyn, Chairman

During the past year there were three major areas of activity: monitoring government directives, attending meetings of the PAPT-PACT Curriculum Council and meeting with representatives of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation.

We have all been concerned about the rate of implementation of the Régime Pédagogique. A government directive, issued this January, permits school boards to delay by one year the obligatory introduction of the new courses of study.

The PAPT-PACT Curriculum Council is monitoring the implementation of the new courses of study. There is a sub-committee which is working on an

evaluation of the Secondary I Ecology course. Earlier in the year two sub-committees gave preliminary reports on the MEQ evaluation policy at the elementary and at the secondary level. These reports cited, in particular the need for a clear understanding by all concerned - parents, students, teachers - of the terms "formative" and "summative" evaluation. An interesting talk was given in February by Mr. Wayne Arnold, Director of Special Education MCSC. Special Education policies were discussed and also the pros and cons of integration. Most of the ensuing discussion focussed on the secondary level, where many of the existing problems stem from budgetary constraints, i.e. special education classes at maximum size, large regular classes containing integrated special education students, integration for budgetary rather than pedagogical reasons, etc.

The Canadian Human Rights Foundation approached QFHSA in order to obtain our reaction to the inclusion of the teaching of Human Rights within the school curriculum. This Foundation has just completed a series of consultations, funded by the Secretary of State, with the many groups involved with education in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec. The Foundation is looking for support for its proposal to have human rights education in the schools and also to encourage a Canada wide recognition of December 10, the commemoration of the day of adoption of the United Nations declaration of Human Rights.

LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report to Annual General Meeting, 1985

Jon Percy

The Lakeshore Regional Council has had a very active and interesting year. The Executive met on September 18 to plan for the year's operations. Meetings of the membership were usually well attended and were held on October 3, November 28, January 30, February 27 and April 17. The final meeting of the year will be held in May.

In addition to regular presentation of reports from various educational organizations and locals we also had special presentations at some of the meetings. These included an informal discussion session with Peter Krause, the new Director General of the Lakeshore School Board, a demonstration of CPR by representatives from the Pointe Claire CPR Centre and a workshop on Effective Schools presented by John Jared of the LSB.

I would like to thank all the members of the executive for their continuing interest and support and all the Presidents of locals who conscientiously attended most of our meetings and contributed greatly to their success.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Caspar Esselaar, Chairman

Members of the Finance Committee 1984-85 were:

Sandra Keightley, Rose Kandalgaonkar, Calvin Potter, Susan Stamm,
Owen Buckingham, Rod Wiener, Marion Daigle, Pres. ex officio.

At the post AGM Board of Directors Meeting, May 1984, it was agreed to continue the activities of the Finance Committee. The Committee reported to the Executive and Board of Directors for final decisions.

1. Provincial Grant - Application for an operating grant was sent in July 1984. The Ministry of Education responded on Oct. 1 stating the grant would be \$5,000 and no further grants in future. Requests for appointments with Ministers of Education, Berubé and Gendron, have failed to materialize. The Executive and Board of Directors will continue to pursue this matter. An application for a grant for 1985-86 will be sent following the AGM.
2. Financial Planning/Fund Raising - To offset the loss of the provincial grant, an appeal for \$20,000 to cover operating expenses until Aug. 31, 1985 was launched. Letters of appeal were sent to local associations, school boards, group affiliate members, individual supporting members, teacher associations and administrative associations.
3. Translation Grant - The QFHSA Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules French translations should be completed by end of the 1984-85 school year. The 30% funding required by QFHSA to complete this project was donated. Seventy percent of the cost of translation was granted by the Federal Secretary of State in 1984. This will allow QFHSA to expand its membership among the French speaking population.
4. QFHSA Tax Number - following the updated procedures required by Revenue Canada, the Finance Committee prepared guidelines for QFHSA and its local associations for the use of its charitable status number. This was circulated to all locals.
5. Official Languages Communities Program Grant - Application for a Special Projects grant in December 1984 was made to the Federal Secretary of State for 1985-86. This was prepared by members of the Membership Development and Leadership Training Committee and reviewed by the Finance Committee. The application can be found on Pages 14 - 16 in this Annual Book of Reports.
6. QFSHA Budget 1985-86 - prepared by the Treasurer, the budget was studied by the Finance Committee before the March Executive and Board of Directors meetings.

Recommendations of the Committee

That a raffle fund-raising campaign be planned for 1985-86. This matter to be discussed at AGM 1985.



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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - GRANT REQUEST

Leadership Training

- (1) Re Annual General Meeting (AGM) 1985 (Spring)
- a) Keynote speaker - honorarium, travel, meals \$ 1,500
accommodation
 - b) Travel, meals, accommodation
 - i - President, Canadian Home & School and Parent 500
Teacher Federation
 - ii - Off-island delegates to AGM
 - North Shore - 4 x \$425 1,700
 - Ormstown - 2 x \$ 65 130
 - Eastern Townships - 6 x \$ 65 390
 - Gaspé - 9 x \$200 1,800
 - Greater Quebec - 5 x \$100 500
 - Western Quebec -15 x \$ 90 1,350
 - Laurentians - 6 x \$ 60 360
 - c) Mailings associated with AGM (program preview) 3,000
 - d) Long Distance Telephone calls re AGM 500
 - e) Paper costs - preview book, book of reports, etc. 750
 - f) Materials for conference kits 750
(300 kits x \$2.50 each)
 - g) Conference follow-up 500 \$13,730.
(materials, mailing, long distance phone calls)
- (2) Re Leadership Conference - Fall 1985
- a) Travel, accommodation, meals for off-island delegates to leadership conference
 - North Shore - 4 x \$425 1,700
 - Ormstown - 2 x \$ 50 100
 - Eastern Townships - 6 x \$ 50 300
 - Gaspé - 9 x \$200 1,800
 - Greater Quebec - 3 x \$ 75 225
 - Western Quebec, -15 x \$ 70 1,050
 - Laurentians - 6 x \$ 45 270
 - b) Mailings associated with Leadership Conference 381
(300 programs x \$1.27)
 - c) Long Distance Telephone Calls 450
 - d) Paper costs - program book, invitations, etc. 200
 - e) Material for day of Leadership Conference 675
(300 kits x \$2.25 each)
 - f) Conference follow-up 200 \$ 7,351.
(mailings, long distance phone calls, materials)



(3) Re Think Tank - Summer 1985			
a) Rental of space, and meals		\$ 500	
b) Other expenses - paper costs, travel for out of town Board members, etc.		<u>200</u>	\$ 700.
(4) Montreal Island workshop for Publicity and Membership chairmen - June 1985			
a) Materials for publicity and m'ship kits			
150 publicity kits x \$1.50 each		225	
150 membership kits x \$2.00 each		300	
b) Workshop follow-up			
(Mailing of kits to off-island local associations in August 1985)			
150 publicity kits x \$1.06 postage		159	
150 m'ship kits x \$1.91 postage		<u>287</u>	\$ 971.
(5) Participation of off-island executive members, area directors and committee chairmen to QFHSA Board of Directors' meetings (bimonthly) June 1985 - March 1986		<u>1,500</u>	\$1500.
(6) Off-island workshops			
a) Travel, accommodation and meals			
Baie Comeau	3 people x \$475	1,425	
Laurentians	5 people x \$150	750	
Eastern Townships	5 people x \$150	750	
Hull/Aylmer	5 people x \$175	875	
Sept Iles	3 people x \$475	<u>1,425</u>	
b) Speakers and honoraria (5 workshops)			
Baie Comeau	1 person	500	
Laurentians	1 person	200	
Eastern Townships	1 person	150	
Hull/Aylmer	1 person	200	
Sept Iles	1 person	<u>500</u>	\$6775.

