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MINUTES OF THE 41ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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HELD MAY 10 AND 11, 1985, ON THE LOYOLA CAMPUS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Registered and present during the two day Annual General Meeting were 128 delegates from 33 local Home & School Associations (up 3 from 1984); 22 members of the Board of Directors, QFHSA; 18 invited guests; 17 workshop leaders and 21 registered observers. Total - 206 (up 5 from 1984).

The conference was opened on the Friday morning, 9:00 am, May 10, 1984, by the President, Mrs. Marion Daigle. The Plenary Session following was chaired by Mrs. Constance Middleton-Hope, Past Chairman of the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education. Theme for the plenary "Conflicting Values: A Dilemma of Youth"; panelists were Professor Gerald McKay, Faculty of Education, McGill University; Professor John Baggeley, Faculty of Education, Concordia University; Brent Martel, Macdonald High School Students Council and Sandra Grant, President, Student Council, John Rennie High School. Following a mid-morning coffee break, there were three concurrent workshops, each chaired by a plenary session participant.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The annual business meeting was opened at 1:40 pm by the president, Marion Daigle. The head table was introduced. Joan Mansfield, parliamentarian and past president of Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation; Sylvia Adams, Recording Secretary; Caspar Esselaar, Treasurer; and Barbara Milne-Smith, Resolutions Chairman and past Buzzell Award winner.

The president welcomed the delegates present and was pleased to see so many of them in attendance on a weekday. The aims and objectives of Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher were read; these are our raison d'être and should be read by each local association president to their local executive at the beginning of each school year.

The "no smoking" policy practiced by Home & School at business meetings was noted. It was remarked that the agenda was a lengthy one and that there were a large number of resolutions being brought forward.

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

MOTION: O. Buckingham (Board of Directors)/A. Kiss (Board of Directors)
That Joan Mansfield be appointed parliamentarian. CARRIED

Credentials Committee

Valrie Carpenter, registration coordinator, reported that 33 schools were represented; sufficient for a quorum.

Scrutineers

MOTION: O. Buckingham (Board of Directors)/S. Macquisten (Seignior)
That Marilyn Basilières and Gordon McGibbon, non-voting Home & School members, be appointed scrutineers. CARRIED



3. Adoption of Agenda

Suggestion made that items vii (Insurance Committee report) and viii (Rights Committee report), listed under #8 (Report of Standing Committees) be moved forward so that they follow after item v (Constitution Amendments).

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/A. Gallan (New Carlisle High)
That the agenda be adopted, as altered. CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes of 40th Annual General Meeting (1984)

MOTION: A. Kiss (Board of Directors)/F. Lowry (Lindsay Place High)
That the minutes of the 40th annual general meeting be approved,
as circulated. CARRIED

5. Business Arising from 1984 Minutes

Re item 6(a) - Treasurer's Report (audit). Barbara Milne-Smith noted that the item about QFHSA tax number not being useable by local Home & School associations was a misunderstanding and that Coopers Lybrand now agree that our provincial tax number can be used by the local associations. Our tax number policy should be more clearly outlined to the local associations.

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

Summed up major activities of year. Stressed that local Home & Schoolers should be carefully following the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards' court case against Law 3 (which eliminates confessional school boards). The Protestant Boards hope for a judgement by the end of June.

The president thanked those groups who attended our Board of Directors' meetings during the past year: Grace Hone for Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards; Ken Cooke for Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers and Ann Cumyn for the Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education.

Mentioned that she had attended the Ontario Federation of Home & School Associations annual general meeting and that Sylvia Adams and Barbara Milne-Smith had attended the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards/Quebec Association of School Administrators conference.

Special tribute paid to William "Bill" Asherman, a life member of Home & School, and a member of Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations for more than 30 years. Bill passed away in January and we mourn his loss.

The national meeting of Home & School was being held this year in Newfoundland, June 2-7, 1985. Both she and Sylvia Adams will be giving workshops to the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation; their annual meeting is immediately preceding the national meeting.

Each local association had been sent a questionnaire re their perceptions of QFHSA, the provincial organization. Rose Kandalgonkar is compiling the replies into a report; to be used to direct the activities of the provincial organization.

As the outgoing president, Mrs. Daigle thanked each and every one of the members for their help during her term of office.

MOTION: M. Daigle (Board of Directors)/L. Dow (Hopetown, Shigawake, Port Daniel) that the above report be adopted. CARRIED

7. Financial Report

- i - Auditor's Report (circulated with Book of Reports prior to the AGM)
MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/O. Buckingham (Board of Directors)
moved acceptance of financial statement from the auditors.

CARRIED

C. Esselaar noted that the Quebec MEQ grant of \$5,000 (for our year ending August 31, 1984) still remains undelivered. The treasurer also explained the transfer of funds from Membership Development account to the General Operations account (a proportionate share of general office expenses). The increase in Membership Development funds was a result of a \$25,000 grant from the Secretary of State's Official Language Community Program (kept separately on our books and used for off-island development and leadership training).

The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation figures were larger than usual as we were the host province for the 1983 annual meeting.

- ii - Membership Fee

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/B. Zubek (Cedar Park)
that family membership fee be increased from \$7.00 to \$9.00
for the 1985/86 school year.

Discussion. J. Kalman (Royal West Academy) and G. McGibbon (supporting member) felt increase in fee would result in a loss of members. S. Adams, QFHSA M'ship Chairman, said the the cost of membership is not the reason more parents don't join; many parents simply don't know what the organizations stands for. M. Percy (Hudson) felt that the \$9.00 fee in terms of other family expenditures is relatively small. L. Fazio (Seigniory) said that two increases in a row was too much.

Meadowbrook H&S suggested we study the possibility of making the membership fee tax deductible. This will be studied by the Executive Committee/Treasurer. Suggestion also made that tax receipts could be issued for amounts over and above the membership fee. A marketing program approach should be used to show what the membership fee "buys".

Motion put to vote. For - 54; Against - 16; Abstentions - 3. CARRIED

- iii - Proposed Budget 1985/86 (Book of Reports, p.19)

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/J. Kalman (Royal West Academy)
to adopt budget. CARRIED

- iv - Finance Committee Report (Book of Reports, p.13)

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/G. Amarica (Board of Directors)
to adopt report. CARRIED

Recommendation: that a fund raising raffle be planned for 1985/86.

M. Daigle asked the delegates if they foresaw any problem to the local Home & School Associations. No comments were forthcoming. Parliamentarian suggested the recommendation be voted upon.

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/J. Kalman (Royal West Academy)
that a fund raising raffle campaign be carried out in 1985/86.

Motion put to vote. Opposed - 4; Abstentions - 1. CARRIED

8. Report of Standing Committees

- i - Nominations Committee (Book of Reports, p.36)

MOTION: O. Buckingham (Board of Directors)/A. Kiss (Board of Directors)
to accept slate of officers. CARRIED

O. Buckingham, chairman, Nominations Committee, noted that position of Recording Secretary was now open (for a one year term).

