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# QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

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## 1992 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BOOK OF REPORTS

April 11, 1992

The PSBGM Offices  
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Please bring this **Book of Reports** with you to the A.G.M.,  
or give to your Registered Voting Delegates. There will be  
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conference for your other delegates.



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March 25, 1992

Letter #02  
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To: Home & School Presidents  
Board of Directors, QFHSA

From: Jon Percy and Barbara Milne-Smith, Co-presidents

Re: 1992 Annual General Meeting - Saturday, April 11th

I hope that many of you are planning to attend our most important yearly meeting and that you will send a full complement of voting delegates. Remember it is YOU, the voting delegates, that decide what your provincial body can and can not do. Your INPUT is of vital importance.

Enclosed is:

**ACTION** Book of Reports (blue cover)

You should receive sufficient copies to cover the number of voting delegates to which you are entitled. Where we do mailings to more than one name (ex. co-presidents, president and vice-president, etc.) the number of copies will be split between the two mailings as putting them all in one envelope is bulky. Please try to encourage your Executive members to read/look at the Book of Reports. It's a fairly accurate picture of what we've done over the past year. Don't forget to bring the Book with you to the annual business meeting; we will be voting on recommendations contained in it.

**ACTION** Your Voting Delegates should bring with them to the Annual General Meeting:

- **1992 Book of Reports**
- **QFHSA Audited Statement** - for our year ending Aug 31/91  
(You were sent one copy in the previous mailing.)
- **Resolutions** (on green paper)  
You have received 4 resolutions, as a package, and 1 Emergency resolution (dealing with the Task Force on English Education's report). You received 3 copies of each resolution.
- **QFHSA Statement of Policy** (on green)  
You received 3 copies of the proposed additions. Statements of Policy arise from the previous year's resolutions.
- **Suggested changes to QFHSA Constitution** (on brown)  
You received 1 copy in a previous mailing. We will be voting on these changes at the AGM.

All of the above will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting. If you are lacking any of these items please call the office.

**INFO** Resolutions Amendments

Suggested changes put forward by local associations or members of the Board of Directors. You will be sent 3 copies next week if any amendments are proposed. [The deadline for sending in amendments was March 27th.]







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To: Home & School Presidents February 12, 1992  
QFHSA Board of Directors  
From: Constitution Committee  
Re: Suggested Constitution Amendments  
for Consideration at the 1992 Annual General Meeting

**BY-LAWS** [Underlined portions indicate proposed changes]

## Article III

1. An Honorary President, Auditor, Legal Counsel or similar advisory may be appointed by the Board of Directors annually. The Executive Committee may make prior recommendations.

An Honorary President shall have all the rights of a member of the Executive Committee. Other honorary positions shall have all the rights of a member of the Board of Directors, except the right to vote.

2. Officers

The officers of the Federation shall be:

(a) one (1) President or two (2) co-Presidents.

3. Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors comprising:

(d) Presidents, or co-Presidents, of Area Councils.

(e) Life members of The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation who reside in Quebec and wish to actively participate.

## Article V

[Please correct numbering error - 4(e), line 2 - 7 should be 6.]

Make current item 5 read 5(a).

Add 5(b) - If the Nominations Committee is unable to recruit nominees to fill all positions, they shall be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman shall ask for nominations from the floor and all qualified nominees shall appear on the ballot.

## Article VII

2. There shall be four (4) signing officers with cheques to be signed by any two (2) of them. The four names shall be chosen from the following:

Treasurer

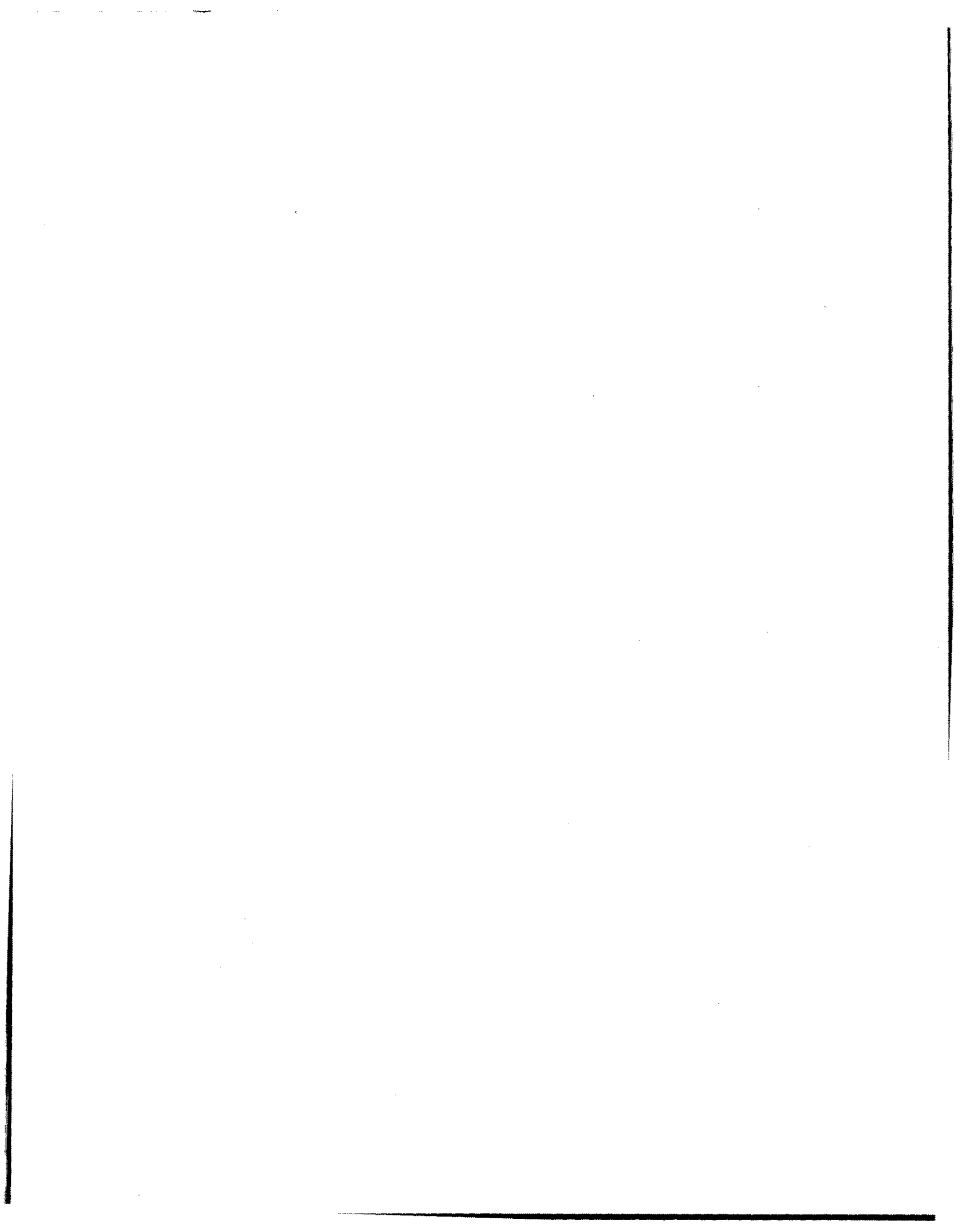
President or co-Presidents

Executive Vice-President

1 or 2 Vice-Presidents designated by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

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## Q.F.H.S.A. BUSINESS PROCEDURE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. The Annual General Meeting is conducted in accordance with our Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules. In the case of any procedural dispute reference shall be made to Robert's Rules of Order Revised.
2. Each official representative of each Maintaining Member Association shall have one vote on any question which comes before the meeting, except for associations more than 150 miles from Montreal. Such associations will still be entitled to three votes, expressed either as an identical or a divided vote. Application for such privilege is to be presented in writing to the Executive Secretary prior to the start of the business portion of the Annual General Meeting.
3. The quorum for transaction of business at the Annual Meeting shall be twenty-five (25) percent of Maintaining Member Associations in good standing, represented by their official representatives or accredited alternates.
4. Voting shall be by ballot or show of hands. All questions shall be decided by a majority of those present and entitled to vote, except those which require a two-thirds (2\3) majority; the President having a deciding vote in case of a tie.

On ballot votes, the votes of each association shall be handed in by the official delegates of each association individually but at the same time. Counting of the votes shall be done by non-voting participants.

5. A delegate may not speak for more than two minutes on any question under discussion, nor more than twice on the question.
6. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws require a two-thirds (2\3) vote of the delegates present and entitled to vote. Notice of the proposed amendments must have been mailed to all Maintaining Member Associations at least ten weeks prior to the meeting. Amendments can be accepted or rejected, but no modification can be made from the floor.
7. Resolutions to the Annual Meeting must have been circulated to the Maintaining Member Associations eight (8) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Resolutions received after the date specified will be presented as **Emergency Resolutions** only after consideration by the Chairman of the meeting and the Resolutions Committee. Delegates presenting resolutions are reminded that they must be present at the time designated on the agenda for the presentation of their resolution. The presenting party may speak to the resolution, or amendments thereto, for not more than FIVE (5) minutes. **NO AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR**, they are either accepted or rejected.

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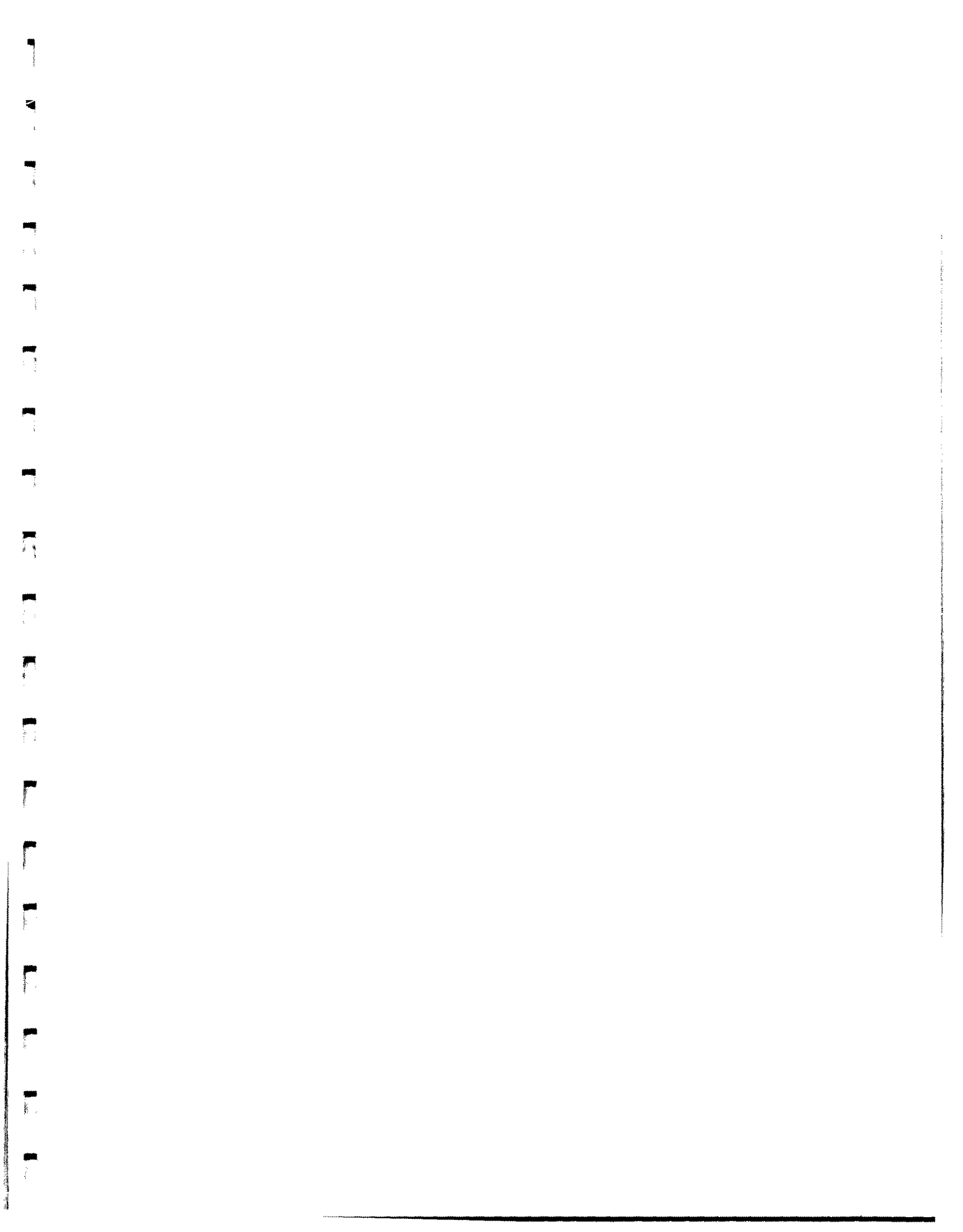
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## MINUTES OF THE 47TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS HELD MAY 04, 1991, IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF THE PSBGM

Registered and present during the one-day Annual General Meeting (AGM) were 56 delegates from 24 local Home & School Associations; 3 additional delegates from two School Committees who are Group Affiliate members with QFHSA; plus 3 other Group Affiliate members (other than School Committees); 13 members of the Board of Directors, QFHSA (an additional 5 directors were listed under their schools); 13 invited guests, workshop leaders and individual Home & School members; 1 member of the Press. Total attendance 90. (There were 10 displayers (12 persons) plus the QFHSA table).