Membership Development and Leadership Materials

(1) Leadership Handbook - "Home & School: What's It All About?" - update, printing, mailing	1,200	
(2) QFHSA History (update)		
a) 500 copies (printing)	2,750	
b) Mailing 150 copies @ \$1.50	<u>225</u>	
(3) Membership Development Display Kit	<u>500</u>	\$4675.
Portable kit for the presentation of QFHSA history, activities of the organization and resource materials		

Publicity/Promotion

(1) Bookmarks (bilingual) - 50,000	\$1,500	
(2) Buttons - "Kids Are Worth It!" - 5,000	1,200	
(3) Rulers - 1000 @ \$1.50 each	1,500	
(4) Plastic carry-alls with "Kids Are Worth It" logo	1,000	
(5) Media - newspaper, radio, television	2,000	
(6) September 1985 "Quebec Home & School NEWS" special membership issue - 5M add'l issues	500	
(7) Executive members travel to schools on parental involvement in educational issues; promote H&S membership	1,000	
(8) Incentive Award for Membership Development. Winner to participate at Canadian Home and School Parent-Teacher Federation, annual meeting in British Columbia, 1986	1,000	
(9) Certificate Awards to local association presidents and membership chairmen - to be presented at QHSA Annual General Meeting, 1985	700	
		<u>\$10,400.</u>

Representation

Representations to other organizations and official bodies.

(1) Ontario Federation of Home & School Assns.	350	
(2) New Brunswick Federation of Home & School Assns.	350	
(3) New York PTA	500	
(4) Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards 2 people to attend the annual meeting 1 person to attend the monthly board meetings	700	
(5) Ministry of Education, Quebec (MEQ), and Superior Council of Education (advisory body to MEQ)	550	
		<u>\$ 2,450.</u>

General
Administration
Costs

Cost for projects involved in this grant (rent, taxes, office equipment, secretarial)	<u>14,566</u>	<u>\$14,566.</u>
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\$63,118.



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APPENDIX I - Disbursements of Grant from Secretary of State

Receipts: Off-Island Grant I (May '79)	\$ 20,000
Off-Island Grant II (July '81)	25,000
Official Languages Communities Program (Sep/Nov '84) (Membership development and Leadership training)	25,000
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	\$ 70,000

Expenditures:

Reported at time of application for Grant II (detailed to August 31, 1980)	\$ 11,543
Reported at time of application for OLCP Grant (detailed to February 29, 1984)	30,668
Disbursements from February 29, 1984 to June 30, 1984 (made against Grant II)	2,281
Disbursements from July 1, 1984, to December 12, 1984 (made against OLCP grant)	15,173
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	\$ 59,665

On Hand \$ 10,335

Breakdown of disbursements from Feb 29/84 - Jun 30/84

Travel	\$ 16.00
Executive to attend meetings of local Home & Schools plus liaison with other organizations	
Long Distance Telephone Calls	118.73
Membership Development off-island	
Position Paper to Superior Council of Education (on "Second Language Teaching")	
Membership Materials	1,449.47
"Kids Are Worth It" buttons	
Membership cards /Aims of the Association	
Pamphlet "Home & School: A Force in Education"	
Postage/Courier service	42.90
Materials to off-island local associations	
Area Representation	56.50
Travel of off-island directors to Board meetings	
Annual General Meeting, May 11-12, 1984	588.55
Accommodations for off-island delegates - \$224.50	
Travel expenses of off-island delegates - \$364.05	
Membership/Publicity/Newsletter W'shop, June 19/84	8.60
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	2,280.75



Breakdown of disbursements from Jul 1/84 - Dec 12/84Membership/Participation/Development

Re Fall Leadership Conference 1984		\$ 1,423.74
Paper costs re mailing	\$ 180.00	
300 mailings @ \$1.06/ea	318.00	
Long distance calls	325.74	
Materials for conference kit (300 kits @ \$2./ea)	600.00	
Accommodation, meals and travel for off-island conference participants		\$ 1,508.96 ¹
Travel: Baie Comeau (1)	180.04	
Eardley (3)	96.00	
Sept Iles (1)	337.00	
Magog (3)	54.22	
Aylmer (3)	88.00	
Gaspé (3)	171.00	Total \$926.26 ¹
Meals	Total \$287.50	
Accommodations	Total \$248.00	
Miscellaneous	Total \$ 47.20	
<u>Handbook</u>		\$ 1,048.30
"Home & School: What's It All About?" (a l'ship handbook)		
300 copies printed	730.30	
Mailing - 300 @ \$1.06/ea	318.00	
<u>Publicity/Promotion</u>		\$ 5,804.00
Bumper Stickers (bilingual) - 5000	1170.00	
Historical Poster - 1000	261.38	
Volunteer Buttons - 2000	512.30	
Membership Posters - 1000	1228.50	
Bookmarks (bilingual) - 50,000	1358.60	
Buttons - "Kids Are Worth It!" - 2500	507.62	
Add'l copies of September issue of newspaper - 4000	410.00	
Media - newspaper 'ads'	166.80	
Executive members travel to schools on education issues	88.80	
QFHSA 40th anniversary - special guest	100.00	
<u>General Administration Costs</u>		\$ 5,000.00
<u>Representation to other organizations</u>		\$ 388.48
Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards	53.65	
New Brunswick Federation of Home & School Assns.	134.00	
New York PTA	150.00 ¹	
Ministry of Education (Quebec)	50.83	
		<u>\$15,173.48</u>

¹ Outstanding accounts not yet received.

(Relevant materials are included)

PROPOSED BUDGET QFHSA

September 1, 1985 - August 31, 1986

RECEIPTS

Membership fees (5,000 @ \$9) - Family M'ship	\$45,000
Membership fees (60 @ \$35) - Group Affiliate M'ship	2,100
Interest and Miscellaneous	2,500
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	\$49,600

EXPENDITURES

Affiliation fees to Can. Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation (5,000 @ 75¢)	\$ 3,750
(60 @ \$3.50)	210
Secretarial Salary	18,750
Rent/Light/Taxes	6,800
Insurance and Administration ¹	2,000
Printing, Stationery, Office Supplies	4,000
Telephone	2,425
Postage	5,000
Miscellaneous ²	2,500
Home & School NEWS (net)	18,000
Office Equipment	1,500
Conferences & Travel	2,000
Committees	500
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	\$67,435

AMOUNT NEEDED TO BREAK EVEN	\$17,835
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¹ Administration includes bank charges and auditor's fees

² This is a 'catchall' account. It includes office expenses, Board and Executive Meetings expenses, Briefs and Position Papers, translations, etc.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR
Report to Annual General Meeting, 1985
Joan Locke, Committee Chairman

The year 1985 has been declared as International Youth Year by the United Nations. Both Canadian and Quebec Home and School Associations are supporting High School age students to partake in activities commemorating this event.

Various School Boards in Quebec have begun planning with joint committees of students, teachers and administrators. Our own locals have been sent information and are available as support groups with suggestions and assistance in their own schools.

The Home and School NEWS will have a feature section on IYY 1985.

MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGE - FOUNDATION
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Valerie Carpenter, Chairman

This year information concerning school closures and sample studies were sent to Doreen Houston of CHSPTF. Mrs. Houston is in the process of compiling a School Closure Handbook. This book is meant to help guide parents faced with school closure.

A letter was sent to William Miller, our legal counsel, informing him that QFHSA no longer wished to develop a foundation as local Home and School Associations felt their assets were already protected. We thanked him for his help in this matter.

Once again various schools were faced with the threat of closure or change and we tried to keep track of these events. The following are the changes voted on by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal:

- 1) transfer the French Immersion program at Westminster School to Willingdon School effective September 1, 1985
- 2) close the English stream at Edward VII as of June 30, 1985
- 3) to open a French Language Elementary School in cohabitation with the present English Language School at Maple Hill School as of September 1, 1985
- 4) close Mount Royal High School as an English Language High School and reopen it as a French Language High School as of September 1, 1985.

MEMBERSHIP
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Sylvia Adams, Chairman

The annual membership workshop was held in June, 1984; updated kits were given or sent to all membership chairmen; the membership committee contacted all local chairmen before and after Christmas, with the objective of fostering good two-way communication should local membership problems arise. Regrettably, the local chairmen seldom, if ever, take advantage of this liaison, and problems do seem to occur. We welcomed Huntingdon Academy, a new local Home and School Association.

Unfortunately we have lost some associations and our membership figures demonstrate these losses. However, the increased membership fee did not appear to be a main factor; it was merely one of many reasons cited, e.g. parental apathy, lack of support from school administrations and professional staff, discouragement from the ongoing government bills re proposed changes in the school system. In fact, these reasons are the very ones to make us push even harder to keep our Home and School membership strong. We do address the needs of parents as well as our children; we do expect that administrators and teachers will support our interest and involvement by joining with us to attain mutual educational objectives.

We salute those local associations who have worked hard to assure high levels of membership and involvement by their individual members: parents, teachers and community members.

Membership as of March 25, 1985

		<u>March 1984</u>
Associations submitting membership lists	:	54
Associations which have not submitted lists	:	2
Group affiliate members	:	54
Number of Family memberships (through a H and S)	:	5,072
Supporting members (individual families who have not joined through a local H and S)	:	36
		58
		3
		42
		5,724
		52

Membership Awards - Based on approximate number of families in School

Elementary Schools on Montreal Island

Valois Park	85.08%	Membership Chairman	-	Mary Jane de Koos
Beacon Hill	84.97%	Membership Chairman	-	Ruth Ryan
Windermere	82.89%	Membership Chairman	-	Barbara Shaw

Off-Island

Eardley	45%	Membership Chairman	-	Faye Ingrey
New Carlisle	36%	Membership Chairman	-	Olive Gilker

High Schools

Royal West Academy	53%	Membership Chairman	-	Kathleen Belanger
Macdonald High	33%	Membership Chairman	-	Annie Petersen

Special Award

Hudson Home & School	51%	Membership Chairman	-	Hélène Cameron
Hudson Elementary				
Hudson High				
Mount Pleasant Elementary				

Special Mention

Cedar Park	79%
Elizabeth Ballantyne	76%

Both schools increased their membership percentages over those of last year.

Recommendations

- 1) that the Membership Chairman of QFHSA be responsible for that one job only; this committee must have a Chairman or Co-Chairmen - this must be a PRIORITY item.
- 2) that the membership telephone liaison committee be ongoing
- 3) that locals are contacted monthly until their complete lists are submitted (from October 15th onward)
- 4) that local associations must be more businesslike about attaining their memberships as soon as possible in the school year plus submitting their lists in the orderly format requested and within the time-frame suggested, e.g. some locals are consistently depriving their members of the NEWS, the main communication link available to them.
- 5) possible twinning of schools e.g. two highschoools, so their chairmen can liaise with each other
- 6) Membership Awards - that these be augmented to include the following:
 - a) National Award Certificate - from Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation for any local who has 25 or more members than were enrolled the previous year.
 - b) Provincial Awards
 - i) a certificate for any local who has 10 or more members than were enrolled the previous year - red seal indicates 25 or more additional members, gold seal indicates 50 or more additional members.
 - ii) 100% Teacher Membership - when every professional staff person has joined Home and School.
 - iii) 100% Home and School Membership - when total local membership equals the number of families in the school plus the number of permanent professional staff.
 - iv) President's Letter of Commendation - This is a special President's letter of commendation to each local that enrolls 10 new members who are not parents, teachers or administrators in its school. Former officers, grandparents and neighbours are some of those who might join.

These awards will formally recognize both small and large membership gains. The book awards would continue as in the past. This approach will also recognize that each individual member has a local, provincial and national involvement.
 - c) that a request be made to CHSPTF to institute the National Award Certificate mentioned above at the June 1985 annual meeting.

Membership Committee: Bev Forsyth, Fay Richardson, Mary Jane de Koos,
Carol Ohlin

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Report to Annual General Meeting, 1985
Marilyn Percy, Chairman

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One of the important mandates of this committee is to bring to our school communities an awareness of Home and School and a realization of its full potential as a tool for improving education by:

1. having a voice at the policy forming level
2. making available programs and materials to schools and communities.

Another important role is to encourage and foster the leadership qualities of our members so that they in turn may provide leadership within their local communities.

In order to support its varied activities during the 1984-85 year the committee applied for and received in June 1984 a grant under the Official Languages Communities Program Program of the Department of the Secretary of State.

The following are a few of the activities undertaken by the committee in fulfilling its mandate:

Under the auspices of the committee off-Island representatives were brought to the fall leadership conference and kits were provided for the participants.

The President and members of the executive visited the local in Ste. Agathe.

The President and committee chairman went to Baie Comeau to meet with teachers and interested parents. They were accompanied by a speaker who gave a very well received presentation on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to students and teachers during the day and again to parents in the evening. The trip provided an excellent opportunity to discuss Home and School and some of its programs with teachers and local members, and to discuss the effects that Law 3 would have on the school community.

The committee financially supported and encouraged delegates from off-Island to come to the Annual General Meeting.

The committee also financially supported the booklet "Home and School: What's It All About?" and promotional material such as buttons, bookmarks, bumper stickers and posters. Expenses for publicity in newspapers and radio were covered, as were expenses for QFHSA representation to other organizations and official bodies such as:

Ontario and New Brunswick Home and School Federations
New York PTA
Canadian Association of Young Children
Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards
Ministry of Education
Superior Council of Education

The committee has applied for another grant from the Department of the Secretary of State for the period of April 1985 to March 1986. A decision on the grant is pending and we should hear something definite by the middle of May.

Members of the committee are: Marion Daigle, Sandra Keightley, Sylvia Adams.

PUBLICITY FUND RAISING
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Sandra Keightley, Chairman

Advertisements

An advertisement was produced and placed in the Globe and Mail, Gazette, La Presse and Le Devoir. This ad was entitled "WHY?". The purpose of this project was to inform the public of the fact that we have waited over six years to have our Law 101 court action brought before the courts. And while we feel that we have been extraordinarily patient "WHY?" have others been heard relatively quickly. Among other questions we also asked "WHY?" should children have to wait so long for an answer from our courts. Within the same ad we invited donations to the Rights Committee Fund. The response was good.