MOTION: F. Lowry (Lindsay Place High)/L. Dow (Hopetown, Shigawake, P.D.) to nominate Jon Percy as Recording Secretary.

MOTION: J. Cloutte (Keith)/H. Smith (Edinburgh) that nominations cease. Original motion carried by acclamation.

A one year term of Vice-President now open.

MOTION: A. Kiss (Board of Directors)/H. Koepp (Board of Directors) that Joan Locke fill one year term as vice-president.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/A. Locke (Board of Directors) that nominations cease.

Original motion carried by acclamation.

A two year term of Vice-President open.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/A. Locke (Board of Directors) to nominate Stephen Drake as vice-president for a two year term.

MOTION: J. Locke (Board of Directors)/S. Macquisten (Seigniory) that nominations cease.

Original motion carried by acclamation.

ii - Membership Committee (Book of Reports, p.20)

MOTION: S. Adams (Board of Directors)/J. Kalman (Royal West Academy) that the six recommendations made on page 22 be accepted en bloc.

CARRIED

Recommendation #6, regarding membership awards: it was suggested that there also be recognition for schools who consistently obtain a high membership over several years, ex. Beacon Hill. Should be honoured with a personal visit from a member of the Executive Committee and that they receive a special award, perhaps from Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation, in recognition of this achievement.

The original motion was carried with the above added recommendation.

MOTION: S. Adams (Board of Directors)/J. Cloutte (Keith) that the Membership report be accepted.

CARRIED

iii - Membership Development and Leadership Training (Book of Reports, p.23)

Marilyn Percy noted that the activities of this committee are carried out with the aid of a Secretary of State grant; last year's disbursements are shown on pp.17-18; this year's application request shown on pp.14-16. The grant applies for special projects and cannot be used in general operations. Marion Daigle, President, mentioned that the money in this account has been used to help fund off-island delegates' travel costs and for executive members of QFHSA to travel to other areas.

MOTION: M. Percy (Board of Directors)/F. Lowry (Lindsay Place High) that this report be accepted.

CARRIED

iv - NEWS (Book of Reports, p.6)

MOTION: B. Peden (Courtland Park)/D. Cameron (Baie Comeau) that this report be accepted.

CARRIED

v - Constitution - Amendment

Constitution Committee report on page 34 of Book of Reports.

A change to Article II, Section 8(d) had been proposed by Valois Park Home & School Association and circulated to local Home & School Associations, as follows:

The disposal of all assets, including equipment, belonging to the local association connected with the school being closed shall be the responsibility of said association. If said

association wishes it may place its assets in trust with Quebec Federation pending final decision as to its disposal.

MOTION: G. Amarica (Board of Directors)/M.J. de Koos (Valois Park) to adopt this amendment to the constitution. CARRIED

B. Milne-Smith noted that a new page for the constitution will be sent out to local associations shortly.

viii - Rights Committee (Book of Reports, pp.32-25) plus a circulated update

MOTION: C. Potter (Board of Directors)/J. Kalman (Royal West Academy) that the report and update be accepted.

Discussion ensued. Vote taken on motion - CARRIED.

vi - Resolutions (Book of Reports, p.25)

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/A. MacWhirter (New Carlisle High) to accept the report of the committee and the report regarding disposition of 1984 resolutions. CARRIED

B. Milne-Smith mentioned that our resolutions have accomplished things over the years and gave examples. Also wished to commend everyone on their resolutions being brought forward at the 1985 Annual General Meeting - both for their quality and their quantity.

Resolution 85/1 MEALS FOR UNDERNOURISHED STUDENTS

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/G. Amarica (Board of Directors) to accept this resolution.

An editorial change was permitted in the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED changing it from "... make adequate funds available to the School Council of the Island of Montreal and to off-island school boards ..." to read "... make adequate funds available to the school boards ...". (The School Council of the Island of Montreal is already listed as a 'destination'.)

Vote on motion - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 85/2 ALLOCATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL NURSES

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/S. Adams (Board of Directors) to accept this resolution.

Two additional destinations were added: Quebec Association of Social Service Centres and Corporation of Professional Social Workers of Quebec.

S. Adams spoke to the resolution noting that the government is suggesting we make changes to suit the system not the children; nurses are not given the opportunity to suggest what they should be doing.

Vote on motion - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 85/3 COUNSELLING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES IN THE SCHOOLS

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/J. Smith (Beacon Hill) to accept this resolution.

An amendment to the first WHEREAS had been proposed and circulated, changing it from "WHEREAS our schools, both elementary and secondary..." to read, "WHEREAS our teachers and administrators, both elementary and secondary...".

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/J. Cloutte (Keith) to accept the amendment. CARRIED

A delegate queried why this resolution showed "copy" to Minister of Social Affairs; it was agreed to move this to "destination".

Vote on amended resolution - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 85/4 INTEGRATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/A. Cumyn (Dorset) to accept this resolution.

Discussion. A. Cumyn said the classroom situation should make everyone feel comfortable; that there should be class size compensation for the teacher. Marguerite Dunlop (Lasalle High) felt special education children should be integrated into the school, not the classroom. Judy Kalman (Royal West Academy) felt that both teachers and students needed consideration if both regular and special students are not to suffer.

Vote on motion - Opposed-5; For - remainder - CARRIED

Resolution 85/5 PUPIL/TEACHER RATIO

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/G. Amarica (Board of Directors) to accept this resolution. CARRIED

Resolution 85/6 "SMOKE FREE SPACES FOR KIDS"

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/S. Robinson (Willingdon) to accept this resolution. CARRIED

It was agreed to add PAPT and PACT to 'destination'.

Resolution 85/7 EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND THE CONSTITUTION

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/R. Wiener (Board of Directors) to accept this resolution.

Discussion. Dr. Calvin Potter spoke to this resolution, stating it was important to have Prime Minister Mulroney's letter on record.

Vote on motion - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 85/8 TEENAGE PARTIES - A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND TEENS

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/N. Rennie (Windermere) to accept this resolution. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that in the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the word 'adopt' should have been 'adapt'. (typing error)

Resolution 85/9 FINGERPRINTING IDENTIFICATION OF CHILDREN

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/D. Flemming (Eardley) to accept this resolution.

An amendment to the second WHEREAS had been proposed and circulated, changing it from "WHEREAS fingerprints are the only positive way to identify a person, and" to read "WHEREAS fingerprings are a positive way to identify a person, and".

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/H. Koeppe (Board of Directors) to accept this amendment. Opposed - 3; For - remainder CARRIED

An amendment to the fourth WHEREAS had been proposed and circulated changing it from "... the parents or guardian would receive the only two sets of the information" to read "... the parents or guardian would receive the only set(s) of the information".