The Conference was officially opened on Saturday morning, May 04, 1991, by Barbara Milne-Smith, Co-president (9:10 am).

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed the delegates and others present at our 47th AGM, specifically mentioning the AIDS video which is meant for parents and is available through your local school board in French or English; our appearance before the Bélanger/Campeau Commission on the future of Quebec; and the Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF) Literacy project and accompanying resource book.

With regard to the literacy project, schools and parents have donated more than 40 boxes of books to date to be sent to outlying school districts (with an additional 10 boxes sitting in the co-President's garage!). One school's **This-House-Needs-Books** initiative resulted in 800 books being collected for New Carlisle School in the Gaspé.

B. Milne-Smith then introduced the head table: Margaret Funnell, Resolutions Committee Chairman; Al Locke, President, Protestant Committee [of the Superior Council of Education]; Helen Koeppel, President, CHSPTF, (and Past President of QFHSA); Wendy Buchanan, Recording Secretary; and Jon Percy, Co-president, QFHSA.

Also present at the meeting were Ann Cumyn, Education Chairman, QFHSA, and Commissioner, Lakeshore School Board; Norma McGuire, President, Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations (OFHSA) and past Central Vice-President for Ontario and Quebec, CHSPTF; and John Parker, Honorary President, QFHSA.

B. Milne-Smith expressed our sympathies to the families of June Ellingsen, past Vice-President of QFHSA and long time member of the Rights Committee, and Gordon McGibbon, also a member of the Rights Committee.

Jon Percy, Co-president, QFHSA, spoke briefly. He hoped the voting delegates would find the business meeting interesting and stated we would welcome any feedback from them.



2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

**MOTION:** Manker (Windermere)/Amarica (Board of Directors) to appoint Al Locke, Chairman, Protestant Committee, as parliamentarian.

CARRIED

Credentials Committee

Wendy Buchanan, Credentials Chairman, reported that 24 associations were present, sufficient for a quorum.

Appointment of Scrutineers

**MOTION:** Daigle (Board of Directors)/Anne MacWhirter (New Carlisle High) that Norma McGuire, President, OFHSA, and John Parker, Honorary President, QFHSA, be appointed as scrutineers.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Agenda

To add item 10.1 (Additions to Agenda) - dates of coming meetings.

**MOTION:** Amarica (Board of Directors)/McKinnon (New Richmond High) that the agenda be adopted, as corrected.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes of 46th Annual General Meeting (1990)

Corection noted under item 2 - Credentials Committee. Wendy Buchanan was Credentials Committee chairman, not Wendy Charlebois. Numbering was missing from items 4 to 8.

**MOTION:** James-Lefebvre (E. Ballantyne)/Cullen (Howick) to adopt the 1990 Minutes, as corrected.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from 1990 AGM Minutes

The matter of liability coverage for parents and parent run programs in schools had been followed up (Item 6 - President's Report and Resolution 90/7) and parents appear to have been covered by all the Boards for the 1990/91 school year. QFHSA is pursuing this matter with the QAFSB.

6. Co-President's Report (pp. 1-3, Book of Reports)

Jon Percy highlighted the Co-president's report. Mentioned our Brief to the Bélanger/Campeau Commission and our appearance before them; congratulated the Rights Committee for the work done on QFHSA brief.

We have tried to reach out to the local associations through the Presidents meeting (in June), Mid-term Presidents meeting (in March), the Membership/Publicity/Newsletter workshop held in June, the Think Tank held late in August, Fall Conference, Annual General Meeting (AGM). As well, through Membership Development funds, we have held parent programs at the local level. He regretted that more locals did not take advantage of these parental programs.

**CHSPTF Literacy Project** - Jon Percy reiterated how proud we are of this undertaking and what an important one it is.

**Liaisons** between our Board and the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers and the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education are ongoing. This networking is of great value to all concerned.

**MOTION:** Percy/Brodkin (Sunnydale Park) that this report be accepted.

CARRIED

**Highlights of the Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF) (Book of Reports, p. 4)**

These were covered by Helen Koeppé, President, CHSPTF. Many doors have opened to Canadian through their Literacy Project. We are spreading the word about prevention and intervention. The National Literacy Secretariat, a part of the Secretary of State, has featured Canadian Home & School in their book, "Partnerships for Literacy".

Health & Welfare Canada has embarked on a new drug awareness program entitled, "Your Choice: Our Chance". Canadian Home & School has been a part of the meetings setting up this program.

The Stay-in-School project of the Canadian government is also supported by Home & School. The government has agreed to fund a workshop on the project at this year's annual meeting of the provincial federations in P.E.I.

The Conference Board of Canada sponsors the National Awards for Excellence in Business/Education Partnerships. They would like to receive more nominations of people who are working on behalf of children and youth. These forms are circulated in the Fall of each year; and are available through your school board.

Jon Percy told delegates how proud we are that Helen Koeppé, the national president, is a Quebecer and our own past president. Helen has remained very active within QFHSA for which the Board is extremely grateful. Next year's annual meeting of Canadian Home & School will be held here in Montreal. Anyone who can lend a hand should let us know; we would be very happy to have their help and support.

**MOTION:** Percy/Brodkin (Sunnydale Park) to accept the CHSPTF report.

CARRIED

**7. Finance Committee Report (Book of Reports, pp. 24-25)**

**7.1 Recommendation re Membership Fee (1991/92)**

**MOTION:** Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/Brodkin (Sunnydale Park) that the Family Membership Fee remain at \$9.00. CARRIED

The Acting Treasurer, Barbara Milne-Smith, mentioned that some of the local Home & School Associations made use of our Charitable Tax Number to obtain donations for their schools. All Associations are eligible to do so, after clearing it with the Board of Directors.

**MOTION:** Milne-Smith/Shotton (Lakeshore Reg'l Council) to accept the Finance Committee report. CARRIED

**7.2 Proposed Budget 1991/92 (Book of Reports, p. 23)**

**MOTION:** Milne-Smith/Cumyn (Board of Directors) to adopt the budget.

Treasurer pointed out that we are spending \$92,000 but only taking in \$82,000. We are trying to cut back where possible. We have put in a grant request for \$40,000 from the MEQ but we usually only receive \$20,000. Vote on budget. CARRIED

Mary Thompson, Greendale, suggested we could cut down on paper and mailing costs by only sending one set of material(s) where there were co-presidents, as there were at Greendale. Also didn't feel they needed three copies of resolutions, etc. Other delegates disagreed. It was decided that we would ask, on Executive, local Home & School Association, form, if they would prefer just one set where there were co-presidents.

A question was raised about the cost of the Literacy Resourcebook. Helen Koepp explained that it had been paid for by the Secretary of State's office. Received \$56,000 to produce the resourcebook, including French translation cost of \$6,100.

7.3 Auditor's Statement (for year ending Aug 31, 1990)

Copies of the statement were circulated to Home & School Associations prior to the AGM. Treasurer noted that the statement had been simplified and there were some new headings which, hopefully, would make it clearer.

**MOTION:** Milne-Smith/Radu (Macdonald High) to accept the auditor's report. CARRIED

8. Reports - Standing Committees, Liaisons

8.1 Nominations (Book of Reports, p. 16)

Sylvia Adams, chairman, read out the names of those willing to stand for office. Pointed out that there had been no nomination for a Vice-President for a one-year term. Also need treasurer for a one-year term. If the slate is accepted and Wendy Buchanan becomes the Executive Vice-President, there will also be a one-year term for Recording Secretary.

Said that local associations were not recognizing the potential of their own members. CARRIED

**MOTION:** Adams (Life Member, Board of Directors)/Shotton (Lakeshore Reg'l Council) to accept the Nominations Committee report with a reminder to local associations of the three positions still open.

Marion Daigle said that it was now the mandate of the Board of Directors to fill these positions (since nominations could not be accepted from the floor). And, as we were entering the 90's, we should be aware that education and health issues were very important -- we should make a commitment to our children NOW.

Betty Shotton said that an honest job description would be very helpful; number of meetings, work involved, criteria for position, etc. This type of information is part of our Constitution and By-laws said Mrs. Adams but we could perhaps amplify on it. Suggestion made that Executive Committee members draw up a job description profile and these be circulated with request for nominations in future. Would also be useful for positions on the Board.

8.2 Resolutions, Constitution

8.2.1 Disposition of 1990 Resolutions (Book of Reports, pp. 21-22)

Delegates were referred to the report on the disposition of last year's resolutions and to the Resolutions Committee report, Book of Reports, p.21.

8.2.2 1991 Resolutions (circulated prior to AGM, on green paper)

Mention was made of the three (3) emergency resolutions coming up. Margaret Funnell, Resolutions Chairman, read the BE IT RESOLVED of each resolution as it was placed before the voting delegates.

91/1 - NOMINATIVE INFORMATION

**MOTION:** Shotton/Carson (Beacon Hill) to adopt this resolution.

Betty Shotton spoke to this resolution on the long term effect this information would have on our children. Parents should be aware they can have access to their children's files if they want to see them.

Margaret Funnell said that it is worrying that no one person can be held accountable for the privacy of this information.

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED

91/2 - POVERY AND CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

**MOTION:** Koeppé (Board of Directors)/Manker (Windermere) to adopt this resolution.

Resolutions chairman noted that Edgewater Home & School had suggested an editorial change to the fourth WHEREAS so that it now reads: **WHEREAS an adequate diet is necessary for children to function well in the learning environment;**

It was noted that this resolution had been submitted by the QFHSA Social Affairs Committee, Patricia Lewis, Chairman. Pat was unfortunately ill and not able to be present.

Renate Sutherland, John Rennie High, asked specifically what parents could do. Recommended that QFHSA supply concrete suggestions for implementation in an accompanying letter.

Vote on resolution, with editorial change as noted. CARRIED

91/3 - LACK OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

**MOTION:** Funnell (Board of Directors)/Koeppé to adopt this resolution.

Editorial change suggested by Edgewater Home & School to third WHEREAS. It now reads: **WHEREAS many children and youth have been identified by the appropriate officials as being at risk because of harmful living situations which are a danger to their safety and development;**

M. Funnell stated that youth protection groups, like the Y and the CLSC, needed more funding.

Linda James-Lefebvre, Elizabeth Ballantyne Home & School, said a campaign was needed to improve parenting and parenting skills; the resolution did not deal with prevention.

Vote on resolution, with editorial change as noted. CARRIED

91/4 - RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

**MOTION:** Funnell/Koeppé to adopt this resolution.

Resolutions chairman said that what was needed was a separate government department to deal exclusively with children; they should be priority No. 1.

John Rennie High School delegate asked whether Canada had signed the Convention [on the rights of the child]. Maybelle Durkin, Executive Director, CHSPTF, said that the Prime Minister had signed May 23, 1990; provinces have to ratify the signature. It is difficult for the provinces to find common

ground on some issues; examples - child sexual abuse, education. We need to watch each provincial government's handling of these issues and to see what legislation is passed.

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED

Under destination: Provincial Federations of Home & School will be added.

#### 91/5 - PEACE EDUCATION

**MOTION:** Cumyn (Board of Directors)/Carson to adopt this resolution.

**MOTION:** Thompson (Greendale)/Colomb (Board of Directors) to accept the Greendale Home & School amendment.

**Amendment reads:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations request the Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation, through its Provincial Federations, to urge all local Home and School Associations, parents, teachers, and other concerned organizations to increase awareness of Peace Education.

Mary Thompson, Co-president, Greendale, spoke to the amendment. Peace Education should not be made a priority; everything cannot be a priority in the school curriculum.

Ann Cumyn, Education Chairman, QFHSA, spoke to the resolution. Peace Education should be nationwide which is why we were directing it to Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation. By "priority" we meant that it should be listed somewhere, concretely, in the curriculum. M. Durkin, CHSPTF, said that both the Canadian School Boards Association and the Canadian Teachers Federation are working on this topic.

Vote on amendment.

CARRIED

Vote on amended resolution.

CARRIED

Coffee break announced. Thanks were expressed to Dunrae Gardens and Carlyle Schools (Town of Mt. Royal) for supplying muffins. Also mentioned the CHSPTF raffle for a Home & School quilt. 1995 is our 100th anniversary.