Membership advertisements were placed in the Monitor, Westmount Examiner, Town of Mount Royal Weekly Post and the News and Chronicle during the months of October, November and December 1984 and January 1985. Some of these ads had a tear-off coupon which was a request for a Home and School membership. Others had just the QFHSA address and telephone number. These membership ads were made possible through the funds of the Official Language Communities Program Grant from last year.

Ottawa "BLITZ"

A Press Release was produced in conjunction with the Rights Committee and was distributed to the media at a press conference which was held June 11, 1984, at the Home and School office. There was good press attendance and our Press Release was well reported to the public through the media. As well, a number of media representatives were present at the Ottawa "BLITZ", which was held June 12, 1984. We received good T.V., radio and newspaper coverage of this event as well.

Several days after the "BLITZ" a radio interview with Dr. Calvin Potter was held by radio station C.F.C.F.

Meetings

The Publicity Committee met several times throughout the year to discuss publicity and QFHSA plans for the future.

A meeting with Federal Government representatives was held to inform them of our Law 101 court action as well as the fact that we have once again made application to the Official Languages Communities Programme. Another meeting was held with the Honorable Bob Layton in order that we might familiarize him and his department with the activities of QFHSA. The Honorable Mr. Layton is the Anglophone representative for Quebec within the Federal caucus. Members of the Publicity Committee attended the Ottawa "BLITZ" as well as the press conference and the regular meetings of the Rights Committee throughout the year.

Publicity Guidelines

A Publicity Guidelines booklet for local Home and School Associations has been prepared and is available from the Home and School office.

Workshops

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A Publicity Workshop for local Publicity Chairmen was held at the Home and School office in June 1984, together with the Membership Committee. About thirty Home and School members attended.

A Publicity Workshop was given at the Leadership Conference October 13, 1984. Marilyn Harrison of C.J.A.D. was the guest speaker.

Questionnaire

A QFHSA questionnaire has been drawn up and will be distributed to all local Home and School Association Presidents as well as Area Representatives. The results of this questionnaire will be available as soon as possible.

Fund Raising

Proposals for possible fund raising were presented to the June 1984 Think Tank. It was decided to have another Family Portrait fund raising at the QFHSA level. This was done in early Dec. 1984, but was, unfortunately, not nearly as successful as last year.

A "Raffle Guidelines" has been put together by this committee. The "Do's" and "Don'ts" that were experienced by this committee during the raffle two years ago when we raised \$18,000 were recorded. We would like to consider another raffle and we are presently looking for a chairman. We would also like to hear from anyone who might have a contact with a company which would donate a major prize for this raffle. QFHSA would be willing to trade advertising in the Home and School NEWS in exchange for substantial prizes.

Meetings were held with Mrs. Lamarche and Mrs. Desrosiers of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. The possibility of a Museum tour/Wine & Cheese was discussed as a fund raiser. This idea was presented to QFHSA finance committee meeting of January 14, 1985. It was decided to postpone such an event until some time in the future.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Barbara Milne-Smith, Chairman

All 1984 resolutions were sent off to their designated destinations and the report "Disposition of 1984 Resolutions" shows the answers received.

One 1984 resolution, 84/3 Integration of Special Education Students, was tabled for further study and has been rewritten and resubmitted this year as 85/4.

The Resolution Committee met with the Constitution Committee to go over the 1984 resolutions to decide which constitute QFHSA policy. We also looked at some earlier resolutions from which policy statements had not yet been formulated and decided that one of the 1981 resolutions should be included in our Statement of Policy. In addition, one of our local Home and School associations suggested changes to two of our statements to make them clearer. These suggested additions and amendments were circulated to our locals on March 15th and will be voted on at our Annual General Meeting. You will be interested to know that our Statement of Policy is now available in French as well as English.

Twenty-one resolutions on a variety of topics have been received for consideration at our 1985 AGM and were circulated to our locals on March 15th. Our locals and committees are to be commended for their work in researching these topics and submitting resolutions to start action to try to improve education and living conditions for families in Quebec.

Members of the Resolution Committee are -

Ann Cumyn	Alan Locke
Rose Kandalgoankar	Barbara Milne-Smith

DISPOSITION OF 1984 RESOLUTIONS
Report to Annual General Meeting, 1985
Barbara Milne-Smith, Resolutions Chairman

All resolutions were sent off to their designated destinations and the following answers have been received.

84/1 - Accountability For The Use of Federal Grants For Official Language Programs

Mr. Serge Joyal, the then Secretary of State, wrote explaining the new Canada/Quebec Agreement and enclosing a copy of it. He thinks this new agreement will provide the accountability we have been asking for.

Mr. Claude Ryan wrote saying he understands the new agreement has resolved Ottawa and Quebec's outstanding problems but will check into it further.

84/2 - Home and School Meetings - No Smoking Please

More and more of our locals tell us that they do not smoke at their meetings.

84/3 - Integration of Special Education Students

This resolution was tabled for further study and has been resubmitted as 85/4.

84/4 - Alternative Shelter for Abused or Neglected Children

84/5 - Care and Assistance for Emotionally Psychologically and Socially Disturbed Children

84/6 - Homemaker Service for Abusive or Neglectful Families

These three resolutions were directed to the Quebec Department of Social Affairs with copies being sent to many associated organizations.

The office of Dr. Camille Laurin, Minister of Social Affairs, wrote stating they are very sensitive to these problems and thanking us for forwarding the resolutions. They will be passed on to the Directors General of Social Service programs.

Mr. Jean Metvier, Coordinator of Youth Protection, wrote expressing interest in our resolutions and telling us he has sent them to all Directors of Youth Protection in the province.

The President of the Order of Nurses of Quebec wrote complimenting us on our social concerns and wishing us success in our endeavours.

This resolution was addressed to our President. One further action was our trip to Ottawa in June, 1984, to remind our federal Members of Parliament that our case has still not been heard. This trip has generated a lot of interest from within the Quebec judicial system and Judge Gold is ready to hear our case as soon as we have our factum updated. Several Members of Parliament expressed real concern over the delay we have encountered.

84/8 - Bill 40 - A Question of Constitutionality

Mr. Yves Berube, Minister of Education, thanked us for sending the resolution, but the government did nothing about checking the constitutionality of this bill before passing it.

84/9 - National Assembly Review and Approval of Ministerial Regulations

This resolution was sent to all our MNA's. We received fifteen answers, most of them thanking us for our concern and telling us they will study the matter. We have been told there is a sub-committee studying suggested amendments to National Assembly procedure rules and this committee has been asked to give careful consideration to our suggestion.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Pat Lewis

Issues involving health and family problems still rank high on the list of important priorities for Home and School, especially since the school community seems to depend more and more on the school for the solutions to problems which used to be the concern mostly of the home and of local social service agencies. The demands upon teachers and administrators in these fields continue to escalate. Provincially and locally Home and School committees have concentrated this year upon issues such as bus safety, street-proofing children, smoke-free environments for young people, child abuse and neglect, disarmament and family violence. Cooperation of local agencies with Home and School committees has increased, but there is still a long way to go, especially when funding for social services has been so drastically cut in many parts of the province.

It is with regret that we note that Don Smith has left the Montreal area for a job in the Three Rivers area, but we are happy to announce that Smith has agreed to continue to serve Home and School as director of safety programs. Louise Laframboise is no longer working on services to Down's Syndrome children--another loss to Home and School. Marilyn Ashby continues to visit the province whenever she can, and is always eager to help out where and when she can, for which we are grateful. We are looking forward to having Audrey Schirmer join our Committee on U.N. Liaison and Disarmament. She is at present touring the province and parts of the U.S. with a new film on nuclear war.