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/S. Robinson (Willingdon) to accept this amendment. Opposed - 6; For - remainder. CARRIED

An amendment to the second RESOLVED had been proposed and circulated, changing it from "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that QFHSa through its local Home and School Associations conduct a public awareness campaign to

inform families of the benefits of possessing this information about their children" to read "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that QFHSA urge its local Home and School Associations to conduct a public awareness campaign to inform families of the benefits of possessing this information about their children".

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/P. MacArthur (Lindsay Place High) to accept this amendment.

Discussion. Anne Gagné (Edgewater) suggested we have a couple of schools who have worked on fingerprinting to map out a campaign. Susan Armstrong (Gardenview) suggested collaborating with Child Find and using their material. Judy Kalman (Royal West Academy) said it should remain under the leadership of QFHSA so local associations will act on it.

Vote on this amendment - For-12; Against - remainder.

DEFEATED

Vote on original motion (with the two amendments that carried) - CARRIED

UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 85/10 QFHSA BILL 101 COURT CASE

Motion: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/L. Dow (Hopetown, Shigawake, Port Daniel) to accept this resolution.

Discussion. Ruth Crabb (Lachine High) said our court case is important but information concerning it is hard for local associations to obtain. Judy Kalman (Royal West Academy) said she understands Lachine High's concerns but she is against QFHSA dropping its court case; other groups are pro English rights, only QFHSA is pro children. Hugh Smith (Edinburgh) said Bill 3 was being contested by Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM) and if they don't win we will have nothing to fall back on in the future. Gordon McGibbon (Supporting Member) stated our rights in Quebec should be same as everyone else's in Canada. Erosion of rights leads to further erosion.

Vote on resolution (to withdraw our court case) - UNANIMOUSLY DEFEATED

(2 abstentions)

Resolution 85/11 EXPANDING QFHSA MEMBERSHIP

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/J. Kalman (Royal West Academy) to accept this resolution.

Typing error in fourth WHEREAS, should have read "WHEREAS Home and School affiliation has much to offer even the school with an active and effective school committee" (word 'school' had been omitted).

Barbara Peden (Lachine High) said we no longer needed to retain the work 'Protestant' in our Letters Patent in order to have the government's ear since the government has cut us off anyway. Some delegates felt the deletion would change the character of Home & School in Quebec. Gisela Amarica (Malcolm Campbell) stated there used to be a Catholic PTA in existence and their charter may still be valid. Fran Lowry (Lindsay Place High) felt our court cases should be settled first; that the change might be premature. Barbara Milne-Smith (Resolutions Chairman) pointed out that the resolution does not state we must change our Letters Patent immediately, it just asks us to seriously consider making this change. Marian Daigle (President) pointed out that QFHSA did pass a resolution 3-4 years ago to have the words 'Protestant course of study' removed and we still haven't acted on it.

MOTION: A. Cumyn (Dorset)/S. Drake (Allancroft) to refer this motion to the Executive Committee/Board of Directors of QFHSA, and to bring forward again at next general meeting.

Opposed - 14; Abstentions - 1; For - remainder.

CARRIED

Resolution 85/12 MEDIA AWARENESS IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/D. Cumming (Valois Park) to accept this resolution.

Vote on motion: Opposed - 4; Abstentions - 2; For - remainder. CARRIED

Resolution 85/13 PORNOGRAPHY AND OBSCENITY

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/F. Lowry (Lindsay Place High) to accept the resolution. CARRIED

Resolution 85/14 WIFE-BATTERING - LAYING OF CHARGES IN ASSAULT CASES

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/H. Koeppe (Board of Directors) to accept this resolution. CARRIED

Resolution 85/15 WELFARE - FAMILY VIOLENCE

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/M. Riley (Northview) to accept this resolution.

Editorial change accepted; in first WHEREAS change "wife-battering" to read "spouse-battering". Ann Kiss spoke to the resolution and said new police officers are being taught how to deal with family violence and we will obtain more positive results if we show community support for the police.

Vote on resolution: CARRIED

Resolution 85/16 THE TEACHING OF C.P.R. COURSES TO SECONDARY V STUDENTS

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/S. Macquisten (Seigniori) to accept this resolution.

Discussion. Joan Mansfield (Past President, Canadian Home & School) wondered if the intent was to make this an extra subject or part of the current curriculum. Response was that we weren't dictating to the schools how to incorporate this into school timetable. Sylvia Adams (Board of Directors) said that we expect educational system to do everything and are overloading teachers. Eva Hofmann (Macdonald High) mentioned that the course has to be repeated or updated every six months in order to be effective. Marion Daigle (President, QFHSA) said young people should be given the benefit of having the course while in high school and then it is their responsibility to keep up this 'skill'.

MOTION: S. Adams (Board of Directors)/J. Locke (Board of Directors) that the delegates consider each BE IT RESOLVED separately.

Vote on this proposal: Opposed - 5; Abstentions - 8; For - remainder.

CARRIED

Vote on 1st BE IT RESOLVED: DEFEATED

Vote on 2nd BE IT RESOLVED: Opposed - 5; Abstentions - 5; For - remainder.

CARRIED

Vote on 3rd BE IT RESOLVED: CARRIED

Resolution 85/17 "PEACE EDUCATION"

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/J. Gallan (New Carlisle High) to accept this resolution.

Discussion. Sarah Evett (E. Ballantyne) spoke to resolution. Peace education is a "stepping stone" towards peace. Need affirmative action towards making peace an attainable goal. Judy Kalman (Royal West Academy) stated she had reservations re putting it into curriculum. Hugh Smith (Edinburgh) said peace means different things to different people.

After further discussion it was moved by Calvin Kalman (Hampstead) seconded by Hugh Smith (Edinburgh) that this resolution be referred to the Executive Committee of QFHSA for clarification, to be brought back to 1986 annual meeting.

Vote on referral: Opposed - 5; For - remainder.

CARRIED

vii - Insurance Committee (Book of Reports, p.30)

Everett Alexander, chairman, spoke to the recommendation that we continue with Reliable Life Insurance's student accident package for a further two year period, 1986-88. Recommendation seconded by Doreen Canavan (Edgewater).

At the present time there are 5,500 school age children insured with Reliable; 10,000 are needed for the company to 'break even'. Major claims are teeth. Stephen Drake (Allancroft) questioned the extension for a two year period. After discussion, recommendation was altered:-

MOTION: E. Alexander (Board of Directors)/D. Canavan (Edgewater) that QFHSA extend its backing of Reliable Life Insurance Company from the fall of 1986 until the fall of 1987.

CARRIED

MOTION: J. Cloutte (Keith)/H. Koeppel (Board of Directors) that the business meeting adjourn until after the dinner hour.

CARRIED

vi - Resolutions, cont.

Resolution 85/18 THE USE OF SCHOOL PERMISES WITHOUT CHARGE BY LOCAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/R. Kandalgaonkar (Board of Directors) to accept this resolution.