#### 91/6 - SMOKING PREVENTION FOR STUDENTS

**MOTION:** Funnell/Cumyn to adopt this resolution.

**MOTION:** James-Lefebvre (E. Ballantyne)/Auclair (Keith) to accept Elizabeth Ballantyne Home & School amendment #1 [to be inserted after the first WHEREAS].

**MOTION:** James-Lefebvre/Milne-Smith (Board of Directors) to accept Elizabeth Ballantyne Home & School amendment #2 [to be inserted after the fourth WHEREAS].

**Amendment #1 reads:** WHEREAS the adverse effects of secondhand smoke are well recognized;

**Amendment #2 reads:** WHEREAS smoking in the school tends to undermine anti-smoking education;

And that a final paragraph be added, to read:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Quebec



Federation of Home and School Associations urge its local Home & School Associations to campaign for their schools to be declared smoke-free environments.

Linda James spoke on the proposed amendments.

Vote on amendment #1.

CARRIED

Vote on amendment #2.

CARRIED

Vote on resolution as amended.

CARRIED

David Brodtkin, Sunnydale Park, asked why the last WHEREAS used U.S. figures; why not Canadian ones? Resolution Chairman agreed that such a change would be considered editorial and that Canadian figures would be used if they can be found.

Anne MacWhirter, New Carlisle, suggested that a covering letter go with the resolution indicating that early education of students is very important.

91/7 - ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

**MOTION:** Daigle (Board of Directors)/Koeppel to adopt this resolution.

Editorial corrections were noted, to the second WHEREAS:

**WHEREAS** the protocol covers the period from 1988 to March 31, 1993; [these dates were also corrected in the "background"]

Marion Daigle spoke to the resolution. Accountability is still not being reported properly. One-half of the \$3 billion has come to Quebec. These grants have been in place now for 20 years but the funding still doesn't come down to the local level. Alberta does a much better job of making these funds available locally.

Vote on resolution, with editorial changes as noted. CARRIED

91/8 - DEVELOPMENT AND PROVISION OF CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION PUBLICITY AND OTHER MATERIAL IN BOTH OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

**MOTION:** Milne-Smith/Amarica to adopt this resolution.

Barbara Milne-Smith spoke to the resolution.

Vote on resolution.

CARRIED

91/9 - GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ON BOOKS

**MOTION:** Milne-Smith/Thompson to adopt this resolution.

Editorial correction: change Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance, to Don Mazankowski.

Barbara Milne-Smith spoke to resolution. We feel very strongly about the fact that there is a GST on books; we strongly urge the government to remove it.

Vote on resolution, with editorial change as noted. CARRIED

91/10E - REORGANIZATION OF PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SCHOOLS

**MOTION:** Cumyn/Colomb that this resolution be adopted.

children will be given 2 or 3 books each. Gaspé area has been very pleased with the books they have received from Montreal area schools. Their own literacy group is giving out a cloth bag containing books to babies [through the local CLSC]; their motto "born to read" is embroidered on each bag and, as Anne describes her group, they are "bag ladies on the run!". She mentioned her students at New Carlisle High School had written their local MP re the GST; kids want to read but not pay GST.

Marion Daigle, stated that "Literacy in the Information Age" is THE most important project we have ever taken on. Every community should have a literacy exchange; how well is your community preparing a literate environment for their children?; have to look at many factors in relation to literacy; should hold a meeting and let your community group decide what they want to do.

**MOTION:** Daigle/Colomb to accept this report. CARRIED

8.8 Fall Conference (Book of Reports, p. 10)  
Moved to item #9 (Adoption of remaining reports).

8.9 Rights Committee (Book of Reports, pp. 35-41)  
Attention was called to the addendum correcting the second paragraph on page 40. This paragraph should read:  
'By law' implied the Court was looking for enacting legislation that vested in the government, or a body appointed by the government, control over some aspect of the curriculum. For example, in the instance of Normal Schools (teachers' colleges) control was vested in the government in the form of express statutory authority:  
Also, in the following paragraph, ...these later schools... should read ...these latter schools...

9. Adoption of Remaining Reports

**MOTION:** Brodtkin/Colomb to adopt remaining reports en bloc.  
Vote on motion.

CARRIED

10. Additions to Agenda

10.1 Dates of coming meetings

**Home & Schools in High Schools** - May 9th, at Lindsay Place High School in Pointe Claire, co-sponsored by LPHS and the LRC.  
**Presidents workshop** - June 4th, at QFHSA office.  
**M'ship/Newsletters/Publicity workshop** - June 5th, at QFHSA office.  
**Think Tank** (for Board members and Presidents) - August 28th, RSLYC.  
**Fall Conference** - Saturday, October 19th, at John Rennie High School.

11. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Brodtkin/Carson to adjourn the annual business meeting (12:15).  
CARRIED

## QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

### 1992 AGM PRESIDENTS' REPORT

Jon Percy/Barbara Milne-Smith, Co-Presidents

Once again this has been a busy and challenging year for Quebec Federation. In spite of economic and other stresses and strains that have beset Quebecers our membership remained about the same as last year: about 4600 families and some 100 group affiliates. This is encouraging, but we mustn't be complacent. The effectiveness of our activities and political clout is very directly related to our membership support. Let us make every effort to push these numbers even higher in the coming year. Details of our varied activities are presented in the accompanying committee and other reports. We would, however, like to briefly highlight just a few of the activities that were particularly memorable.

**FALL CONFERENCE:** The annual Fall Conference was held on October 19 th with the general theme "Home - School - Community: Creating a Learning Environment". The first part of the morning was devoted to a plenary session featuring three panelists discussing various aspects of the topic "Communication and the Community: Creating a Learning Environment". Following this, participants had the opportunity to engage in more in depth discussions with the plenary speakers in three workshops dealing with "Talking to teens", "Stay in School" and "Alternative Learning". During the afternoon, concurrent workshops examined the topics "Home and School Executives", "Homework and Study Skills", "Career Choices" and "Cooperative Learning".

**THINK TANK:** The annual "think tank" was held on August 28th, bringing together members of the QFHSA Executive and Board of Directors, Presidents of local associations and representatives from various educational organizations. Cal Potter, co-chairman of our Rights Committee, gave a talk entitled "What is this Canadian Unity of which we Speak?". This presentation stimulated lively discussions during the meal. After, questionnaires were circulated to participants to ascertain their views on various educational aspects relevant to the ongoing national debate on constitutional reform. This input was used in developing a brief to the parliamentary committee on the constitution.

**LITERACY PROJECT:** Our provincial Literacy Director has been going full tilt, spreading the message of the importance of literacy in our technological society. She has travelled the length and width of Quebec. Several presentations and/or Literacy Exchanges have been held in a number of communities that are within reasonable striking distance from Montreal. In addition presentations and or liaison meetings have been held with a number of groups in the Montreal area, including the Provincial Council of the Girl Guides of Canada, the Literacy Partners of Quebec, Provincial Laubach Literacy Council, Quebec Business

1992 AGM Presidents' Report, cont.

Teachers Association and Quebec Advisory Committee on Vocational Education. However, perhaps the greatest and most rewarding success has been achieved with literacy projects targetted at two very remote areas of Quebec where English communities are isolated and greatly in need of our assistance in developing literacy programs .... namely the Gaspé and the Lower North Shore area. Very successful literacy projects have been launched in both these areas. We hope to expand our efforts in the several communities that constitute each of these regions. Book drives in the Montreal area are providing large numbers of books that are being sent to some of these communities since access to English language reading material is limited at best. Additional funds are being sought to assist in the expeditious shipment of the avalanche of books that are being collected by many of our locals.

**Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF) 1991/1992 Annual Meeting:** A number of our Executive and Board members participated actively in the 1991 AGM held in June in Charlottetown, P.E.I. and put forward several resolutions for consideration. This year QFHSA is eagerly looking forward to hosting the meeting and an enthusiastic planning committee has been hard at work tackling the myriad details that such a venture entails. A very exciting program of activities is planned and our members should take advantage of this unique opportunity to participate and meet fellow Home and Schoolers from across the country. Helen Koepe, the CHSPTF President and our Quebec Past President, finishes her term this year and we thank her for the super job she has done.

**WORKSHOPS:** Once again, in order to assist in the development of leadership skills in the executives of our local associations, we organized a very successful Presidents' Workshop on June 4th and an equally successful Membership/Publicity/Newsletter Workshop on June 5th. On February 8th a Mid-term Presidents/Executive workshop was held and resulted in a good exchange of ideas. These training/networking sessions are much appreciated by our local associations.

**LIAISONS:** We are still participating actively in and liaising with a number of provincial educational organizations. These include Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards (QAPSB), Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers (PAPT), PAPT/PACT Curriculum Council, Alliance Quebec, Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education, Primary and Secondary Language Arts Committees and our own Lakeshore Regional Council. We are also members of the Council for English Language Education (CELE) which is a loose network of some 11 organizations involved in education that monitors and discusses aspects of education of particular concern to the English Community in the Province.

1992 AGM Presidents' Report, cont.

**COMMITTEES:** Many committees have been very active on our behalf throughout the year. We thank the chairmen and members for their diligence and dedication. Their reports presented elsewhere indicate the scope and impact of their activities. A few highlights include:

- Our Education Committee chairman served as one of two parental representatives on the Task Force on English Language Education that held hearings throughout the province and recently presented its report to the Minister of Education.
- Our Literacy Coordinator teamed up with the Nomad Scientists to present a very successful program of workshops and other activities in communities on the lower north shore.
- Our Rights Committee developed a very comprehensive brief to the Special Joint Committee on a Renewed Canada and on December 18, 1991, the Chairman, along with Rod Wiener, Helen Koeppe and Barbara Milne-Smith travelled to Ottawa to outline our brief to the Committee and respond to their questions.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Resolutions emanating from our 1991 AGM have been forwarded to the requisite destinations and most have generated encouraging or informative replies. Among others we have received replies from a number of Quebec Cabinet Ministers and MNAs as well as from Senator Lowell Murray and Jean Chretien. A number of the Resolutions with nationwide implications were also forwarded to the CHSPTF to gain a broader base of support and to channel our concerns to the appropriate federal authorities.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CANADIAN HOME & SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER  
FEDERATION (CHSPTF) 1991/92 YEAR**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992

Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith/Jon Percy, Co-presidents, QFHSA

At the 1991 Annual Meeting of CHSPTF, held at the end of May in Prince Edward Island, there were three workshops following up areas in which Canadian Home & School were involved:

Science and the Environment

This is part of the ongoing Literacy in the Information Age project. Information was given about programs seeking to promote understanding about the complex relationships between society, technology and the environment. A teacher spoke of programs designed to deepen the interest of students in technology.

National Stay-in-School Initiative

Delegates participated in a workshop entitled, "The Drop-out Problem: What can the Community do?", as part of this federal government initiative which is designed to encourage students to complete their education.

Your Choice ... Our Chance

Health & Welfare Canada spoke to delegates on the students' need to resist exposure to alcohol and drug abuse. Research suggests that young students must be targeted by the combined resources of schools and communities if programs are to have an effect.

The following is a very brief summary of some of the areas of involvement during the 1991/92 year:

• Literacy in the Information Age

This project, which started as part of the United Nations International Year of Literacy, has been too important a project not to be continued. Literacy Exchanges are still being held across the country (including in Quebec) as communities sit down together to assess their needs and work towards creating a more literate environment in their community.

One of the aspects of literacy is science and the need to encourage students to continue its study. In this connection, CHSPTF has a full day conference planned for May 27, 1992, in Montreal, entitled "Science, Education and Public Policy". See our March Quebec Home & School NEWS for details.

• Active Living Alliance for Children & Youth

CHSPTF has been active with this group whose mandate is broader than just physical fitness; they also encourage children to adopt a healthy life style.

• Stay-in-School Project

Canada cannot afford having 30-35% of its students not complete at least high school. CHSPTF has, therefore, been working to increase public awareness of the problem, and has been

urging provincial Home & Schools to encourage local associations to get involved in local community projects to convince young people to stay in school.

- Growing Up Series (NFB)

This highly acclaimed video was previewed at the Mid-term Meeting of CHSPTF. The family video is meant for parents to view with their pre-adolescent children. Combined with a "Parents' Guide", it serves as an introduction to human sexuality.

- United Nations International Year of the Family (1994)

CHSPTF is working with other non-government organizations (NGOs) sharing information and building up public awareness in hopes that their agendas in the years leading up to 1994 will include family themes and the importance of the family (in the broadest sense) as a basic unit of society.

- Teacher Appreciation Week (TAW)

This project continues and seems to gain momentum. It is very encouraging to see other groups also becoming involved in it. We can perhaps pat ourselves on the back for introducing the idea to Canadians. We are certainly all pleased to have the opportunity to take a few days in the year to give our teachers a well-earned thank you.

CHSPTF 1992 Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting is to be in Montreal, at the Royal Victoria College, McGill University, from May 28-31, and we are all looking forward to having delegates here from all ten provinces.