Appropriate resolutions have been presented for the Annual General Meeting on a host of issues involved in health and social affairs. Publicity has been wide-spread on some problems, such as anti-smoking provisions and education of young people about street and home safety. We are glad to say

that both the media and local agencies of many kinds have presented programs dealing with "Smoke-free spaces for kids," the theme of the two-year campaign sponsored jointly by the Canadian Heart Foundation and the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation. The same has been true of the effort to educate students about possible molestation and dangers of the streets, as witness the recently presented series of six TV programs on CFCF-TV--one of which involved students at a school which has had a Home and School membership of over 90%.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that Home and School has been fortunate to have the help of such dedicated people, all of whom are incredibly busy, to assist in bringing these issues to the attention of the appropriate agencies and schools. Local associations should not hesitate to contact these persons about their local plans and activities.

The following chairpersons have been active this year on specific social affairs activities. Their reports follow:

Maureen Haynes	Child Abuse and Neglect
Judy Bock	Smoking and Health
Anne Kiss	Family Violence
Sarah Evett	U.N. Liaison and Disarmament
Don Smith	Bus Safety

FAMILY VIOLENCE

Report to Annual General Meeting, 1985

Anne Kiss

The main focus of this committee is on spousal violence, violence between other adults in families and the effect this violence has on children. This year has been mainly devoted to information gathering and making contacts with other groups concerned with the problem of violence in the family.

The chairman assisted at the International Conference on Child Abuse held in Montreal in September 1984, as well as the Canadian Conference on Child Abuse which was held immediately following the International Conference. In October the chairman was invited to attend a meeting at the Montreal General Hospital. The meeting was sponsored by the Montreal General Hospital, Department of Community Health, and included representatives from many health and social agencies concerned with spousal violence. Plans were made to increase treatment programs for husbands who batter.

The Committee on Family Violence Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations is listed in the Directory of Child Abuse Prevention Programs in Canada, published by the National Clearing House on Family Violence, Health and Welfare Canada, 1984.

The chairman was contacted by Ms. Jacqueline Dupuis, RN, who is responsible for coordinating programs for the prevention of abuse in families at the Montreal General Hospital Department of Community Health. She suggested that we have our local Home and School Associations contact their local police departments requesting courses in dealing with domestic violence be offered for police persons. This is evidence that members of the community see our efforts at education and raising public awareness as useful and effective.

The committee was unsuccessful in beginning a pilot project of Workshops with M.R.E. teachers at Royal West Academy re Family Violence Prevention. The principal was supportive but the teachers were quite hostile. We will consider a different approach next year, possibly going through the School Boards.

It has been a year of increased awareness of the problems of family violence locally, nationally and internationally. Our program next year will be concentrated on maintaining the interest and supporting programs which help prevent violence in the family and promote healthy family relationships.

SMOKING AND HEALTH

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Judy Bock

This year the Canadian Heart Foundation, with its branch, the Quebec Heart Foundation, together with the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation are sponsoring an anti-smoking campaign centered on "Smoke-Free Spaces for Kids", the theme for a two-year program. Our local associations have been asked to help sponsor as many of these activities as possible, with the help of school administrations and staffs. Emphasis is placed on a smoke-free environment in which children can work and play. A kit for teachers is available from the Quebec Heart Foundation. If a school is indeed Smoke-Free, then it is eligible to receive a special award.

One School in Quebec has qualified so far--Beacon Hill in Beaconsfield. The staff at the school does not smoke; all teachers have conducted discussions in their classes on the advantages of non-smoking to health; each family at the school received special stickers and at least two pamphlets from the Heart Foundation on this subject; students have made hundreds of posters; no smoking is allowed in the school (not even in the staff room); a special assembly was held on February 14th at which two skits were presented on the advantages to one's heart when one does not smoke. At the assembly Lillian Bertrand of the Heart Foundation gave the school a special plaque for its achievements. Most of the local media, including French radio stations, gave publicity to this event. It is hoped that other school staffs and local Home and School organizations will try to implement a similar program. At least one high school on the West Island has cut down until a mere three or four out of forty teachers are still smokers.

With the passage of a by-law for the protection of non-smokers in Côte St. Luc it may be possible that other cities will be able to restrict smoking in stores, hospitals, restaurant kitchens, banks and other public buildings. We in Home and School should feel obliged to support any such actions which will make it possible to expand Smoke-Free spaces for our kids.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Everett Alexander

The recommendation is that we continue with Reliable Life for a further 2-year period, 1986-88, with the understanding from Reliable Life that the premiums charged will not increase and changes, if any, would be to up-grade benefits.

We are currently entering the 2nd year of a 2-year agreement with Reliable. It would be of benefit to all concerned if ratification by AGM delegates were for the following school year, not the current one. This enables us to advise the schools in the early spring; waiting until June makes it too late in the school calendar for either parent groups or principals to act effectively on our recommendations.

The Insurance Committee has found Reliable Life to be helpful and willing to do all they can to make the plan a successful one. They are certain no better rates and benefits can be obtained elsewhere at the present time.

LAKESHORE SCHOOL BOARD

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Allan Locke, Liaison

The Lakeshore School Board, like all other members of the QAPSB spent a great deal of time and energy in disputes with the Quebec Ministry of Education. Heading the list was Bill 3 which, if passed and implemented would destroy the existing School Board Structure throughout the province. The Boards plan to challenge this bill and others affecting Protestant education in the courts - right up to the Supreme Court of Canada, if necessary.

French schools in the board were reviewed once again and no changes were planned in the number of schools offering total French programs.

The Lakeshore School Board continued active membership in the Island Council of School Boards (SCIM). A serious deadlock over much needed repairs and renovations at Hudson High School remained, as both SCIM and the MEQ seemed unable to resolve this issue and vote the necessary funds. The issue is still being pursued.

A new Director-General was appointed as former Director General Robert Lavery left to head up Dawson College. Peter Krause, former Director of Personnel for the Lakeshore School Board was named as his replacement.

Lastly, the Lakeshore School Board has always been most supportive of all Home and School activities. Tangible evidence of this commitment was evidenced by a donation of \$1,150 to the QFHSA to help offset the cutback in our Provincial grant.

LIAISON WITH P.S.B.G.M.

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Valerie Carpenter, Representative

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This representative attended each public meeting held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The number of observers varied from about 15 to 150, depending on the items to be discussed.

The following are some of the items discussed during the year:

- 1) children travelling on the school bus can only be transported to one address
- 2) acquisition of land on Nun's Island to construct a French Language Elementary School
- 3) review of the Target Network with proposals for 1985-86
- 4) legal action against Bill 3
- 5) administration of medicine or drugs to students by school personnel or volunteers

During the year invited speakers also spoke at the meetings -

- 1) Judith Kyle, a teacher, spoke about the research project - Philosophy for Children.
- 2) Students and the principal from Vezina High School spoke about the Outreach School System. This system offers students who have dropped out of the regular school system to continue their studies in a less formal atmosphere or return to the regular school system or prepare them for entering the work market.