Discussion. Gordon Robertson (Lindsay Place High) spoke to this resolution. Is Home & School a partnership between ourselves and the school boards, or should we be eligible for consideration since we work in conjunction with the school? Barbara Peden (Courtland Park) said, at their school, they don't pay for their monthly meetings but do for any events that take place on the weekend (they pay the janitor themselves). Rose Kandalgaonkar (Board of Directors) stated that schools should be open to all residents in the community, after school hours, and that an edict is coming from the Ministry of Education to this effect.

Vote on resolution: CARRIED

Resolution 85/19 CHILD TAX EXEMPTION

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

An amendment to the BE IT RESOLVED had been proposed and circulated.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/D. Canavan (Edgewater) that the BE IT RESOLVED be changed to read "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the QFHSA ask The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation to petition the Canadian Minister of Finance to support the retention of the child tax exemption for dependent children.

Discussion. Judy Kalman (Royal West Academy) spoke against the amendment; felt that the wording left it open to doubt and that the child tax exemption was the last bastion of the one working parent family. Joan Mansfield (Past President, CHSPTF) felt that The Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation had already acted vigorously on this issue and is on record, for several years, as being in favour of child tax exemptions. After further discussion, the vote was taken on the amendment. Opposed to the amendment - 5; For - remainder. AMENDMENT CARRIED

Vote on resolution, as amended: Opposed - 4; For - remainder. CARRIED
Resolution 85/20 GUIDELINES REGARDING CONSULTATION FOR SCHOOL CLOSURE
OR CHANGE

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/V. Carpenter (Lachine High)
to accept this resolution.

An amendment, to add a fourth WHEREAS, to this resolution had been
proposed and circulated.

MOTION ON AMENDMENT: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/D. Canavan
(Edgewater) to add a fourth WHEREAS, to read "WHEREAS school boards
have not always abided by their own policies of consultation".

Vote on amendment: Opposed - 3; Abstentions - 6; For - remainder.

CARRIED

Vote on resolution, as amended: Opposed - 1; Abstentions - 2; For -
remainder.

CARRIED

Resolution 85/21 RIGHTS FOR OTHER MINORITIES

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/C. Potter (Board of Directors)
to accept this resolution.

Calvin Potter, chairman of QFHSA Rights Committee, spoke to this
resolution. Court actions in Alberta and Ontario relating to Section 23
and francophone rights; eventually minority rights will be settled by
Supreme Court. Discussion. Delegates wondered if the Francoprotestants
wanted budgetary control. Marion Daigle, President, pointed out that
this resolution does not establish rights for Francoprotestants... it
merely asks for an investigation and report.

Vote on resolution: CARRIED

Barbara Milne-Smith, Resolutions Chairman, told the annual meeting that
they should be looking at the resolutions more closely when they are
circulated so that they could make the amendments they desire before
the resolutions are presented to the delegates for a vote (resolutions
may not be amended at the annual meeting).

Statement of Policy

MISCELLANEOUS

QFHSA supports/endorse:-

2. The principle of Quebec laws being in accord with the Canadian Consti-
tution. (Resolution 84/8)

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/C. Esselaar (Board of
Directors) to accept this statement of policy.

Discussion. Joan Mansfield, Past President, CHSPTF, suggested that we
refer this statement back to Resolutions Committee, to be looked at
in conjunction with our charter.

MOTION: C. Potter (Board of Directors)/J. Locke (Board of Directors)
to refer the above statement back to Resolutions & Constitution
Committees.

CARRIED

3. Ministerial regulations being subject to review and disallowance by
members of the National Assembly. (Resolution 84/9)

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/M. Percy (Hudson) to
accept this Statement of Policy.

CARRIED

(This will be renumbered and appear in our Statement of Policy Handbook
as #2, under heading Miscellaneous.)

TEACHERS

5. The appointment of an ombudsman to represent the interests of the children in all provincial teacher contract resolutions. (Resolution 81/15)

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/P. MacArthur (Lindsay Place) to accept this Statement of Policy. CARRIED

WELFARE

12. The provision of appropriate care, assistance and shelter for children in need. (Resolutions 84/4 and 84/5)

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/H. Koeppe (Board of Directors) to accept this Statement of Policy. CARRIED

13. Provision of qualified homemaker services for families with children at risk. (Resolution 84/6)

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/J. Kalman (Royal West Academy) to accept this Statement of Policy. CARRIED

The following amendments to our Statement of Policy were suggested:-

Under EDUCATION

Change statement #8, to read:-

The principle of school boards having the freedom to purchase books and documents from the most convenient sources.

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

Under SAFETY

Change statement #5, to read:-

Inclusion of safety education programs in the school curriculum.

MOTION: B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors)/P. MacArthur (Lindsay Place High) to accept this amended Statement. CARRIED

The president thanked Barbara Milne-Smith for her work on all these resolutions and policy statements.

9. Adoption of Remaining Reports

MOTION: G. Amarica (Malcolm Campbell High)/H. Koeppe (Board of Directors) that all remaining reports be endorsed 'en bloc'. CARRIED

10. Date and Site of 1986 Annual General Meeting and Conference Fee

MOTION: C. Esselaar (Board of Directors)/B. Milne-Smith (Board of Directors) that the Board of Directors be directed to decide most appropriate date and site of 1986 AGM and to set said conference fee. CARRIED

11. Installation of new Executive

This will be carried out at the Awards Luncheon, May 11, 1985.

Adjournment

A. Locke (Board of Directors) moved the meeting adjourn. CARRIED
Seconded by H. Koeppe (Board of Directors)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1985-86
Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1986
Sylvia O. Adams, President

"Partners in Action", our 1986 Conference Theme, is easily defined in this Annual Book of Reports. Each report underlines the theme. QFHSA exemplifies a collectivity of volunteer partnership in action that increases the likelihood that our children and youth will attain the goals they will eventually set for themselves. This report highlights some of the actions that have been addressed.

PRIORITIES

Membership

The latest Sorecom poll indicates that only 16% of parents take an active role in their children's education. This finding underlines why QFHSA never ceases in its efforts to stimulate parental interest in educational matters. Our membership committee has worked tirelessly to retain our membership in a social climate that seems to be creating a degree of apathy that is worrisome. Family memberships and their subsequent active involvement will always be priority items on our agenda.

Strategy Planning

A formal strategy planning session was held in February, ably led by Gavin Turley. The objective was to more clearly define, for ourselves our mission and our guiding principles. These were identified and documented and will be refined as more members become involved in the ongoing process.

Our vice-presidents assumed the added responsibility of establishing direct communication with our local associations so as to reactivate their direct input. We hope they will be stimulated to appoint area representatives to serve on our Board of Directors.

Finance

Grant submissions have been made to both provincial and federal governments. Mr. Ryan, Minister of Education, suggested that QFHSA submit a grant application. Accordingly a general operating grant and a "one-time" grant for capital equipment were requested. Having had last year's submissions rejected by the former government, we await Mr. Ryan's response with great interest and hope.