## GASPE AREA REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992

Submitted by M.A. Aitken, Vice-President

The members of the Home and School of the Gaspé area continue to work together to benefit the children of the English schools of the Gaspesia.

A thriving literacy project continues in New Carlisle, Hopetown and Shigawake-Port Daniel areas. Hopetown has a successful Reading Circle. New Carlisle, Shigawake-Port Daniel continue to give bags of books to newborns; have book fair and sales; storytime workshops and book exchange carts.

The teachers, students and bus drivers of New Richmond High School were served a delicious Christmas dinner by Home and School and School Committee members. The students also participated in a no smoking poster contest sponsored by Home and School. A successful book fair helped provide reading materials for library and classrooms.

The Home and School Associations of the Gaspé area have served lunches to students; provided Christmas treats; assisted in Teacher Appreciation Week and co-ordinate public speaking contests in the schools of Gaspé area.

As in previous years, the members of the Home and School continue to strive to help develop the most precious resource - our children.



**LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992

Submitted by Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti and Betty Shotton, Co-Presidents

To date there have been three meetings of the Lakeshore Regional Council (L.R.C.) of Home and School Associations for the academic year 1991-92: October 23, December 4 and January 22. The fourth meeting will take place on March 11, at the offices of the Lakeshore School Board (L.S.B.). One of our guest speakers will be Gillian Lawton, Assistant Director of Educational Services at the L.S.B. L.R.C. meetings have been very well attended and participation has been excellent, with the membership taking an active role in planning the agenda through the expression of areas of interest and/or concern which have been reflected in follow-up in the content of subsequent meetings. The local exchange portion of the evening remains a vital part of the work of L.R.C.

It is particularly heartening to see a resurgence of interest in parent participation at the high school level, coupled with administrative support facilitating the development of a workable and effective partnership. L.R.C. was especially pleased to welcome John Rennie High, where the Home & School Association has been recently re-established.

L.R.C. is fortunate in the representatives from the L.S.B. and the Lakeshore Teachers' Association (L.T.A.), Commissioner Ed Holland and John Caldwell respectively, who provide regular reports, information updates and insight into the work of their organizations, as well as representing L.R.C. to the L.S.B. and the L.T.A.

Terry James, President of the L.S.B. Advisory Committee on Services for Handicapped Students and Students with Social Maladjustments or Learning Disabilities, and Pat McCarragher, of the Block Parent Association, have made presentations to the membership. Strong interest has been shown regarding areas of bus safety, the work of the Calendar Committee and nursing services in the school. Representatives from the two CLSC's serving the territories in which are located our member schools have been invited to the March 11 meeting. This is felt to be of particular importance, given the upcoming election of regional boards in Health and Social Services, as well as the concern over critical underfunding in the West Island. Another area of concern dealt with dissatisfaction regarding the timing of changeover vis-a-vis the appointment of in-school administrators, and a motion was passed that was presented at the January 27 meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the L.S.B.

It is becoming evident among many Home & School Associations that there is an increasing awareness of and emphasis on school/community involvement and sharing in response to local economic needs. There is no question that the economic situation has an impact upon the realm of education and that this is becoming, of necessity, an important focal point. Resource information and material concerning sources of social support and specific services are available at every meeting to be shared with the membership of each local.

This has been another productive and encouraging year for L.R.C.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1991**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1992

Submitted by Carol Ohlin, General Arrangements

The theme for the 47th Annual Convention held on May 4/91 was **Learning for Life: Paving the Way!** For the fourth consecutive year, the conference was held in the Administration Building of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

**PROGRAM**

Plenary Session: "Learning for Life: Paving the Way!"

Speakers: Maybelle Durkin, Executive-Director, CHSPTF

Heather-jane Robertson, Director, Prof. Dev. Services, CTF

Three Consecutive Workshops:

1. "Family Focus: Reading & Learning Together"  
Speaker: Ellen Laughlin, Coordinator  
Newspaper-in-Education, The Montreal Gazette
2. "Learning for Life"  
Speakers: Maybelle Durkin & Heather-jane Robertson
3. "Turning Our Kids Green"  
Speaker: Louise Labarre, Environmental Educator, Granby Zoo

**AWARDS**

The Gordon Paterson Award for outstanding service to the education of children was presented to Kathy Gorrie, a kindergarten teacher at Dorset Elementary School in Baie d'Urfe. Carol Ohlin was the recipient of the Leslie N. Buzzell Award for volunteer service to QFHSA.

**REGISTRATION**

Total attendance for the day was 90 people, representing 24 local associations and 2 Group Affiliate schools. Of the 59 delegates, 10 members were from off-island schools; 16 were from the PSBGM; 33 were from the Lakeshore School Board. In addition, there were 13 Board members; 13 guests, workshop leaders & individual members; 3 group affiliates; 1 QFHSA office staff; 1 press representative. Displayers included 3 commercial tables (@ \$100 each); 6 non-commercial (@ \$50); 1 free and the QFHSA display.

**HOSPITALITY**

Under the capable direction of Judy Owen, the food services and other arrangements proceeded smoothly. Efficiently served by the cafeteria personnel, the luncheon menu consisted of generous portions of marinated chicken brochettes, rice, Greek salad, a large crusty roll, and carafes of red and white wine, followed by a dessert assortment of squares and brownies with coffee. Delightful placements were created by the students of Dunrae Gardens Elementary School. Nutrition break muffins were provided by the parents of Dunrae Gardens and Carlyle Elementary School of the Town of Mount Royal.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1991 AGM

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Awards	\$	\$
Books donated by Readers Digest		00.00
Buzzell & Paterson Awards (endowments)		00.00
Conference Fees (Fall Conference & AGM)	840.00	
\$30 rec'd from 28 local associations		
Displays		
Commercial (3 displayers @ \$100)	300.00	
Non-Commercial (6 @ \$50)	300.00	
Facilities (PSBGM Administration Bldg)		739.91
Hospitality		
Luncheon & Coffee		
75 @ \$15.00	1,125.00	
96 @ \$14.50		1,392.00
Flowers		104.01
Gifts (workshop presenter)		50.00
SAQ permit		26.00
Registration		
Kits (100 @ \$1.25)		125.00
Badges		30.00
Book of Reports (325 copies x 50 pages)		00.00
(Printed in office with supplies in stock)		
Preview Flyer (1300 copies)		
Typesetting		211.47
Printing		75.00
Program Book (150 copies)		
Typesetting & printing		285.30
	<u>\$2,565.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,018.69</u>

Note: Printing & postage expenses of reports & communications to the local associations have not been included in this statement. The estimated cost is approximately \$1000. Although they are related to the AGM, they are not considered direct costs to the organization of the conference. This is also true of the Paterson & Buzzell Awards which are financed from endowed funds. The annual gift to the Executive Secretary, while presented at this occasion, is also not an AGM expense. The commercial printing of last year's Book of Reports was \$1,000.

**THINK TANK**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992  
Submitted by Betty Shotton and Vi Minto, Coordinators

The annual Think Tank dinner was held on August 28th at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club. Invited were members of QFHSA Board of Directors, past and present Presidents of the local Home and School Associations, and two honoured guests - Grace Hone and Margaret Funnell (recently retired commissioners of the Lakeshore School Board). A total of 48 were in attendance.

The purpose of the Think Tank is to provide an opportunity to open the lines of communication between QFHSA and the locals, and to exchange ideas and views. In addition, it provides the locals with assurance of the support available to them.

After a get-acquainted hour in one of the lounges, a sit-down dinner was served upstairs, at which time Barbara Milne-Smith, Co-President of Quebec Federation, and Helen Koeppel, President of Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation, welcomed everyone.

Cal Potter, Co-Chairman of the QFHSA Rights Committee, addressed the group with the question "What is this Canadian unity of which we speak?". His presentation was brief and thought-provoking. Questionnaires addressing this topic and our Canadian Constitution were provided to get further input.

Grace Hone and Margaret Funnell were each presented with a book for their school libraries, as well as a bouquet of roses, given by Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti and Betty Shotton on behalf of Lakeshore Regional Council, in recognition of their contributions both as commissioners and active Home and School supporters.

Marion Daigle spoke briefly on literacy - "This House Needs Books" - and stressed the importance of passing on books to those less fortunate both locally and within our province. She also provided an information sheet on this subject.

Evaluation forms were completed at the conclusion of the evening, and there was a draw for a book. The winner was Jane Allan from Willingdon School.

Recommendations for next year are as follows:

1. Continue with new format (discussion on a specific topic)
2. Seriously consider a September date
3. We might consider the following topics for future Think Tanks:
  - a) Focus on local concerns at the start of the school year.
  - b) Comparative education - Quebec, Canada and other countries: Where can we improve our priorities?
  - c) What this country needs is a National Policy concerning the teaching of Canadian History.
  - d) Development of Home and School Regional Councils in other parts of the province.
  - e) Environmental concerns.

**FALL CONFERENCE**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992  
Submitted by Wendy Buchanan, Co-ordinator

The Fall Conference was held at John Rennie High School, Pointe Claire, Saturday, October 19, 1991. The general theme was "HOME \* SCHOOL \* COMMUNITY: Developing Human Resources". The Plenary Session and the follow-up workshops were all well received. The only drawback at John Rennie is the distance to the auditorium, but the auditorium was only used for the plenary this year.

Afternoon workshops were generally well liked and most evaluations were positive. It must be stressed, again, that care be taken to be certain that workshop write-ups adequately reflect what the workshop leader plans to address.

Books, donated by Reader's Digest, were given as gifts to workshop leaders and the speakers.

Displays are happy with the John Rennie location and with their position in relation to our registration desk. We had a large number of displays this year.

Suggested topics for next year's workshops were:

- Employment Canada to talk about careers of the future.
- Behaviour modification.
- More student/teacher/administration dialogues.
- How to motivate high school students.
- More on Co-operative Learning.
- How to recognize signs of sexual diseases or drug abuse.
- Follow-up on the Task Force on English Education.
- Preparing teens for CEGEP - what it's like to be in CEGEP from a student's perspective.
- Family stress.
- How to "listen" to your child.
- How parents can work with staff/administration.
- Homework.

Some suggestions from the evaluation sheets for next year:

- Workshops should be longer and lunch shorter.
- Repeat morning workshops in the afternoon.
- Start later for those coming from a long distance.

**PRESIDENTS WORKSHOP, June 04, 1991 (held at QFHSA office)**  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992  
Submitted by the office

Organized and run by Betty Shotton and Kathleen Greenfield-Zanti, Vice-Presidents, QFHSA, and Co-presidents of the Lakeshore Regional Council of Home & School Associations, assisted by Ada Colomb, Vice-President, QFHSA.

This year's theme "Getting it Together" was aimed at both elementary and high school presidents and covered such topics as:

- running a meeting
- working with the principal
- ideas exchange
- networking
- what is QFHSA

At the start of the workshop President's Kits were distributed which covered many aspects of the job; those not present at this workshop had their kits mailed to them as soon as we learned who the 1991/92 president was.

A good exchange of ideas resulted and evaluation forms turned in were positive.

**MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER/PUBLICITY WORKSHOP, June 05/91, QFHSA office**  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992  
Submitted by Wendy Buchanan, Executive Vice-President

Helping with this workshop were: Charlene DeConde, NEWS Editor, QFHSA; Mary Jane deKooos, Lindsay Place High Home & School; Helen Murphy, Mount Pleasant Home & School; and Ann DeVan, Ecole Primaire Harwood.

Since the group attending was fairly small it was decided to remain together in one room and share ideas. Appropriate kits were distributed.

Charlene highlighted some important aspects to keep in mind when doing publicity and Helen Murphy shared her expertise in this field. Some of the material used by Mount Pleasant for publicity was shown.

Mary Jane then explained the membership kit sharing some practical ideas, such as having a tear-off response section on material going home - each tear-off received back is eligible for a draw for a gift certificate (for the student).

Ann DeVan discussed newsletters; how to distribute them and how to recoup some of the expenses involved in the printing, i.e., selling "ads" to parents in the school.

It was an informal evening with a lot of good ideas exchanged and all seemed pleased they had attended.

**THE COUNCIL FOR ENGLISH-LANGUAGE EDUCATION (CELE)**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992  
 Submitted by Barbara Milne-Smith, Co-President

As the QFHSA representative this past year, I attended meetings of CELE in June, August, December, February and March.

This Council is a loosely-formed group of representatives (often the president/chairman) from the following organizations, and it meets on an irregular basis to discuss matters of concern:

Alliance Quebec	AQ
Association of Directors General of the Protestant School Boards of Quebec	ADGPSBQ
Association of English Catholic School Board Administrators	AECSSBA
English-Speaking Catholic Council	ESCC
Federation of Parents' Committees of the Province of Quebec	FCPPQ
McGill University, Faculty of Education	
Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers	PACT
Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers	PAPT
Quebec Assn. of Catholic School Administrators	QACSA
Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards	QAPSB
Quebec Association of School Administrators	QASA
Quebec Federation of Home & School Assns.	QFHSA

The meetings are held at Alliance Quebec offices, and they supply secretarial services for CELE, such as agendas and minutes.