U.N. LIAISON/DISARMAMENT - "PEACE" EDUCATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Sarah Evett, Chairperson

With the year 1985 declared as International Youth Year by the United Nations, many of us have broadened our perspectives on peace development and participation. The Fall Conference revealed much concern and need for "peace" education to be identified, clarified and developed as an integral part of the educational process. "Peace" is a difficult concept to define, but a general consensus might be that development and refinement of an attitude which allows a person to come to a sense of individual right-doing, thinking and feeling. This is a difficult challenge, as it embraces also individual differences and needs. Lack of jobs, money, food, shelter or just an empathetic ear may adversely affect us.

The beginning of any new educational system should have also a policy that serves the needs of the whole population according to U.N. standards. As responsible members of Home and School we have an obligation to help provide an educational program that would try to reverse the effects of the spirals of violence that proceed from institutional violence to counter-violence to repression, and to help create a more peaceful attitude among young people. We must try to find ways for our schools to create a climate of trust and acceptance for all kinds of diversifications among peoples. As we continue to accumulate information and data, we specialize our knowledge and resources. It is only through self-esteem and self-understanding that our children will learn to accept the strengths and weaknesses in themselves and in others. We must give them the opportunity to achieve this freedom from fear on all levels.

We hope that this will be a year that brings solutions to some of our major global concerns. We have many resources to draw on: films, literature, games, etc. Audrey Schirmer, who is working with me, has made a movie for the National Film Board about kids speaking on war, and will be happy to show it to any group of children. I also have a list of N.F.B. films on children who are "different". Quote for the day: "WORK TO LIVE." - anonymous.

A game (about peace) called "The Peanut Game," is available for teachers and others from W.I.N.D., 401 Boul. St. Jean, Pointe Claire, Quebec, H9R 3J2. Other resources can be had by calling Susan Lussier (694-5587).

RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Calvin Potter, Chairman

The Rights Committee has had a very active year.

OTTAWA BLITZ - JUNE, 1984

Immediately following the 1984 Annual General Meeting President Marian Daigle wrote Prime Minister Trudeau requesting an interview - as instructed by Resolution 84/7 passed at the AGM - to express QFHSA's concern in regard to its court action against Quebec's Bill 101, and informing him of our forthcoming blitz on Ottawa. Members of the Rights Committee organized the logistics and financing of the blitz. With the active cooperation of the Publicity Committee a quarter section advertisement was placed in the 'national edition' of the Globe and Mail, the Gazette, Le Devoir and La Presse. Appointments were arranged with designated M.P.'s, busses hired, a delegation of interested parents recruited, and a press conference was called. Since the rule is that no Bill 101 activities can be funded from QFHSA's operating funds, representations to a charitable foundation by Rod Wiener, Vice-Chairman, Rights Committee, resulted in their reimbursing QFHSA for the costs of the Ottawa blitz.

Parents from the PSBGM, Lakeshore, South Shore and Hull area School Boards constituted the delegation, led by President Daigle. Politicians visited included: Ian Watson, Warren Allmand, Marc Lalonde, Pierre Denniger, Hal Herbert, Rod Blaker, Louis Desmarais, Bryce MacKasey, Thérèse Killen, Francis Fox, Gatien Isabelle, Raymond DuPont, Dahlia Wood. On that same day the purpose of our Ottawa blitz was raised during question period in the House of Commons and Prime Minister Trudeau responded. A short time later that day a meeting with Serge Joyal, Mr. Trudeau's designate, confirmed the Prime Minister's concern. Shortly thereafter Mr. Trudeau responded by letter, expressing his concern at the long delay we had encountered in the Superior Court in Montreal, but he said it would be improper for the government to influence the schedule of hearings by the Superior Court in Montreal through a letter from the Minister of Justice to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court.

BILL 101 CASE UPDATE - CONSTITUTIONAL CONSULTANT

Chief Justice Gold was aware of our representations in Ottawa, through our press conference and the inquiries by personnel in Member of Parliament Pierre Denniger's office. Mr. Wm. Miller, Q.C., our legal counsel, was called in to discuss the matter and the ball began to roll.

The first requirement in preparation for a court date was to update our original Declaration on the Bill 101 case. This Declaration, filed in the Superior Court in December, 1978, required updating to take into account the Constitution Act 1982, the 1984 decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal on school rights in Ontario, the Supreme Court's decision in 1984 on Bill 57, and the numerous single article actions that had been launched against Bill 101 such as the McDonald case, Brown Shoes, McKenna Flowers, and the Devine Case.

To update the case would require a new constitutional consultant to replace the most distinguished constitutional expert in Canada, the late Professor Frank Scott, who had guided the arguments of the original Declaration. To find a replacement for Professor Scott turned out to be a more difficult task than we had anticipated. In December, through the auspices of John Parker, a member of the Rights Committee, a delegation met with Warren Allmand, M.P. for N.D.G., to solicit his assistance in recruiting a constitutional consultant. Mr. Allmand was most helpful and within two months Mr. Miller had commissioned a legal opinion on the update of the Declaration from Professor Stephen Allan Scott (no relation to Frank Scott). At the time of the writing of this report, legal counsel and the Rights Committee have been studying this legal opinion and it is hoped that we can proceed with the update based on this opinion.

CONSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS

In December, 1984, President Daigle wrote to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney regarding prerequisite conditions for renewal of constitutional negotiations between Prime Minister Mulroney and Premier Lévesque. Copies of this letter were circulated to all provincial premiers soliciting their support in any future federal/provincial constitutional negotiations. A written reply has been received from P.M. Mulroney and a resolution based on that reply has been submitted by the Rights Committee to the 1985 AGM.

COURT HEARING ON BILL 101 CASE - FEBRUARY 13, 1985

In January, 1985 notices went out to co-plaintiffs in the QFHSA Bill 101 case that a hearing date had been set for February 13, 1985. Legal counsel requested a postponement to allow the update on the Declaration to be completed.

FINANCING THE BILL 101 CASE

(a) Court Challenges Program - Summer, 1984

As a result of our representations to the Secretary of State, Serge Joyal, and our Ottawa visit, QFHSA received a commitment from the Secretary of State for funding the court case under the Court Challenges Program. It is a commitment that covers the three stages:

\$25,000 for the Superior Court
 \$30,000 for the Court of Appeal
 \$30,000 for the Supreme Court

Fifteen thousand of the amount for the Superior Court stage was expended on the original Declaration. Only \$10,000 remains at that stage for the update and the pleading. However, QFHSA has received a commitment of \$12,000 from a Charitable Foundation, to be paid against billings for the update of the Declaration.

(b) PSBGM Funds

President Daigle has written to the PSBGM requesting that the funds raised through donations to the PSBGM to fight language legislation and school rights encroachment (Bills 22 and 101) be turned over to QFHSA's Rights Fund. Approximately \$12,500 remains in an inactive trust account. QFHSA through its court action is continuing the purpose for which such funds were raised. President Daigle and I met with the PSBGM Finance and Legislation on this matter in March, 1985. As yet the PSBGM Board has not dealt with this request.

MEETING WITH ROBERT LAYTON - M.P. LACHINE

In February, 1985 a delegation from the Rights Committee met with Mr. Robert Layton, M.P., to solicit his support for the QFHSA court action on Bill 101 and briefed him on our correspondence with Prime Minister Mulroney. It was an extraordinarily successful meeting. This was followed up a month later by a meeting with his Chief of Staff, Mr. Richard Lande.