Under the Official Languages Community Program of the Secretary of State, Ottawa, we have again asked for funding that will enable QFHSA to seriously develop membership and to promote more active participation by our members, especially outside the Montreal environs.

Bill 101 Court Case

Imminent. Our newly updated case is a leaner and tighter version of the original and will address four main issues : language of instruction, language of legislation, the official language of Quebec and the language of toys and games. We are hopeful that our case will receive a fall hearing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1985-86 (Continued)

Estates General

QFHSA has played an active role in the planning of this event through its participation at the table of the anglophone coordinating committee. Monthly meetings have been held since July 1985; all the anglophone partners in education were represented and their input was essential to the eventual success of this province-wide event.

ONGOING ASSIGNMENTS

Fall Leadership Conference, Sept. 1985

The year was launched quickly and on a high note at our conference, titled "Motivation, Membership and Leadership".

Local Visits

Home & School Associations and School Committees have been visited by members of the executive, upon request. These visits receive a special priority on our agenda.

"Have I Got a Deal For You" - just one of our resource materials our complete audio-visual fitness and instruction workshop, directed to parents, has been borrowed by many groups this year, including local Home and School Associations, C.L.S.C.'s, teachers, principals, school nurses and school committees.

Liaisons with other groups

Attending our Board of Directors' Meetings on a regular basis were: Ken Cooke, PAPT; Mrs. Grace Hone, QAPSB; Ann Cumyn, Protestant Committee (Vice-Chairman) of the Superior Council of Education.

Our members who shared their expertise with others were:

Quebec Safety League & Régie de l'assurance automobile
Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards

Lakeshore School Board
Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal
Federation of Parents Committees of Province of Quebec
PAPT-PACT Curriculum Council
Quebec Association for Intercultural Education
Secondary Language Arts Committee
Primary Language Arts Committees

Don Smith
S. Adams
H. Koeppe
Jon Percy
Valrie Carpenter
Gary Stronach
Ann Cumyn
Gisela Amarica
Bonnie Hasan
Esther Wearing

NEW ASSIGNMENT

Superior Council of Education

An assessment of the "State and Needs of Education" was requested; QFHSA formulated a questionnaire for all local associations and group affiliate members; the results were compiled in a most informative brief that was submitted to the Superior Council in the fall.

Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation - Our national body. Marion Daigle and Owen Buckingham as national representatives and I, as President, represented QFHSA at the 1985 Annual Meeting held in Corner Brook and St. John's, Newfoundland. Mrs. Barbara Milne-Smith, our Resolutions Chairman, was installed as Central Vice-President of CHSPTF. A full week of business spanned the entire province of Newfoundland.

Mid-term meeting was held at the new Ottawa offices of the CHSPTF. The proximity to Federal offices and ministers will have a most positive effect in raising the level of awareness regarding the Home & School movement across Canada.

The 1986 Annual Meeting will take place June 2 - 7, 1986 in Calgary, Alberta.

In February 1986 Home and School mourned the death of a dear friend and staunch advocate, Mrs. Fran Lowry. Her humour and her humanity will be sorely missed.

I have learned a great deal in this past year as President and I have appreciated the generosity of spirit that has been evident from those special people who are so willing to advise and help without having to be asked. That is what our organization is!

QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARDS
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Sylvia O. Adams

Our liaison this year has been covered by Helen Koeppe and myself.

QAPSB's energies have again been focussed on legal matters, the most exciting of which was their success in the Law 3 judgement by Judge André Brossard. The judgement declared Law 3 to be wholly ultra vires and a permanent injunction enjoined the Government of Quebec and various officials from implementing Law 3.

QAPSB continues its other legal proceedings always cognizant of changes that will affect any actions underway.

A major item of concern this year has been the imposition of new budgetary rules affecting school boards. QAPSB has researched and prepared a comprehensive brief that will be presented to the government in April 1986. Off-island boards are particularly concerned.

The Estates General was actively addressed by the QAPSB - especially their willingness to participate and to use their offices to supply pertinent information to the school community they represent.

QFHSA greatly appreciates being able to participate as an active liaison on the QAPSB Board of Directors and vice versa. This exemplifies "Partners in Action" - our 1986 conference theme.

The spring conference of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards and Quebec Association of School Administrators will be held in Ottawa April 17 - 19. The theme is "The Strength of Our Mosaic" and will note excellence, individualism, values and identity.

QFHSA EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL REORGANIZATION
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Marion Daigle, Chairman

1. Law 3 - Judge André Brossard handed down a written judgement on June 28, 1985. He declared Law 3 unconstitutional in total and declared a permanent injunction against implementation.

This case is under appeal by the Government of Quebec.

2. Law 29 - An Act to Amend the Education Act and various legislation - adopted June 4, 1985 - this Law was passed to provide for the taxation areas involved in the Bill 57 judgement of the Supreme Court of Canada, December, 1984.

Update : March 18, 1986 - Bill 24 - tabled in the Legislature - to amend Law 29. Other amendments contained in Bill 24 include setting the third Sunday of November, 1987 and every three years thereafter as the official date for all school board elections, and allowing school boards to amortize their deficits over several years.

3. Superior Council of Education - submitted advice to the Minister of Education on school structures on February 6, 1986. Their recommendations are contained in the Reports section of the Minutes of the QFHSA Board of Directors Meeting of March 22, 1986. Included is the dissenting opinion of Mr. Lucien Rossaert, Vice-Chairman of the Superior Council of Education.
4. Group of 10 - representatives of educational organizations within the English community. Meetings are convened at Alliance Quebec offices. Previously known as the Group of 14, the new group has met since the Fall of '85. QFHSA was represented at previous Group of 14 but was not invited to attend the Group of 10. It appeared that we had dissociated from the Group of 14. We had not. A request to meet with the Group of 10 has been made to discuss areas of common concern in education. The QFHSA mandate is to access to information and to share information related to parental concerns in education.

Those groups represented are : Alliance Quebec, Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers, Association of Directors of English Schools (Catholic), English Catholic Community Council, Quebec Association of Catholic School Administrators, English Speaking Parents Network, Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, McGill Faculty of Education, Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers and Quebec Association of School Administrators (Protestant).

Update : At the meeting of Group of 10 on March 25, 1986, it was agreed to look at renaming of Group of 10 to better define the representation at these meetings.

5. ESPN - FCPPQ - At a General Assembly on March 21 - 23 in Montreal co-sponsored by the Federation des Comités des Parents de la Province du Québec and the English Speaking Parents Network. School and Parent Committee delegates from virtually every School Board in the Province, unanimously endorsed a proposal that will allow them to work more effectively within the Federation, on matters that affect all parents.