**Task Force on English Education:**

This Task Force was the major topic discussed at every meeting this year. It was set up by the Minister of Education, and CELE was able to make suggestions to the Minister concerning its make-up. Almost every organization listed above had a representative on it, and we were very pleased that Mrs. Ann Cumyn, our Education Chairman, agreed to be the QFHSA representative. It was a large commitment of her time and we certainly appreciate her involvement on our behalf.

Many of the members of the Task Force were also their organizations' representatives to CELE, and were able to keep CELE informed of the progress of the Task Force. In the Education Committee's Annual Report, Ann Cumyn reports on the Task Force (see page 25).

**Minority Language Education Conference:**

Alliance Quebec informed us that they have received funding from the Secretary of State to hold a Minority Language Education Conference in early summer, 1992, and asked CELE members for suggestions for topics for workshops to be held at the Conference. They suggested that CELE act as a sounding board in developing Alliance Quebec's positions for the Conference Steering Committee.

Gail Cornell-Rowles  
ELACC (Elementary Language Arts Consultative Committee)  
Annual Report  
March 1992

The following issues have been studied and discussed by ELACC members this year.

#### Evaluation Methods in Language Arts

This is a major issue. Despite the fact that the program, "Elementary English Language Arts I-VI", has been in use since 1988, many educators are using evaluation methods that are not based on the guidelines set out in the program. Gail Goodman (MEQ) has been working on "Elementary Language Arts: Definition of Domain, Cycle One and Two", in order to provide appropriate guidelines for summative evaluation. This document does not support the use of standardized tests.

#### CMEC Project

This project will attempt to measure literacy of students at age 13 and 16 across Canada. This may be a step towards a standardized national curriculum. Language Arts associations are opposed to this project.

#### Parents and Language Arts

The booklet was distributed to public boards, private schools and parent associations. Some school boards have distributed copies to all families.

#### Bibliography of Children's Literature

This aid for teachers is still in the process of being distributed across the province.

#### French Second Language

The official integration of French into other areas (eg. Social Studies, Science) is obviously having an affect on English language arts. The FSL and French Immersion options are not the same in all school boards. However, there are common concerns among English language arts educators: compatibility between approaches in FSL and English language arts, limited time given to English language arts, mainstreaming of students in FSL classrooms and inequality of funding for minority education.



**PACT/PAPT CURRICULUM COUNCIL**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992  
Submitted by Margo Heron, Liaison

The Curriculum Council is the vehicle for consultation regarding matters of program, examinations and student activities between PAPT and PACT on the one hand, and several departments within the Quebec Ministry of Education (MEQ) on the other. The members come from the various subject associations, such as the Quebec Association of Geography Teachers, which are funded by the MEQ.

At the second meeting (October, 1991), Micheline Lavallée and Marjorie Gawley presented an overview of the MEQ Program and Evaluation Departments and their roles.

A booklet entitled "A Guide to Subject and Professional Associations for Elementary and Secondary Schools" has been developed by the MEQ and will be distributed.

The two areas of concentration for this year are introduction to technology [a Program Evaluation Project (PEP) Report], and secondary I math. The PACT and PAPT consultants are preparing a profile of math problems in secondary IV and V.

The PEP Report on the Arts Curriculum (Visual Arts, Drama, Dance and Music) was presented at the last meeting, but has not been distributed further since the PAPT Board had reservations concerning the section on Drama. The PEP Report on Science has been accepted and was made available at the subject Association meeting at the PACT/PAPT Convention.

Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards  
Report to the Annual General Meeting of QFHSA  
Submitted by H. Koeppe

QFHSA is one of several educational bodies that are invited to bring greetings to the regular board meetings of QAPSB, which are usually held in Montreal at the QAPSB offices on Stanley Street.

This has been a difficult year for the QAPSB. The resignation of the Exec. Director and the President last spring and the appointment of new people along with the attendant re-organization and investigations has taken a lot of time and effort to sort out.

The Association has been developing a code of ethics and has revamped its financial procedures. The teacher education committee and the Tech/Voc committee have been meeting, developing policies and strategic plans to enhance the Boards role in education in Quebec.

QAPSB has regular consultations with Ministry officials and with the Minister and reports excellent cooperation.

The new executive-director, formerly the Deputy Minister, Protestant, David D'Aoust brings to the position a wealth of contacts and know-how. Hopefully his former position will be filled soon.

1992 Annual Spring conference of QAPSB held in conjunction with that of the Quebec Asso. of School Administrators will be in Quebec City this year, April 30 to May 2nd. QFHSA usually sends a delegate.

**S.L.A.A.C. (SECONDARY LANGUAGE ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL)**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992  
Submitted by Esther MacLeod, liaison

The mandate of SLAAC is to provide advice to the Coordinator for English Language Arts at the Ministry of Education regarding the needs of the English Language Programme. A member of Home & School sits on the council to represent the interests of parents.

A major focus of the council this year has been a possible MEQ policy on interdisciplinary study (Intégration des Matières) in secondary schools, a priority of the Ministry at the present time. Discussions have sought to establish a balance between the integrity of different disciplines and the integration and making of connections which characterizes learners and learning.

A second concern is the testing programme which the Canadian Ministers of Education Council plans to administer for reading, writing and numeracy in the spring of 1993 to all 13 and 16 year olds in Canada. SLAAC, along with teacher organizations across the country, is completely opposed to this programme. There is concern that the results will not be valid and that they are totally foreign to the philosophy of whole language teaching.

SLAAC is committed to developing whole language teaching. Whole language issues discussed this year include promoting the importance of talk in the classroom and Vermont's experiment in Portfolio Assessment. In this programme, students assemble a portfolio of their best work throughout the year and submit it for assessment at year's end.

Two projects are being initiated by SLAAC this year. An annotated bibliography is being assembled to be used as a guideline for school libraries and teachers. There is no decreed content for ELA. Also, a parent booklet is being prepared to explain the aims and experiences of the English Language Arts Programme at the secondary level.

**AWARDS COMMITTEES**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992  
 Submitted by Helen Koepe, chairman

The Paterson and Buzzell Award Committees met March 10 and the following recipients were chosen:

Gordon Paterson Award - given to an outstanding educator who has given long service to the education of children and has encouraged parent participation in the educational scene. The unanimous choice of the committee was to give the award to Ellen Wernecke. Mrs. Wernecke is presently Director of Secondary Education, Lakeshore School Board, and is a former Principal of Beaconsfield High School and Beacon Hill Elementary School. Her name was put forward by the Beaconsfield High Home & School Association.

Leslie N. Buzzell Award - given for outstanding volunteer service at the provincial level to Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations (QFHSA) and in recognition of efforts to promote Home & School and education. This year's award goes to Charlene DeConde, Editor of the "Quebec Home & School NEWS". Charlene has worked very hard at both the local and provincial level and has done an outstanding job as editor and layout with our newspaper. She and her family moved to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, in March of this year.

**NEWSLETTER AWARDS**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992  
 Submitted by Diane Radu, Editor, "Focus on the Locals"

The calibre of the locals' newsletters continues to impress us and the choice of selecting the best is a difficult one. We can only say "keep up the excellent work you are doing" and please make sure we get your school's newsletter for the judging.

The 1992 winners are:-

Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield - "Contact" - Maria Cranker, ed.  
 This is an excellent example of a very informative bilingual newsletter.

Valois Park School - "Valois Ventures" - Wilma Grainger, ed.  
 Valois Park continues to turn out a very fine newsletter.

Mount Pleasant School - "Chalk Talk" - Julia Curry, ed.  
 Their newsletter has been featuring parenting messages from the Principal plus a series of articles from the Vice-Principal on "RealityTherapy for Parents", taken from William Glasser's book.

**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992  
Submitted by Gisela Amarica, Chairman

Minor changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules were discussed at two meetings of the Board of Directors.

By-Laws - suggested changes are:

Article III

1. An Honorary President shall have all the rights of a member of the Executive Committee.
2. Officers  
(a) one (1) President or two (2) co-Presidents.
3. Board of Directors  
(e) Presidents, or co-Presidents, of Area Councils.  
(d) Life members who wish to actively participate.

Article V

Add 5(b) - If the Nominations Committee is unable to recruit nominees to fill all positions, they shall be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman shall ask for nominations from the floor and all qualified nominees shall appear on the ballot.

Article VII

2. There shall be four (4) signing officers with cheques to be signed by any two (2) of them.

No requests for changes to the Constitution were put forward by local Associations. If your Association does not have a copy of the Constitution, they are available at the office on request.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Report to QFHSA Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992  
Submitted by Ann Cumyn, Chairman

The most important educational event this year was the publication of the report of the Task Force on English Education. This Task Force, under the Chairmanship of Gretta Chambers, was established by the Minister of Education in response to a demand from the English speaking community. The mandate of the Task Force was as follows:

- 1) to study the decline of the English school population and its effects on the quality of educational services;
- 2) to take a closer look at the situation of small schools and make recommendations aimed at maintaining the quality of educational services;
- 3) to examine the accessibility of vocational education to young anglophones, as well as their readiness to enter the work force, and make appropriate recommendations;
- 4) to analyze the exodus of young anglophone Quebecers, determine any education-related reasons for this exodus and submit recommendations that fall within the mandate of the school system.

It was a privilege to be appointed on behalf of QFHSA to this Task Force, whose members came from a wide range of associations and institutions involved with English schools. Although coming from specific groups, it was understood that the members were there as individuals who would use their own expertise, together with the facts, comments and opinions learnt during the sessions, regional meetings and round tables, in the drafting of the Report.

The information gathering of the Task Force consisted of attending regional meetings around the province and also a series of round tables in Montreal. In addition, sessions of the Task Force were devoted to receiving expert opinion on such matters as:

- Current issues in English Education in Quebec
- Demographics
- English curriculum
- French immersion
- Vocational education

The education of the members of the Task Force was continued through a series of papers giving statistics and facts about English education. These were written by Norman Henchey and form the basis of Part III of the Report.

At the beginning it was hard to imagine from the diverse membership of the Task Force that it would ever come up with a report! But as the work began on the actual content of the recommendations and the members focused on the needs of the English schools and their students, the Task Force grew into a

Education Committee report, cont.

cohesive group working for the best for Quebec's English speaking students. I believe we were all proud to sign the report, whose recommendations are attached.

QFHSA should congratulate the Minister of Education, Michel Page, for his initiative in setting up the Task Force on English Education, and encourage him to take the measures necessary for the implementation of the recommendations.

Another matter in which the Education Committee involved itself is the QFHSA booklet of children's writing. This year the theme was "My Family, My People". Thirteen schools, to date, have submitted work. It is expected that the booklet will be out in May.

Looking towards next year, it has been suggested that QFHSA study the School Achievement Indicators Project, a project for Canada-wide assessment being developed through the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada.

Finally, I would like to thank Wendy Buchanan, Marian Daigle and Pat Lewis for their participation in the work of this committee.

**RECOMMENDATION: ACCESS TO ENGLISH SCHOOLS**

(1) THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC THAT access to education in English be widened at least to include any child who was being educated in English or who has a parent from an English-speaking part of the world.

(2) THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION ensure that parents are given, prior to registration of their children in school, complete information concerning eligibility for English schooling for their children.

(3) THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION ensure representation of the English-speaking community on the Appeals Committee.

(4) THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION establish the position of Assistant Deputy Minister (English Education) to oversee English education and whose responsibilities would include policy development and the delivery of services with the appropriate resources provided to carry out these functions.

**RECOMMENDATION: SCHOOL BOARDS**

(5) THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION recognize that the English-speaking community must have the control and management of its school boards within a broad framework established by the Minister of Education, in order that it may transmit its language, values and culture and meet the learning needs of young English-speaking Quebecers.

(6) THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION seek guaranteed constitutional protection for English language school boards, comparable to the one now given to confessional minorities.

(7) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** seek the inclusion of provisions protecting the right to English education in the Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms of Quebec.

(8) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** establish a moratorium on the closing of the last English school in small centres until the plan for the reorganization of school boards for English schools is in place, except where the school community itself recommends the closing.

**RECOMMENDATION: SCHOOLS**

(9) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** revise the budgetary rules to ensure that school boards receive more adequate funding for small schools, particularly in small centres, and for alternative schools for students at risk.

(10) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** establish an "English Small School Service" in the Ministry of Education to set up links among small schools across Quebec and between small schools and larger schools with specialized expertise.

(11) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** make resources available for school-based innovations and projects and for evaluation.

**RECOMMENDATION: TEACHERS**

(12) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** explore, in collaboration with school boards and teachers' organizations, ways of supporting opportunities for increased teacher mobility to allow for enriching career experiences.