CONCLUSION

As the accelerating activity of the committee indicates, we are coming to the end of the time tunnel QFHSA has been in for the past six years. Daylight is looming ahead. The signals are very favourable to our cause and the track is clear. All that is needed for our train load of strategies and legal arguments to be delivered successfully at their destination is for the members of QFHSA to have the will and desire for victory. It is my hope that at the next AGM I will report the restoration of local autonomy for school boards and of dignity and tolerance for non-charter children in Quebec. And if I do, the success will be due in no small part to the continual and unstinting efforts of the members of this Committee: Rod Wiener, Vice-Chairman, Owen Buckingham, Steve Drake, June Ellingsen, Gordon Mc Gibbon, John Parker, Elizabeth O'Connell, Alex Morris, Ron Czerkowski, and Barbara Milne-Smith, plus, of course, President Daigle and Sandra Keightley and Rose Kandalgaondar of the Publicity Committee.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Gisela Amarica, Chairman

During the last year meetings were held with the Resolution Committee and reports were given to the Board of Directors meetings. Legal counsel has been asked to look into matters concerning our constitution.

A change in our constitution has been proposed by a local Home and School Association. The proposal has been circulated and will be voted on at the A.G.M. Presently, the Constitution is being translated into French and should be available shortly.

AREA REPORT - GASPE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Anne MacWhirter, Area Representative

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The three locals of Home and School on the Gaspé Coast are experiencing a profitable and rewarding year. New Carlisle's group, headed by President Anne MacWhirter, has had regular monthly meetings with a variety of programs. Two of the meetings were planned in conjunction with parent-teach interviews. A representative from the local office of C.S.N. spoke to the parents in March on topics such as reporting of child abuse, incest and other cases which should come to the attention of their social workers. In February, students made Home and School part of their celebration of Reading Week by participating in a "Super-Quiz" panel.

The Hopetown-Shigawake, Port Daniel group has had another successful year. Linda Dow has proven to be a president full of vitality and ability. The group meets monthly and alternates between the two schools: Hopetown and Shigawake Port Daniel schools. The teaching staff takes an active part in this group, both by membership and participation.

One of the meetings embraced the topic of illiteracy. A volunteer from Each One, Teach One spoke to the group, distributed literature and showed a video of interest to those in attendance. Statistics presented showed a startling need for this program and its confidentiality.

A revitalized group in New Richmond High School has moved into its second year with enthusiasm. President Carol Le Poidvin has overseen monthly meetings and various services to the school. Parent volunteers assisted at a Fall Regional Track Meet and supplied hot chocolate to a crowd of cold students. Fund raising projects for a Grade 8 trip to Calgary have been supported by Home and School.

An ongoing nutritious lunch program is well appreciated by parents and children alike. This requires a lot of parental involvement, but the rewards are worth it.

New Richmond Home and School have just completed their Annual Public Speaking Contest. As in the past, it was a worthwhile involvement of students in an educational endeavour.

All three locals are a credit to the provincial organization of Home and School. Even though we are geographically isolated from the main body, we feel a genuine kinship with the QPHSA. Representatives from each local plan to attend the Annual General Meeting in order to keep those ties strong.

TRANSPORTATION/SAFETY

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Donald Smith, Chairman

Participation : Comité provincial de concertation sur les programmes de sécurité en milieu scolaire.

Three important safety programs were prepared by this committee :

Bicycle safety Spring 1984
 Back to school safety Autumn 1984
 Hallowe'en safety Autumn 1984

One important legal document prepared by the committee:

Legal aspects of school brigades

Attendance : Canada Safety Council's 1984 annual conference - June 1984.

Continuing activity : Writing, editing Safety Scene for Home and School NEWS.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985

Owen Buckingham, Chairman

Committee Members: Barbara Peden, Helen Koeppe, Al Locke
 (for the Board of Directors, QFHSA)
 Carol Ohlin (Northview), Trudy Drummond (Hull), Bill Yeomans
 (Courtland Park, Dorval), Reuben Shemie, Town Mt. Royal High)
 Ruth Crabb (Lachine High) - non-Board members

The Nominations Committee, acting in accordance with our Constitution and By-laws, met and verified the credentials of those nominated. The names of all who were willing to stand for office were circulated to all local associations and will be voted on at the A.G.M.

Those standing for office are:- Sylvia Adams - President (two year term)
 Helen Koeppe - Executive Vice-President
 (two year term)
 Doreen Canavan - Vice-Presidents
 Ann Cumyn (two year terms)
 Stewart Macquisten
 Jon Percy

If further names are received by 5:00 pm, May 3rd, 1985, they will be included on the ballot. Also please note that if Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Koeppe are elected President and Executive Vice-President respectively, there will be vacancies (for a one-year term) for Recording Secretary and one Vice-President. Nominations, with the consent of the nominee, can be made from the floor.

QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1985
Barbara Milne-Smith

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Our liaison this year has been covered by Joyce Payan, Owen Buckingham, Marion Daigle and myself.

The energies of QAPSB, again this year, have necessarily been concentrated on legal matters.

The judgement from the Supreme Court of Canada confirmed that school boards in Quebec are obligated to accept children who qualify under the Canada clause of the Canadian Constitution. However, some difficulties are still being experienced for some children.

In their case concerning Bill 57, the Supreme Court of Canada also ruled in QAPSB's favour, stating that school boards do have the right to impose school taxes without restriction.

Last November they filed a motion for a declaratory judgement relating to Bill 3 and they are due to be heard April 29th.

They are asking the court to answer the following questions:

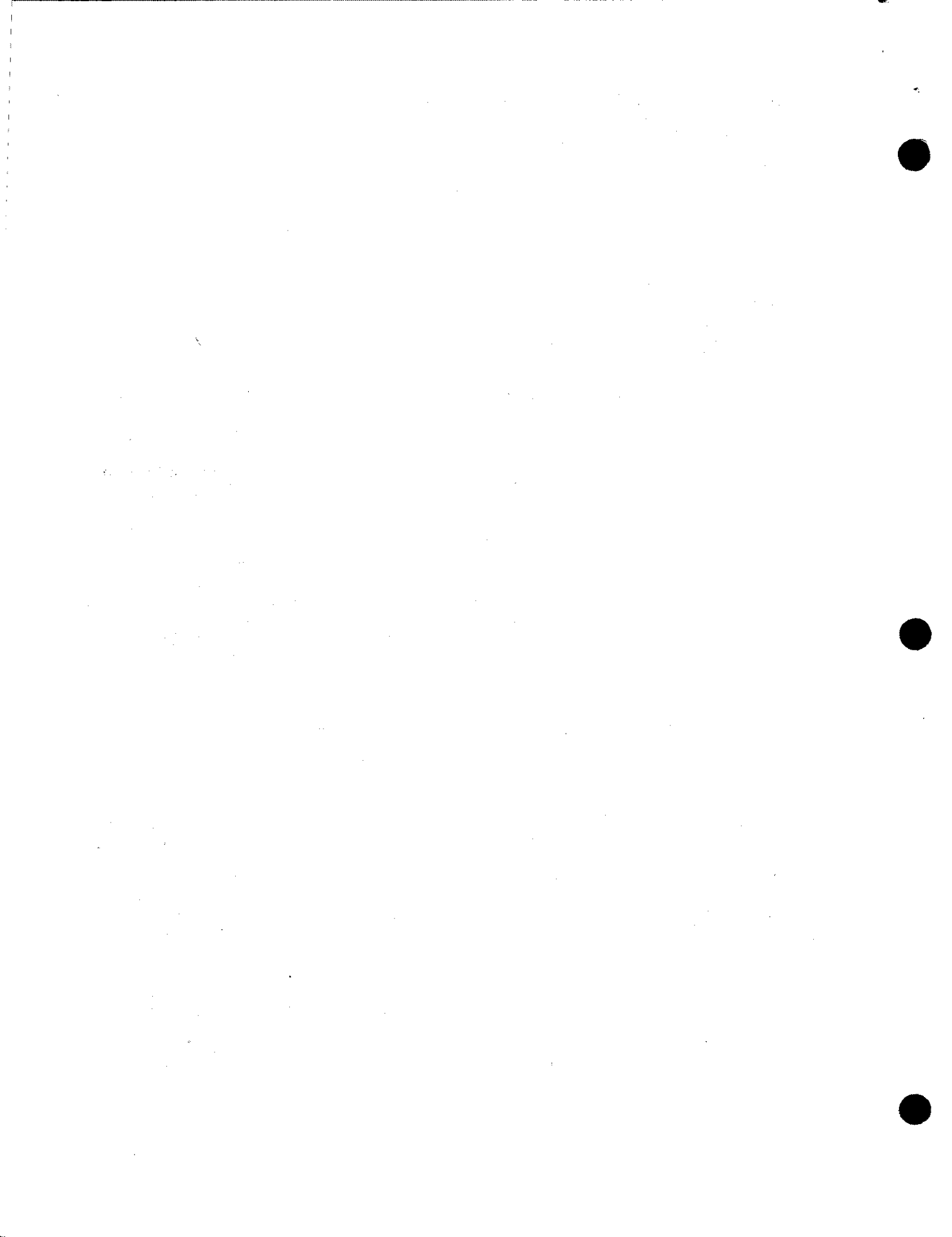
Do Protestants, as one of the classes of persons referred to in Section 93 of the Constitution Act, 1867, have the right to the maintenance of the existing system of Protestant denominational schools in Quebec under the control of boards of school commissioners or trustees representing the said class of persons?