QFHSA EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL REORGANIZATION (Continued)

The Federation is being asked to reserve specific executive posts on its Regional and Provincial Boards for English-speaking delegates who would be elected by English-speaking parents. On-island English representation would be expanded to include all eight boards. In respecting their right of self-determination the proposed arrangement will give English-speaking parents a distinctive voice with the right to speak for themselves on educational and related issues. In dealing with the distinct concerns of English-speaking parents the proposal anticipates the formation of sub-committees under the Provincial Anglophone Representatives with control and management of the necessary resources to fulfill this responsibility. (quote from Press release)

Recommendation - That the QFHSA Executive Task Force on School Reorganization remain an active committee concerning all matters related to changes in educational structures. All local associations should work in close collaboration with their respective school committees on issues affecting school reorganization.

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

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

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Donald Smith, Chairperson

Meetings attended

Comité provincial de concertation des programmes de sécurité routière en milieu scolaire:

June 20th, 1985 in Quebec City
January 23, 1986 in Quebec City

(Impossible to attend Montreal meeting in September due to prior commitment.)

QFHSA News

Regular contribution to Safety Scene.

Three Rivers High School

Advisory to School Committee.

THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION
 Summary of the 1985-1986 activities
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Barbara Milne-Smith, Central Vice-President, CHSPTF

CHSPTF was delighted to announce in July, 1985, that The Right Honorable Jeanne Sauv e, Governor General of Canada, had accepted our invitation to act as Honorary Present of CHSPTF.

1985 ANNUAL MEETING - The 1985 Annual Meeting of our national organization was held in Newfoundland. Newfoundland has only been affiliated with CHSPTF for six years and it was the first time they had hosted the Annual Meeting. With their affiliation, every province in Canada is now represented at CHSPTF.

Nine resolutions were passed at the 1985 Annual meeting. They were the following topics -

- continued support for the Arts in Canada.
- increased incentive programs to encourage and support Canadian learning materials.
- deploring programs and rock videos containing violence during family viewing time.
- urging that lyrics be printed on the jackets of records, etc.
- encouraging Home and Schools across Canada to distribute the pamphlet "Teenage Partner - A Guide for Parents and Teens" to their families. (This resolution was submitted by QFHSA.)
- supporting school curriculum in family life education developed with participation of parents to ensure response to community needs.
- reiterating support for the retention of Family Allowances, as a universal, well-funded, social program of Canada, fully indexed to the cost of living. (Submitted by QFHSA.)
- supporting the retention of the Child Tax exemption as long as the child attends school and is being supported by the parents.
- adopting a policy statement "Language Education".

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMITTEE - In their Annual Meeting Report they stressed the need for organizations to work together to develop comprehensive solutions and it was recommended that Home and School associations across the country reach out to community groups involved in adolescent drug prevention. Our Alcohol and Drug Abuse Kit is being revised and printed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - This year the Plaque/Certificate program was put into effect whereby provincial federations and local Home and School associations may honour someone in their community by making a donation to CHSPTF in their name. The donation will then be acknowledged by CHSPTF with either a plaque or a certificate to the person being so honoured.

CHILD ABUSE COMMITTEE - This committee has been busy this year with revisions to the Child Abuse and Neglect Kit, in particular updating the section on Sexual Abuse. In addition, a new bilingual promotional leaflet for the kit is being produced. In relation to the recommendations of the

THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION (Continued)

Badgley and Fraser Reports, the CHSPTF President and Past President met with officials of the federal Department of Justice to express Home and School Concerns.

CHSPTF was represented at an Alliance for Children Workshop in Ottawa in December 1985. It was concerned with the steps that should be taken to see that the recommendations of the Badgley report are implemented.

SMOKING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE - They have been working with the Canadian Heart Foundation as the liaison with the schools in the Smoke Free Spaces for Kids Program. They are also working with Health and Welfare Canada to help in making parents aware of the Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) program that it is hoped will be implemented in schools across Canada in September, 1986.

HEALTH COMMITTEE - Home and School locals across Canada have been encouraged to borrow the slide/tape presentation "Have I Got a Deal For You!" for showing to parents and students. This is an amusing presentation stressing the benefits of a combination of good nutrition and lots of physical activity.

HOME INFLUENCES COMMITTEE - Through the efforts of this committee, CHSPTF published the pamphlet the Home and School "Arms Race" for distribution to Home and School locals, stressing the need for parents to hug their children.

MID-TERM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - While the Executive Committee, which includes the president of each of our provincial federations, was in Ottawa for this meeting, our National Office arranged for several small meetings with some of our federal ministries. We met with the Hon. Jake Epp, Minister of National Health and Welfare, Karen Mosher, Legal Assistant to the Minister of Justice, Madame Andrée Champagne, Minister of State for Youth, Doug Frith, Liberal Critic for Social Issues, and Margaret Mitchell, N.D.P. Social Policies Critic. It was an excellent opportunity for a face to face exchange of national concerns.

LIAISON - In addition to the work of their committees, CHSPTF maintains a liaison with several other organizations related to family and education.

CANADIAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS - The past-president of CHSPTF, Mrs. Joan Mansfield, and I represented CHSPTF to present a paper to this Senate Committee concerning the de-indexation of Family Allowances. Our brief was well received and generated a number of questions.

1986 ANNUAL MEETING - Twelve resolutions on a variety of subjects will be considered and all our committees will be discussing their agendas for 1986-87.

Quebec Home & School "NEWS"
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Dorothy Chant-Hannah, Editor

Our thanks to all the schools who responded so enthusiastically to our request for their school's "history". We received so many that we plan to feature them in several issues of our newspaper. Look for them.

We are very pleased to welcome some new "writers" to our newspaper. You can be justifiably proud of your paper which is completely staffed by volunteers.

Lay-out and Co-ordination	- Gordon Perry
Focus on the Locals	- Diane Radu
Safety Scene	- Donald Smith
Peace column	- Valerie Hughes-Villmaire
Articles, re-write and policy	- Jon Percy Gordon Robertson Alex Morris
Editor	- Dorothy Chant-Hannah

Unfortunately, we no longer have our Advertising Manager, Sandra Keightley. It is only through "ads" in our paper that we can keep the cost of printing and mailing down. Our present "paid circulation" is 7,000 with a total (average) circulation of 9,700.

We print five issues a year which usually appear in September, November/December, February, April and June. Any school, or parent, not receiving their paper should contact our office so that we can check and up-date the mailing list.

The quality of newsletters received from schools continues to be excellent. After a lot of hard work, the editorial board chose the following schools to be our Newsletter Award Winners for 1985/86.