(13) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** increase the support and funds for local school initiatives for staff renewal and development .

(14) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** facilitate the establishment of a communications network for teachers in English schools in Quebec.

(15) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** ensure that public recognition is given, to outstanding schools and staffs, innovative projects, new ideas, extraordinary service and great educators.

**RECOMMENDATION: STUDENTS**

(16) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** support services and resources for early identification and intervention for students with learning difficulties.

(17) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** ensure that sufficient resources are provided to make appropriate school intervention and/or integration possible without jeopardizing the education of any student.

(18) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** recognize and support alternative approaches to meet the diverse learning needs of students and to provide enrichment for gifted students through activities such as the use of community resources, CEGEP courses, computer networking and distance education.

(19) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** ensure that more opportunities be available for the adult learner and for continuing education in rural or isolated communities, particularly through better use of distance education.



(20) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** establish with the Minister of Health and Social Services an interministerial coordinating process to ensure that the health and social service needs are met in English schools.

**RECOMMENDATION: PROGRAMS**

(21) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** amend the structure of the régimes pédagogiques for elementary and secondary schools to (a) reduce the number of required courses, (b) give more latitude to schools to decide the sequence in which courses are offered, (c) encourage more school initiative in the development of programs to meet the needs of the students and the community.

**RECOMMENDATION: CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

(22) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** establish an English Curriculum Council, advisory to the Assistant Deputy Minister (English Education), with representation from the Ministry, teacher organizations, school boards, post-secondary institutions and members of the community, to initiate and coordinate (a) the development and adaptation of programs to meet the needs of the English community of Quebec, (b) the assessment of appropriate textbooks and teaching materials, (c) the assessment of curriculum structures and learning programs, and (d) the development of policies related to the assessment of student progress and qualifications for secondary school graduation.

**RECOMMENDATION: FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE**

(23) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** revise and enrich the Ministry of Education French second-language programs at the elementary and secondary levels.

(24) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** recognize the special responsibility of English schools to provide literacy and fluency in two languages through special funding.

(25) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** facilitate the development and testing of alternative French second language program models.

**RECOMMENDATION: PREPARATION FOR WORK**

(26) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** support (a) the ongoing development of a province-wide plan for English technical and vocational education, (b) the development, as part of this plan, of English centres as well as bilingual centres for programs in various technical and vocational fields, and (c) the providing of assistance necessary to ensure the access of English-speaking students to these centres.

(27) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** support the use of apprenticeship programs and special placements for credit for students who have special talents or who learn more effectively through practical experience.

(28) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** support the development of a limited number of elective practical courses in a variety of fields for interested secondary school students, especially those whose learning style relies on practical tasks.

(29) **THAT THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION** support training for special job opportunities developed on a local or regional level in cooperation with business, industry and craftspersons.



# QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

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## Proposed Budget for 1992-93

### OPERATING FUND

	Audited Statement 1990/91	Proposed Budget 1992/93
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Membership Fees (\$9/family; \$40/Group Aff.)	\$46,017	
Membership Fees - \$10/family		\$54,000
- \$50/Group Aff.		4,500
Government Grants (received 1990/91)	\$20,000	
Government Grants (requested 1992/93)		40,000
Donations	3,673	3,000
Annual and Fall Conference	5,087	5,000
Projects (Literacy and AIDS)	6,620	
Administration Fee	3,010	2,000
Interest	2,939	3,000
GST Refund (netted)		2,000
	<u>87,346</u>	<u>113,500</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Salaries and wage levies	37,756	40,000
Home & School NEWS [newspaper]	18,087	20,000
Membership Materials	267	4,500
Meeting/Conferences		
AGM and Fall	3,382	}
CHSPTF	640	} 8,000
Other	371	}
Affiliation fees to CHSPTF	5,083	5,000
Donations returned to H&S locals	1,822	2,600
Committees		1,500
Administration	2,529	3,000
Rent and occupancy	10,551	12,000
Telephone	2,057	3,000
Postage	4,139	5,000
Maintenance and supplies	4,604	5,400
Miscellaneous	146	500
Projects (Literacy and AIDS)	3,414	
Capital Expenditures	1,750	3,000
	<u>96,598</u>	<u>113,500</u>
 EXCESS OF EXPENSES	 9,252	

(File: Comm\Finance\Budget92.93)



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## AGM BOOK OF REPORTS

## HEALTH ISSUES

AIDS Education Study: Canada Health and Welfare has announced funding for a follow up study to the "Canada Youth and AIDS" study which was completed several years ago. The focus of this present study will be on AIDS and sexuality education given to students in order to determine whether adolescent sexual behaviour can be influenced through school based sexual education programmes.

Meningitis: due to parental concerns related to the recent outbreak of meningitis in the eastern sector of the province, the office has opened a file in order to monitor the incidence and occurrence of this disease in all areas of the province, as well as the remainder of the country.

School Nurses and Student Health:

This committee strongly supports resolution 92/1 "School Nurses and First Aid", with particular respect to the issue of changing the mandate of the school nurse to include the provision of first aid health services to students in each school; as well as increasing the hours of nurse to student availability.

Respectfully submitted Vi Minto.

## LITERACY IN THE INFORMATION AGE - QUEBEC LITERACY PROJECTS

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992

Submitted by Marion Daigle, Quebec Literacy Director

Since the project, "Literacy in the Information Age", was launched in 1989 by the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation (CHSPTF), it has continued to expand beyond our expectations. Much of this is due to the vision and creativity of the National Literacy Director, Maybelle Durkin. As a prevention model to combat illiteracy among children and youth, the project concentrates on the need to create a learning environment in the home, the school and the community. Where communities have taken up the challenge by organizing a literacy exchange, the results are beginning to show.

In Quebec, the project has been strengthened by the close collaboration and co-operation with Nomad Scientists, Steve Rosenstein and Harold Spanier. Their hard work and good humour have lightened my load. Their belief in the aims of Home and School and their belief in children are an inspiration.

My thanks also to the QFHSA office staff and to the Board of Directors for their support.

### 1. Literacy Exchanges

- 1.1 May 1991 - Hopetown, Gaspé region  
Transition to Work Program - 15 women upgrading their skills to enter the workforce shared their concerns for their children's future on topics ranging from reading with young children, reasons for not participating in school life, to teen suicide and sex education. Free books and magazines for children were distributed.
- 1.2 September 1991 - St. Augustine, Lower North Shore  
Harold Spanier, Nomad Scientists, and I spent a week in this community, hosted by the Coasters' Association. The exchange introduced literacy activities at the Survivors Youth Club, pre-school reading, science activities, and photography at the high school. A community library has been set up with books donated from Montreal area schools and libraries.
- 1.3 October 1991 - New Carlisle, Gaspé Conference  
A follow-up workshop to the October 1990 exchange. Activities piloted in 1990 continue to be successful - Born to Read, the Book Exchange Cart, Reading Tent at the June festival, Hopetown Reading Circle, magazine subscriptions donated by adult literacy groups, and book drives from the Montreal area.
  - 1.3.2 Bridging the Gap: Science and the Community  
Expansion of the literacy project to include science activities in the community. Steve Rosenstein, Nomad Scientists, facilitated the program, which highlighted a huge inventory of science resources to be tapped in this area. Actions to include a "Science Saturday" program, and long-term goal is to have a summer science camp.

**LITERACY IN THE INFORMATION AGE, Cont.****1.4 February 1992 - Huntingdon**

This exchange in the Chateauguay Valley region was well organized by a steering committee, and the evening included a panel of speakers from the local community. Actions to include an inventory of activities and programs available for children, better accessibility to library for 'at risk' children, and the establishment of better support for 'at risk' families, particularly the children.

**1.5 March 1992 - Chevery and Aylmer Sound, Lower North Shore**

At the time of writing, Harold Spanier, Nomad Scientists, and I are leaving for one week for literacy exchanges in these two communities. These are sponsored financially by the Littoral School Board Adult Education Services and Quebec Literacy Working Group.

**1.6 Upcoming Literacy Exchanges**

- 1.6.1 South Shore, end of March - to be sponsored by South Shore Literacy Council.
- 1.6.2 Ismaili Community - this Montreal-based organization will have a second "Readers are Leaders" Exchange in April.

Inquiries for the Resourcebook for the Literacy Exchange from the Laurentian Literacy Council, the Laurenval Adult Education Services, the Katimavik School Board and Sept Iles may result in exchanges in the future.

**2. Book Drives**

The books contributed by Home and School Associations, individuals and other organizations have been sent to the Lower North Shore and Gaspé communities. They are making a significant difference to reading in these communities. Thank you to Gordon Robertson, Lakeshore Regional Council of Home and School Associations, and to Wendy Buchanan, QFHSA Executive Vice-President, for their assistance; and to the Elizabeth Ballantyne Home and School for their contribution from their Shell Environment Fund.

**3. Other Events Where the Project has been Highlighted**

- May 1991 - Provincial Council of Girl Guides of Canada
- May 1991 - Literacy Alive - Electronic Town Meetings
- June 1991 - Quebec Business Teachers Association and Quebec Advisory Committee on Vocational Education
- November 1991 - University Women's Club - Ste. Anne de Bellevue
- November 1991 - Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers and Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers Annual Convention - a workshop given by Anne MacWhirter, Area Representative, Gaspé region, and Harold Spanier, Nomad Scientists.

## LITERACY IN THE INFORMATION AGE, Cont.

January 1992 - Association of English Community Newspapers of Quebec  
 February 1992 - Valois Park Home and School Association

### 3.1 Upcoming Events

March 26, 1992 - Pointe Claire Lions Club  
 April 4, 1992 - Workshop, Quebec Council of Parent Participation  
 Pre-schools Annual Meeting  
 May 13, 14, 15 - Literacy Conference, sponsored by Ministry of  
 Education  
 → May 27, 1992 - Science, Education and Public Policy  
 One-day conference sponsored by CHSPTF at Le  
 Grand Hotel, Montreal, as part of the CHSPTF  
 Annual Meeting, hosted by QFHSA. We are  
 assisting with this special day.  
 October 1992 - Dimensions of Literacy in a Multicultural  
 Society, organized by Concordia University,  
 Lacolle Centre for Innovative Learning, and  
 Quebec Association of Adult Learners.

### 4. Literacy Partners of Quebec

Many groups and organizations concerned with English language literacy have met on a regular basis to form a Coalition for English Language Literacy. Funding to set up the Coalition has been given by the Secretary of State, Canada.

### 5. Funding

Several proposals for funding are currently underway to enable the continuation of the QFHSA literacy project, especially for travel to remote areas.

### 6. Comments

- 6.1 More work needs to be done to encourage local Home and School Associations, especially on the island of Montreal, to organize literacy exchanges.
- 6.2 The Resourcebook for the Literacy Exchange is a valuable tool for Home and School Associations to use in their own school Environments. Much more needs to be done to publicize this resource.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 1992.

Submitted by office**MEMBERSHIP**

	<u>Mar 31/91</u>	<u>Mar 15/92</u>
Associations submitting membership lists	46	44*
Associations which have not submitted lists	0	2
Number of Family Memberships through H&S local	4,556.**	4,548.**
Supporting Members (not through a local H&S)	23	25
Group Affiliate Members	93	99

\* Associations not submitting lists this year were Hampstead and Emmanuel Christian.

\*\* This figure indicates paid memberships; it does not include associate members (families who have joined at more than one school).

1991/92 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS<sup>1</sup> (based upon number of students)

**ON ISLAND BOARDS - ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Beacon Hill	64%	<u>Membership Chairman</u> Bev Plourde
Dorset	59%	Chris Tibelius
E.P. Beaconsfield	53%	Alexandra Ostapovitch
Elizabeth Ballantyne	51%	Catherine Maxham

**Honourable Mention**

Courtland Park	49%	Gail Cooke
Valois Park	45%	Sandy Gordon-Loiello

**ON ISLAND BOARDS - SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Macdonald High	21%	Pat Dearing
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**Honourable Mention**

Hudson Elementary/High	18%	Heidy Berthoud
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**OFF ISLAND SCHOOLS**

Baie Comeau Elementary/High	43%	Barbara Rioux
Shigawake - Pt. Daniel	24%	Barbara Hottot
Howick School	24%	Lynn Cullen

**Honourable Mention**

New Richmond High	16%	Barbara Harrison
New Carlisle	15%	Janice Sylvestre

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Family Membership Fee for 1992/93 be \$12.00, as approved by the Board of Directors.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Conference Fee remain at \$35.00.

<sup>1</sup> Based on membership lists received at the office by March 1st, 1992.