Does the National Assembly have the legislative competence to appropriate the schools and other assets belonging to the existing Protestant school boards for the use of a non-denominational school system?

Their case on the Regime Pedagogique, regarding school boards right to determine curriculum, will also be heard April 29th.

Another area they have been very involved in is Teacher Contract negotiations. Apart from negotiations themselves, there has been a lot of work done on government proposals suggesting changes in the method of negotiations in the public service, and QAPSB submitted a detailed brief in response.

The Spring Conference of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards and Quebec Association of School Administrators will be held in Quebec City on April 25th to 27th and the theme this year is "What Purpose Education?" It will be preceded by a workshop on the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.



QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Marion Daigle, President.

Several issues have preoccupied the Provincial Federation since my report to National at mid-term: QFHSA's finances and membership, Law 3 - a new Education Act, QFHSA Court Action 101 and AGM 1985.

QFHSA Finances

Thus far all attempts to have an appointment with the Minister of Education concerning the drastic cut-backs in our annual grant (from \$18,000 last year to \$5,000 this year and none in future) have failed to materialize. In fact, we have not even received the \$5,000 promised on October 1, 1984! In December, 1984, a new Minister of Education, Mr. Francois Gendron, was appointed-three ministers in one year!

In an effort to overcome this operating deficit, letters of appeal went out to local Home & School Associations, school boards, teacher and administrator associations and group affiliate and individual supporting members. Thus far nearly \$7,000 of a \$20,000 goal has been donated from all sectors. The response has been heartening as we realize there is support out there for Home & School. However, this is only a short term solution. New ways of accumulating operating funds have to be sought. A proposed rise in family membership fee to \$9.00 for 1985-86 will be debated at the AGM.

MEMBERSHIP

Overall family memberships in Quebec have declined this year, although our group affiliate memberships among school committees and school boards have risen dramatically. We must now pursue these groups to form Home & School associations where none exists and to be prepared to support QFHSA through individual family memberships. A declining English population, school closures and the new Education Act - Law 3 - means that QFHSA has to look at its own structure and goals to determine its future. A Strategy Planning Committee has prepared a questionnaire for local Home & Schools to assess its own association and its relationship to QFHSA. The results of this survey will form the basis for a special workshop for the new QFHSA Board of Directors (B/D) in June.

School Reorganization

Law 3-- A new Education Act - was passed in December, 1984. Several major school boards - both Catholic and Protestant - believe that major sections of Law 3 are clearly unconstitutional and are seeking an injunction to halt the implementation of the Law until its Constitutional Validity can be determined. Court hearings begin on April 15 in Montreal. These hearings should be of interest to all who are concerned with laws affecting education across Canada. QFHSA strongly supports the stand being taken by the school boards.

QFHSA Court Action 101

Work continues on updating our court case in preparation for a hearing. Since 1978 several successful but smaller court actions related to our more global action have resulted in the time consuming task of finding an academic constitutional expert who can make the necessary changes needed before bringing our action to court.

AGM 1985

While the B/D struggles with the issues above, our QFHSA conference committee under the capable leadership of Chairman, Carol Oblin, prepares for our 41st Annual General Meeting on May 10, 11. The theme: Our Children and Youth: A Question of Values was chosen with International Youth Year in mind. A stimulating and challenging program will feature a plenary session: Conflicting Values: A Dilemma of Youth. Among the panelists will be two high school students presenting their views. Workshops on Saturday will include:

- * Blended Families: Yours, Mine & Ours
- * C.P.R. Saves Lives (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation)
- * Education for Responsible Sexuality
- * High School Dropouts: Facing the problem
- * Teaching Children How to Think - Really Think
- * Moral & Religious Education: Lessons in Values
- * Youth Protection & Responsibility: A Question of Balance
- * Science Education: Preparation for a Technological Society

The Banquet keynote speaker will be Dr. Norman Henchey, Chairman, Dept. of Administration & Policy Studies in Education, McGill University. His topic: The Crisis of Values in our Youth.

Our Awards Luncheon will highlight CHSPTF's 90th anniversary - special birthday cakes will remind everyone of this happy occasion. The donation for these cakes was made by Macdonald High School, the site of the first Home & School in Quebec, in 1919.

The Buzzell Award, given to a Home & Schooler who has made a significant contribution to QFHSA over several years will be given, for the first time, to a couple - Joan and Allan Locke - a real symbol of family participation.

The Paterson Award to an outstanding educator will be presented to Dr. Robert Lavery, former Director-General of the Lakeshore School Board and now Director-General of Dawson College.

As always, our members, both locally and provincially, have been busy in a variety of activities--utilizing the CHSPTF kits on Child Abuse & Neglect, Fitness/Nutrition advertising IYY through our Home & School NEWS, etc., visiting local Home & School Associations and meetings with other educational organizations.

On January 29, 1985, our dear friend and fellow Home & Schooler, Bill Asherman, passed away after a lingering illness. We know that his CHSPTF friends will miss him as well.

On March 30, 1985, we were delighted to welcome Joy Bastness, CHSPTF President to our Board of Directors meeting. It was good to have her support and encouragement.

Now it is my turn to step down as President of QFHSA after a two year term jam-packed with issues, events, and activities. My opportunity to serve CHSPTF during this presidency has been especially rewarding and I thank you for your hospitality and generous spirit of goodwill. I know you will give the same support to our next President. My best wishes for continued success to everyone. Remember - Kids Are Worth It.

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