On-island

Dunrae Gardens Elementary School	- Editors	- Mary Ann Mongeau Barbara Hindle
Lindsay Place High School	- Editor	-

Off-island

Aylmer Elementary School	- Editor	- Lorraine Vadneau
Hopetown, Shigawake, Port Daniel Elementary Schools	- Editors	- Kathleen Fisher Beverley Hayes

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Helen Koeppel, General Arrangements Chairman

Conference was held at Lindsay Place High School, Pointe Claire, Sat. September 28, 1985. Theme of the conference "Motivation, Membership, Leadership - Why Your Membership Counts" was addressed by a panel of speakers: Dr. Joel Hartt, Chairman, Lakeshore School Board,
 Mr. Lucien Rossaert, Vice-chairman, Superior Council of Education
 Mr. Tom Bean, Principal, Sunnyside and Ayer's Cliff Schools
 Ms. Maureen Lindsay-Morris, President, Lakeshore Teachers Asso.

Individual workshops were then conducted by the panelists, followed by lunch. Participants were able to view the displayers' booths and the publications table and to chat with other Home & Schoolers during the morning coffee break and following lunch.

Among those attending, about 107 in all, were Roxanne Davies of the Chronicle, Valerie Cerini of the Stanstead Journal, Sandra Keightley from the office of the Hon. Bob Layton, and Mary Farrell of the Montreal Office of the Secretary of State in Ottawa.

The two-part afternoon session consisted of the following workshops:

- Part I - 1. Communication. Alex Morris
 2. Membership and Publicity. Marion Daigle, Carol Ohlin
 3. Effective Meetings. Anne Gagné, June Smith
 4. "Starting Early". Don Ross
 5. Area Representatives. Ann Kiss

- Part II - 6. SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving). LPHS student
 7. CoRT Thinking Lessons. Clifford Buckland
 8. Concluding portion of Communication Workshop

Committee members were:

- Hospitality - Joan Locke, Dawn Cumming, Margo Heron, Bev Forsyth
 Kits - Gordon McGibbon, Val Carpenter, June Smith
 Publications
 Table - Steve Drake
 Registration
 - Marcia Paci, Caspar Esselaar, Doreen Canavan
 Publicity - Sylvia Rankin

Recommendations for the following year include having a QFHSA banner available for the publications table, having more displayers present to assist in the planning of fundraising activities which usually commence in the fall, and retaining the briefer version of the preview booklet tried out for the first time this fall.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1985
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Carol Ohlin, General Arrangements Chairman

The 41st Annual Convention of QFHSA was held May 10-11, 1985, at the Loyola Campus Centre of Concordia University. In celebration of International Youth Year, the conference theme was "Our Children and Youth: A Question of Values."

The Friday morning plenary session consisted of a panel presentation on the topic of "Conflicting Values: A Dilemma of Youth," followed by three workshops. Professor Norman Henchey, Chairman of the Dept. of Administration and Policy Studies in Education, McGill University, was the guest speaker for the Friday evening banquet. Saturday morning, eight workshops provided delegates with a great deal of information and thoughtful discussion. All workshops were well-attended; evaluation forms indicated that all the programs were excellent and appreciated by the participants.

The Awards Presentation Luncheon honoured Dr. Robert E. Lavery, recipient of the Gordon Paterson Award, and Allan & Joan Locke, winners of the Leslie N. Buzzell Award. In recognition of the 90th anniversary of the founding of Home and School in Canada, a gift from the Macdonald High School Heritage Fund made possible a special commemorative birthday cake.

Total registration was 206, representing invited guests, speakers, and 33 schools with voting delegates (three more than last year).

Generally, the expenditures of the AGM were similar to the previous year. At the Friday lunch, 121 meals were served; Friday dinner, 115 meals; Saturday lunch, 135 meals; for a total cost of \$3,572. Including charges for staff, audio visual and other equipment rentals, the total account from the Loyola Campus Centre was \$5,873.51. The Program Book of 40 pages, including layout and printing, cost \$4,825.00, an amount that has increased approximately 30% in the past few years. Conference fees and registration netted \$1125.00. Additional costs include mailings to the local associations, as well as telephone, transportation, and lodging for off-island delegates. Other sources of revenue resulted from conference fees from local associations and displays.

Donna Sauriol, Executive Secretary, and all the members of the organizing committee are to be commended for the excellent work in producing this superb and enjoyable conference. This yearly opportunity for Home & Schoolers from across the province to renew friendships, to become informed about education issues, and to share concerns, fulfills an essential objective of QFHSA. Thanks to all participants, planners, and guests who made this possible.

The main 1985 Conference Committee Chairmen include the following:

Program Coordinators:	Peggy MacArthur & Angelika Redahl
Program Book:	Barbara Milne-Smith & Gordon Perry
Artwork:	Sharon Robinson
Displays:	Helen Koepp
Hospitality:	Sue Stamm, Doreen Canavan, June Smith
Registration:	Valrie Carpenter
Book of Reports:	Betty Brunet
Kits:	Cindy Snelgrove, Susan Slade, Gordon McGibbon

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Ann Cumyn, Chairman

The major activity this year was participating in a Province-wide consultation with the Superior Council of Education on the present state of education and the issues that need to be addressed in the immediate future. Copies of QFHSA's response were distributed to local Home and School associations. Topics of major concern to our members are: student services, curriculum, class size, specialist teachers, information to parents, special education, and the lack of funds necessary to solve these problems and necessary for the proper implementation of the Régime Pédagogique.

The Education committee is an observer at the meetings of the PAPT-PACT Curriculum Council. The Curriculum Council has completed a report on Secondary I Ecology programme and is at present studying the English Language arts programme at Elementary level 3.

The Superior Council Annual Report 1984-85 was published in March. Entitled "Learning for real, testimony on the states and conditions for quality pupil development", the report views the educational system as seen through the eyes of its users - the students. The Superior Council met with all levels of students to study the relationship between the individual student and the acquisition of knowledge.

Finally a request was received from Mrs. Helene Minishka, CHSPTF Education Chairperson, for information on the specific concerns and issues in education in this province. The information will be part of an over-all appraisal of education across Canada to be presented to the CHSPTF Annual General Meeting. Mrs. Minishka was sent a copy of our Report to the Superior Council and a copy of Claude Ryan's address in February to school board chairman and directors - general, together with brief information on the following issues: implementation of new curricula, student services, teacher negotiations, technical-vocational education, and the structure of our educational system.

LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF QFHSA
 Report to Annual General Meeting, 1986
Jon Percy, President

The Lakeshore Regional Council has completed another successful year. The Council is a grouping of all the Presidents (or their designates) of Home and School locals affiliated with LSB schools. It meets regularly and provides a chance for Presidents to exchange ideas, concerns and problems. Our "local exchange" section of the agenda has proven to be a good way of keeping track of which projects or programs "fly" and which "bomb".

Representatives from various other groups such as the Lakeshore School Board, LSB Parents Committee, QFHSA, LTA, etc. also attend the meetings and keep our presidents up to date on what is happening in the broader educational community.

At most meetings we also have a resource person available to lead an in depth discussion about a particular topic that our members have expressed

LAKESHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF QFHSA (Continued)

an interest in or some concern about. During the past year we have had round table discussions on "A changing role for Home and School", "The Estates General on Education", "Computer Policy in the LSB" and "The Role of School Nurses".