## **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992  
Submitted by Committee Members - Marion Daigle, Wendy Buchanan,  
 Barbara Milne-Smith and Donna Sauriol

### **Outreach - Literacy in the Information Age Project**

The object is to co-operate with the Quebec Literacy Director in the planning and implementation of literacy exchanges. Membership Development assisted with Literacy Exchanges in St. Augustine, Huntingdon, Chevery and Aylmer Sound. In addition, major workshops/conferences were held in New Carlisle, at the PAPT-PACT Convention, Quebec Council Parent Participation Pre-School (QCPPP) Annual Meeting and the Ismaili Community Centre.

### **Official Language Communities, Organizations and Institutions**

Program (Quebec Region), Secretary of State - November 6, 1992  
 Huntingdon Regional Meeting - Marion Daigle attended for QFHSA. The consultation focused on the need for increased funding for support of English language minority communities off the island of Montreal, the role of institutions in the community, and employment and cultural priorities, particularly for young anglophones to remain in Quebec.

### **QFHSA Grant Proposal 1992-93**

Proposal has been submitted to the Secretary of State. Outcome is announced after March 31, the Government of Canada's fiscal year end.

### **Resourcebook Handbook for Parents and Parent Programs**

A project for funding under a special Development Fund of the Secretary of State was submitted for 1991-92. This was accepted and Carol Ohlin, member of Board of Directors, has it under assignment.

### **Development Fund Proposal for 1992-93**

Developing Human Resources in Isolated Areas - the Lower North Shore and Magdalen Islands. This proposal was submitted in January 1992; the outcome will be announced at a future date.

### **Parent Workshops**

#### **Thorndale Elementary** - November 4, 1991

Betty Shotton, Vice President, and Marion Daigle, Quebec Literacy Director, attended a regular meeting to explain the role of QFHSA and CHSPTF. A very active and positive association.

#### **Valois Park Elementary** - February 18, 1992

Marion Daigle spoke at a regular meeting regarding the Literacy in the Information Age Project. They are especially interested in the "This House Needs Books" project to support reading resources to schools on the Magdalen Islands. New reading activities were also discussed for the Valois Park community.



Promoting Parent Potential  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting  
 Submitted by Wendy Buchanan

To date we have supplied speakers for three of our local home & schools. The first evening was scheduled in December in Howick Elementary School. Michelle Potter, a teacher at John Rennie High School, addressed a group of interested parents on the topic of Homework & Study Skills. There were approximately 25 parents in attendance and the evening was very successful with a number of questions following the presentation. The second evening was in February at Lachine High School where a family counsellor from the Argyle Institute, Ms. Vicki Stark, gave a spirited talk on "The Adolescent". I think everyone enjoyed the information that was shared. The next evening was also in February and was at Cedar Park School. Approximately 25 people came to hear Judy Flannery, from the Strategic Learning Centre, give a presentation on Homework & Study Skills.

Some of the suggested topics for future parent evenings are: Stress Management; Time Management; Substance Abuse; Career Choices; Education in the 90s; Co-operative Learning - Is it working?; Homework & Study Skills. If any local would like to take advantage of this wonderful service please contact the office with the request.

**MORAL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (MRE) COMMITTEE**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992  
 Submitted by Betty Lou Manker, Chairman

In addition to attending our regular QFHSA Board of Directors meetings, the MRE Chairman attended meetings of Executive Boards of affiliated organizations (the Association of Moral and Religious Educators of Quebec and the Association of Family Life Educators of Quebec) in order to network and communicate, and to continue our organizational representation.

Other special events include:

February 10	-	Hosted our annual QFHSA winter social
June 26	-	Represented QFHSA at Conference of McGill/Loyola on Medicine, Ethics and Law
September 26	-	Represented QFHSA at Family Life Educators workshop on understanding adolescents
October 5	-	Conference of Canadian Association of Young Children; represented QFHSA and manned our table, accompanied by Patricia Tasker of Edinburgh School
November 28	-	Represented QFHSA at our table at PACT-PAPT Convention

Continuous: Through our supervision of Safety Patrols at Windermere School, the MRE Representative continues to encourage other schools to develop such safety programs, and offers consultation to schools.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992  
Submitted by Marion Daigle, chairman

The Nominations Committee, approved by the Board of Directors at its January meeting, convened on February 24th to consider the nominations made and to verify the eligibility of each nominee. As all vacant positions were not filled, the committee endeavoured to find further candidates.

The names of those willing to stand for office, as of February 25, 1992, were circulated to all local Home & School Associations, and to members of the Board of Directors at their March 06, 1992 meeting.

The following Home & School members have agreed to let their names stand for nomination and are members in good standing:-

Treasurer (2 year term):	Debi Brown	<i>Not been doing 20 years</i>
Vice-Presidents (2 year term):	Ada Colomb Allan Locke	<i>one Susan Howard Solomon</i>
Vice-Presidents (2 year term):	<u>2 vacancies</u>	<i>Westport CPC members</i>
Vice-Presidents (1 year term):	Brenda Dewar, Jan Rennie	<i>Ruby Langlois</i>
Recording Secretary (2 year term):	<u>vacant</u>	

The following members of the Executive Committee continue on in office until May, 1993.:-

Co-presidents	Barbara Milne-Smith Jon Percy
Executive Vice-President	Wendy Buchanan
Vice-Presidents	Peggy Aitken Margaret Funnell Don Smith

**Members of the Nominations Committee:-**

<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>Local Associations</u>
Marion Daigle, chair	Patricia Tasker (Edinburgh)
Helen Koepe	Mary Jane de Koos (LPHS)
Betty Lou Manker	Bea MacDonald (Cedar Park)

**MOTION:** That the slate of officers nominated above be ratified by the 1992 Annual General Meeting.

(File: Conferences\BkRpts\1992)

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN EDUCATION**

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 11, 1992

Submitted by Marion Daigle, Chairman

Calvin Potter, Member

The objectives of this Committee are:

1. To act as a watchdog on the accountability for government of Canada funding for minority language education and second-language instruction in the Province of Quebec.
2. To recommend actions to be taken by the Home and School membership on this topic.

The current Protocol and Agreements between the Governments of Canada and Quebec will terminate early in 1993.

Reports of the activities for 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are currently on file at the QFHSA office. There has been no change in the definition of "additional costs" re the financing of minority language education in Quebec.

Recommendation: That the QFHSA reaffirm Resolution 91/7, Accountability for the Use of Federal Grants for Official Language Programs, at the 1992 Annual General Meeting.

This will assist the Official Languages in Education Committee when examining the new Protocols and Agreements due in late 1992 or early 1993.

## RESOLUTION 91/7

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FEDERAL GRANTS FOR OFFICIAL  
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has approved a "protocol" which has been negotiated with the provinces for financial assistance under bilateral agreements, to be concluded with each province, for support of education in the minority official language of that province and for opportunities for Canadians to learn their second official language; and

WHEREAS the protocol covers the period from 1988 to March 31, 1993; and

WHEREAS the reporting by provinces under the present protocol reflects a diversity of standards for disclosure; and

WHEREAS that diversity of reporting by provinces is accompanied by major contrasts in the information conveyed; and

WHEREAS the lack of disclosure impedes parental review and remedial responses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations urge the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation to request that the Secretary of State and the provincial governments agree upon a minimum standard of disclosure that ensures the funds furnished by the Federal Government for support of education in the minority official language and the teaching of the second official language are reported in that context; and that the accountability reports be subject to overview by a federal Parliamentary Committee.

Destination: The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation [this resolution will become part of the QFHSA Annual Report to CHSPTF].

Definition: Minority Official Language - English in Quebec, French elsewhere

Second Language Instruction - English to French students in Quebec, French to English students elsewhere

Background: This resolution will update QFHSA Resolution 88/2

**Quebec Home & School NEWS**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992

Submitted by the office

Of major import is the loss of our NEWS Editor, Charlene DeConde, who is moving to Dartmouth, N.S. We are still trying to find interested volunteers to take her place - as Editor and/or as Layout.

Our newspaper is meant to come out every other month during the school year. During the calendar year 1991 we did manage five issues. The paper is meant to be 16 pages. In 1991 we did 3 issues of 16 pages, 1 issue of 12 pages and 1 issue of 8 pages (this one appeared in July).

Since the start of the school year 1991/92 we have had papers in September (very early), December and March. There will be another issue after our Annual General Meeting - say May, or early June. It is therefore likely that we will only have four issues during the calendar year 1992.

Our continued thanks to all the schools that send in material for **Focus on the Locals**. Don't forget to include photos wherever possible. The pictures make the copy "live". We are indebted to Diane Radu, editor of Focus on the Locals, for her hard work on these pages. If you do not have a person handling publicity at your school level, Diane will glean interesting information from your Minutes, your Newsletters to your own parents, etc. The schools you see listed in every issue of our paper are there because they faithfully send us copies of their own newsletters, minutes, articles, etc.

We are also grateful to Ken Radu for **Books on Review**, wherein Ken gives us his opinion of some of the latest Canadian books available for children; to Don Smith, editor of the **Safety Scene** page and his ongoing concerns on this topic; to Pat Lewis and her reports on a wide range of social issues impinging on youth and for the **List of Resource Materials** that she includes.

Please consider sending us Editorials, or ideas for editorials, on issues that you feel are important, or "Letters to the Editor" on any topic you feel should be addressed. We have been fortunate this past Fall to receive two articles from Ron MacFarlane, Principal of West Hill High School - one on educational issues and another on parenting. The March issue featured a parenting article from Richard Lessard, Principal of Mount Pleasant School, taken from his message to Mount Pleasant parents in "Chalk Talk".

Remember the NEWS is your newspaper; it is meant to reflect your concerns.

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the 1992 Annual General Meeting

Submitted by Margaret Funnell, Resolutions Committee Chairman, 92/02/20

Committee members: Ann Cumyn, Pat Lewis, Helen Koeppe, Alan Locke and Barbara Milne-Smith

Local Associations and Quebec Federation Committees have contributed resolutions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee will have met twice this year to examine submissions. Only where necessary, and with the help of the presenters, the Committee edits the resolutions in the interests of clarity, succinctness and the avoidance of duplication with other resolutions.

A draft resolution for the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Home and School and Parent Teacher Federation had to be submitted to this body in mid-February, c.f. Resolutions 92/4 which is to be confirmed at Quebec Federation's April 11th meeting.

Submitted resolutions were reviewed and along with the one mentioned above were circulated to Home and School Locals and Board members for review and possible amendment. As soon as possible after the deadline for receiving the amendments, March 27, they are to be circulated for study.

In addition, an emergency resolution on the Task Force Report on English Education recommendations was circulated for study and possible modification.

The Resolutions Committee studied the Statement of Policy to see if any changes were necessary as a result of resolutions passed in 1991. Three new additions were recommended.

## DISPOSITIONS OF 1991 RESOLUTIONS

Report to the 1992 Annual General Meeting

Submitted by Margaret Funnell, Resolutions Committee Chairman

All resolutions were distributed to the designated parties. Replies other than simple acknowledgements and general statements that the recipient had noted the concerns of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations are summarized below. Resolutions 91/2, 91/4, 91/6, 91/7, 91/8, 91/9 and 91/12 were forwarded to and adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Home and School and Parent Teacher Federation (CHSPTF). Resolution 91/5 was similarly forwarded but was referred to the CHSPTF Education Committee for study.

Resolution 91/3 Lack of Adequate Facilities and services for Children at Risk & Resolution 91/11E Distribution of Health Care and Social Services Resources to Schools (i.e., off Island)

The Minister of Health and Social Services, M. Coté, replied to our letter making several points. With regard to Resolution 91/3, he stated that our arguments would contribute to the work of the Expert Committee on Youth, chaired by Mr. Camil Bouchard, which would be making its report in November 1991. This report has now been received by Quebec Federation. M. Coté indicated he soon would be receiving the report of an evaluation of the improvements in youth protection services which would include measures to alleviate situations where youth protection interventions are pending.

With regard to Resolution 91/11E, M. Coté called our attention to the agreement between the Education and Health & Social Services Ministries concerning services to

handicapped and children who are experiencing adaptational problems. One of the conditions of the agreement is that guidelines be revised to assure that health care and social services are furnished in the schools. A working committee involving both Ministries is currently working on this. M. Coté clearly expressed his intention to upgrade social services in the school as a result of Bill 120. Quebec Federation needs to monitor the results of the initiatives mentioned above.

Resolution 91/4 Rights of the Child

Sent to CHSPTF, but also note that a Plan of Action which each signatory government at the Summit for Children undertook to present before the end of 1991, in the case of Canada was due Feb.1, 1992. The Plan of Action is meant to show how each government will carry out the promises made at the Summit. Quebec Federation should examine and monitor Canada's Plan of Action.

Resolution 91/6 Smoking Prevention for students

In addition to the general replies received from the Education and Health & Social Affairs Ministers' Offices, QFHSA received a letter from the Direction des services éducatif aux anglophones enclosing the programs which contain sections related to education about and reasons for and against tobacco use. A letter from Marc Dionne, from the associate deputy minister's office (Health and Social Service), congratulated us on our initiative and indicated that (in November) representatives from the Education and Health and Social Affairs Ministries and from the DSCs (Community Health Departments) would be meeting to discuss actions with respect to smoking prevention programs for students.

Resolution 91/9 Goods and Services Tax on Books

This up-date on the 1990 resolution was sent to Mr. Mazankowski. We received no reply and have written again.

Resolution 91/12 Copyright Legislation

In addition to the general replies from the Minister, Perrin Beatty, and from Senator Murray, QFHSA received a somewhat longer reply from Mr. Chretien indicating that the Liberals had moved an amendment to Bill C-60, at the legislative committee stage, which was defeated. It dealt spontaneous reprography rights, i.e., with photocopies classified as 'spontaneous use for non-profit instructional use'. With respect to copyright collectives under Bill C-60, he felt it would be very hard for users to negotiate equitable fees without a definition of the exemptions (to be provided under Phase Two). At present (February, 1992) Phase Two legislation has still not been adopted.

**RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992

Submitted by Cal Potter and Rod Wiener, Co-chairmen

The efforts of this Committee over the past year have been concentrated on preparing a brief for the Beaudoin-Dobie Committee [The Special Joint Committee on a Renewed Canada]. Presidents of local associations and members of the Board of Directors of QFHSA were asked for their opinions at the Think Tank, held in late August. From these replies the Rights Committee formulated their submission. In the 40 page brief we outlined the need for constitutional protection and the issue of parental rights. The conclusion stated:

In order to enjoy a secure future, and thus to be able to contribute effectively and constructively to the further development of Quebec society, the English community must have, among other things, renewed and improved iron-clad guarantees for management and control of its educational system and the elimination of the restrictive access provisions that are now strangling its schools. Although we as an English community have, in recent years, felt abandoned by our federal parliamentarians we still firmly believe that a strong and confident Quebec in a multicultural and united Canada offers the best hope, and the best guarantee, for the preservation of our institutions and for our continuation as a vigorous and flourishing community. And the prerequisite before further devolution is the repeal of Section 59.

Section 59 of the Canadian Constitution grants the Government of Quebec exclusive control over the choice of whether parents, who are naturalized citizens of Canada, residing in Quebec, and have English as their maternal language, have the right to have their children receive primary and secondary instruction in English. Quebec's Law 101 restricted such rights to citizens of Canada who have received their primary school instruction in Quebec in English. The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that citizens of Canada who have received their primary school instruction in English, now residing in Quebec, have the right to have their children educated in English. The net result is that English-speaking immigrants, coming from outside Canada to Quebec, cannot attend English schools.

On December 18, 1991, we had a hearing before the Joint Committee, in Ottawa. Barbara Milne-Smith, Co-president, QFHSA, and Helen Koepe, President of the Canadian Home & School (and Past President of QFHSA) were also present. At the hearing we addressed several of the 28 proposals in the Federal Government's plan [Shaping Canada's Future Together] and outlined our concerns. Since that time we have been working on refining our brief in light of the upcoming Constitutional proposals from the federal government, due in April.



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March 1, 1992

To : Annual General Meeting of the QFH&SA  
From : Donald Smith, Chairman, Safety Committee  
Re : Annual Report

1. Continued participation in the *Comité provincial de concertation sur les programmes de sécurité routière en milieu scolaire*. Three regular meetings were held, one in Beauport, one in Québec City and the third in Trois-Rivières (QFH&SA was not represented at the latter meeting). Attended an information meeting with the principals of the Eastern Québec Regional School Board and a resource person from the *Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec* to promote the programmes offered by the aforementioned *Comité*.
- 1(a). As a follow-up to last year's Annual Report from the Safety Committee, the videocassette copies of the safety videos produced and/or sanctioned by the aforementioned *Comité* have been made and are now available through the Safety Committee via the QFH&SA office. (Note that they are also available the *Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec*.)
2. Participation in the *Comité sur la sécurité en transport scolaire*. Two meetings were held, one was attended by the QFHSA representative. A third meeting was postponed in order to allow the *Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec* to reevaluate its policy and plan a future meeting to review the *Comité's* mandate (this in light of the recent pressure to improve, among other things, safety in the construction of school buses).
3. Continued participation in the Canada Safety Council. Since the last Annual Report the Council has been restructured and modified (mostly through budget cut-backs). However, a meeting was held (and attended by the QFH&SA representative) and another meeting is scheduled for early May.
4. Attendance at the Board of Directors meetings and the Executive of the QFH&SA.
5. Continued contributions and editing of the Safety Scene page of the QFH&SA NEWS.

Donald Smith  
Chairperson, Safety Committee  
1992-03-01

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, April, 1992.  
 Fat Lewis

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About two years ago the United Nations hosted a WORLD SUMMIT ON CHILDREN at which 109 states ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Since this treaty took effect, however, 36 of the 109 countries have opted out of certain clauses. Practically nothing has been done internationally to carry out the aims of the treaty, and with one-third of the signers revoking the Convention, wholly or partially, the danger is that the entire exercise may break down, and it could become meaningless in parts of the world where it is needed most. Children's rights are still unprotected. In Canada in February the twice-promised national daycare plan was killed, due to a lack of funds, according to Health Minister Bouchard.

Quebec has named February as BLACK HISTORY MONTH, and there were various conferences and meetings, in schools and churches, to celebrate this month. Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada has organized the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in this country for March 21st. There were information kits including pins and posters, available for schools and teachers. Because of the cost of busing students a French language school in the east end lost its right to preserve the school's multicultural aspect. Keeping multiculturalism alive in hard economic times is very difficult, placing even more responsibility on teachers.

Since the average Canadian child spends more time watching TV than in school, it is important that this issue and the quality of TV programs be addressed. A recent study from the American Psychological Association said that TV watching not only makes children fat, but it perpetuates racial stereotypes and degrades women and girls. It was noted that in the U. S. the average child watches 8,000 murders and 100,000 other acts of violence on TV while in elementary school. The children learn violent behavior from the programs. TV even encourages a complacent attitude toward smoking. On the positive side, it should be noted that the CBC is presently hosting DEGRASSI TALKS, with Health and Welfare Canada helping with the production. This show is on Mondays, and the first six weeks include discussions on: Sex; Alcohol; Abuse; Depression; Drugs; Sexuality--all for teens. On Feb. 25th YTV, Channels 28 and 36, had a call-in program on YOUTH TALK about racial discrimination. ROCK AND TALK is another YTV series for teens featuring news, videos and interviews with stars and hosted by Laurie Hibbard. Please see the resolution on aggressive behavior for the Annual General Meeting of Quebec Federation for further information.

Teenage smoking is another problem of our youth which has received consideration from many groups, including the Canadian Council on Smoking and Health. Since few Canadians start smoking after the age of 18, the tobacco industry aims at the under 18 market or risks losing more than half a billion dollars a year in profits from teenagers. Federal and provincial taxes of \$300 million a year are paid by youth who have been sold tobacco illegally. The goal of parents and teachers in our locals is to have all schools completely smoke-free. Indirectly, or directly, smoking is the cause of more deaths in Canada than any other cause.

AIDS and STDs are or should be an important part of all school sex education curricula. This includes elementary schools. The WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION estimates that by the year 2000 AIDS cases could rise to 30-40 million. The disease is thought to be caused by a virus called HIV. However, it can take as long as 10 years for AIDS to develop from HIV. No community can afford to be prudish about discussing sex (and condoms) with the coming generations of children. It is estimated by scientists that it will be at least a decade before we can count on a vaccine for world wide use for either prevention or for treatment of HIV infection and AIDS. Some 10 to 15 million children (over 40% in Africa) will lose their mothers to AIDS by the year 2000. What will happen to these children? Our own children in Canada have a right to be informed about this problem, another responsibility for both home and school.

Among 46 agencies that were cut, changed or privatized in the February budget of the federal government's Finance Minister were the Science Council, the Economic Council and the Institute of International Peace & Security. Canada has long been noted as the nation of "Peace Keepers." So many great changes have been taking place in the world, as the Soviet Union breaks up, and as wars continue in Yugoslavia, Croatia, and in 31 other countries. In seven of these conflicts it has been documented that direct sales of Canadian armaments have been made during 1988-90. In five countries there have been more than 100,000 military and civilian deaths since 1981. And even though the last of the burning oil wells in Kuwait was extinguished, oil from sunken ships, burst pipelines and black rain has covered two-thirds of the country. Countries spent at least \$50 billion to fight Iraq, only \$6.5 million have been contributed to the UN clean-up fund. At least five countries might be able to make nuclear weapons within a few years, and there are still thousands of nuclear missiles in the former Soviet Union and in the United States. The Social Affairs Committee believes that the above facts make it even more urgent that our children's schools include peace education in the curriculum. Last fall quite a number of schools did celebrate the International Year for Peace day, while Remembrance Day was commemorated by even more schools.

Our Social Affairs Committee has attempted to follow the guidance of the Board of Directors of Home & School by making a list of possible resource materials which can be ordered by our locals and which is attached to the committee report for each meeting of the Board of Directors. We trust that some of the resources will be of value to parents.

Other problems of young people which have been noted by the committee are such things as family violence, drug abuse, poverty and hunger, gun control and war toys. Unfortunately, the committee does not know what has been happening in most of our locals on these many problems. It is hoped that Quebec Federation will be able to attract some more of our invaluable volunteers to act as area reps. Then perhaps the committee will be able to report to parents about activities in various locals. Another issue which the committee did not handle is that of the environment--mostly because the amount of material available is overwhelming. It is known that our environmental welfare is closely connected to most of the problems mentioned above.

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992  
Submitted by the office

A meeting was held at our office March 03 with Reliable Life Insurance Company's Quebec representative, Jean-Louis Brais, and a Vice-President from the head office, Mr. Henderson.

Although several types of plans are offered by the company, the most popular one with Quebecers is the Super Plan: \$17.50 per student, unlimited dental/tooth for 5 years (dental limit/tooth, after 5 years, is \$500), and greater coverage under death benefit, loss of use of or dismemberment, and total permanent disability.

At our 1991 AGM the delegates accepted our recommendation to continue with Reliable, for 1992\93, and that we go with Option B only (unlimited dental coverage) with insurance premiums ranging from \$3.50 up to \$23.50 for a new Super Plan Plus. [It now appears that the \$3.50 premium is from Option A, i.e., more limited dental coverage.]

We would like, therefore, to reaffirm our commitment for the upcoming school year, 1992/93, with slight changes.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that we continue with Reliable Life Insurance Company for student accident insurance. There will be one plan under Option A (limited dental coverage) costing \$5.50/student. Several plans will be offered under Option B (unlimited dental coverage), the cheapest plan being \$7.50/student and will extend upwards to the Super Plans.

Reliable Life offers good service to those parents participating and we have not heard to the contrary from any schools. They would like to be used by more schools and school boards.

It would be helpful for us if we actually had a person in the insurance/underwriting field to be chairperson of this committee, as we have had in the past. Preferably not someone connected with one of the Student Accident companies. It is not a big job.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that we ask the delegates at the AGM if anyone has such a person on their executive and that we approach this person.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK, Feb 9-15, 1992.**  
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 11, 1992.  
Submitted by office

TAW Orders 1992

30 schools placed orders  
 1 private school order  
 3 School Board orders

1992 TOTAL ORDERS - 34

TAW Orders 1991

32 schools placed orders  
 1 School Board

1991 TOTAL ORDERS - 33

Materials Ordered by Schools

Certificates	French	35	English	68
We Love Buttons	French	282	English	477
Teachers #1 Buttons	French	432	English	152
You're #1 Buttons			English	407
Posters (Bilingual)		25		
Posters (Positive Attitude)		147		
Balloons (Bilingual)		500		
Napkins (Bilingual)		575		
Pens	French	97	English	205
Rulers (Bilingual)		147		

Two mailings were done in conjunction with TAW. The first mailing went out to the Group Affiliates in mid-December and to the Home and School Associations in early January. The Group Affiliates were done first because we use this December mailing to indicate to those who have not rejoined that they are being removed from our mailing list.

The second mailing was done at the end of January and included a free poster (this year's English poster sent was "Your Positive Attitudes are Appreciated"), plus letters of support from the Canadian Teachers' Federation and a copy of the 1991 letter from Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn. This mailing also contained additional educational information.

Later, letters arrived in our office from the Canadian Association of School Administrators, the Canadian Association of Principals and the Governor General. The Governor General's letter was in English only.

It would be nice to have the letters in December with the Idea File. Also, where possible, they should come to Quebec in French and English. Surely, it is possible for the Governor General's office to send a bilingual letter.

The materials were received earlier this year which helped get the orders filled on time. Canadian Home and School Parent-Teacher Federation definitely needs to have more French materials on hand, as schools and school boards require both languages here in Quebec.

The new paper napkins were very popular and we loved the psychedelic English pens. We were sorry the heart shaped bookmarks disappeared.

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