Thanks to a generous grant from the LSB the Regional Council was able to send two parent delegates to the Estates General on Education.

The executive and members of the LRC would particularly like to thank the following groups for their continuing support and encouragement of our activities:

The Lakeshore Teachers Association
 The Lakeshore School Board
 The Lakeshore Parents Committee

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, May 1986

At the Annual General Meeting last year (1985) it was agreed by the voting delegates to continue with Reliable Life Insurance Company for the Student Accident Insurance for a further one year (1986-87).

Reliable Life Insurance has been contacted and has agreed to offer the same benefits, for the same premiums, for a further one year period, 1987-88. It is the Insurance Committee's recommendation that we continue with Reliable Life. They offer excellent benefits, good service and a low premium cost.

The Committee is asking for your approval one year in advance in order that we can notify schools early in the spring regarding which insurance company we feel is offering the best benefits. This greatly simplifies things for everyone - the insurance company and ourselves.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Caspar Esselaar, Chairman

Members of the Finance Committee 1985-86 were:

Sylvia Adams (ex officio), Helen Koeppe, Caspar Esselaar, Marion Daigle (past president), Rod Wiener, Cal Potter (as resource person), Sue Stamm (to be kept informed), Stu Macquisten.

It was decided at the the May 24th, 1985 meeting of the Board of Directors to continue the activities of the Finance Committee. The Committee reported to the Executive and Board of Directors for all final decisions.

1. Provincial Grant - \$5000 grant was received May 10, 1985 and QFHSA was notified that no further grants would be forthcoming. Following the Committee's recommendation QFHSA sent another request which remained ignored until the change in government. New request was prepared and submitted through the help of Joan Dougherty, and an answer was received from Mr. Claude Ryan's office announcing a grant of \$15,000, April 3,86 for the school year 1985-86. The grant received in May 1985 was for 1983-84.
2. Fund Raising/Raffle - This was shelved despite the excellent start given to the project by M. Daigle. Manpower was limited and that available was directed to membership campaign.
3. Auditors - Following an unexpected charge for tax advice, it was decided to recommend that QFHSA follow up all promises made by a letter of confirmation, and to request bids from other firms.
4. Priorities for 85-86 under the heading of capital equipment were:
 - a. Gestetner
 - b. Photocopier
 - c. Pitney-Bowes (postage) machine
 - d. Word Processor and equipment such as book shelves, racks.

Stu Macquisten outlined the options available (word processor) and following reception of a grant of approx. \$21,000 for capital equipment (if and when) he will advise the committee on how to proceed. It was decided to write to selected foundations for such a grant. Pending.
5. Tax Receipts - Until such time as the office of QFHSA is equipped with the facilities to easily issue tax receipts it is recommended that the status quo remain. Receipts will be issued for outright donations of \$10 or more. Also recommended that 10% be charged for administrative costs (re charitable tax number) as before.
6. QFHSA Budget 1986-87 - prepared by the Treasurer and due to time constraints was studied at the March Executive and Board of Directors meetings.

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Proposed Budget for the Year Ending August 31st, 1987
(with comparative budget figures to August 31st, 1986)

	Sept 1/86 to Aug 31/87	Sept 1/85 to Aug 31/86
<u>INCOME</u>		
1986/87 Memberships, Family 4,600 @ \$9.	\$ 41,400	
Memberships, Groups 60 @ 35.	2,100	
1985/86 Memberships, Family 5,000 @ \$9.		\$ 45,000
Memberships, Groups 60 @ 35.		2,100
Interest & Miscellaneous	3,000	2,500
	<hr/> \$ 46,500	<hr/> \$ 49,600
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Affiliation Fees (CHSPTF)	\$ 3,660	\$ 3,960
Secretarial Salary, including Benefits (1)	20,625	18,750
Temporary Office Help (2)	6,875	Ø
Rental, Office, including Taxes	6,800	6,800
Insurance & Administration	2,200	2,000
Printing & Stationery	4,500	4,000
Telephone & Telegrams (3)	3,690	2,425
Postage & Courier (4)	6,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	2,500	2,500
NEWS, Home & School (net)	20,500	18,000
Office Equipment Maintenance (5)	2,500	1,500
Conferences & Travel (6)	5,000	2,000
Committees (7)	5,000	500
	<hr/> \$ 89,850	<hr/> \$ 67,435
Amount Needed to Break Even	<hr/> \$ 43,350	<hr/> \$ 17,835
Provincial Grant requested	\$ 43,350	

Treasurer's Comments:

- (1) A ten percent raise is to be given our Executive Secretary.
- (2) If we are to modernize and update our office I anticipate we would need extra help.
- (3) & (4) Rate increases are to be provided for.
- (5) As our equipment gets older the more repairs are needed to maintain them.
- (6) & (7) I am budgeting these back to where they were in prior years (1983/84 and 1984/85).

If Grant not received in full, we would have to cut back on (2), (6) and (7) and would reduce number of issues of our newspaper from 5 to 4.

MEMBERSHIP

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986

Carol Ohlin, Chairman

The annual Membership/Publicity Workshop, held in early June 1985, was attended by 45 chairmen. An excellent presentation by Mary Jane de Koos, of Valois Park School, outlined the details of a successful membership campaign. Membership kits were distributed to those present, and locals not represented received their kits by mail at a later date.

The 1986/87 Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd, 7:30 p.m. at the QFHSA office. All Membership and Publicity Chairmen are urged to attend.

An increase in membership has been deemed a priority by the Board of Directors. In an effort to reach a greater number of potential members, information packages were given to the McGill Faculty of Education, administrators and commissioners of several school boards, liaison groups, teachers' associations, and the Quebec Association of Independent Schools. The results were partially successful, in that increases were achieved in the categories of Group Affiliate and Supporting Members. Nevertheless, due to the continuing decline in family memberships through local associations, the total membership will be approximately 500 fewer than last year and 1,000 fewer than two years ago.

Membership

	<u>March 1986</u>	<u>March 1985</u>	<u>March 1984</u>
Associations submitting membership lists :	52	54	58
Associations which have not submitted lists :	2	2	2
Group Affiliate Members :	63	54	42
Supporting Members (who have not joined through a local H and S) :	104	36	52
Number of Family Memberships (through a H and S) :	4,617	5,072	5,724

Membership Awards

Elementary Schools on Montreal Island - Based on number of families in school

Beacon Hill	88.46%	Membership Chairman - Ruth Ryan
Windermere	86.06%	Membership Chairman - Barbara Shaw
Valois Park	74.73%	Membership Chairman - Mary Jane de Koos
Ecole Primaire Beaconsfield	72.49%	Membership Chairman - Darlene Kerr

Off-Island

Hopetown-Shigawake-Port Daniel	57.14%	Membership Chairman - Bertha Hayes
Ayer's Cliff	33.33%	President/Membership- Cathy Hortop

Membership Awards (continued)High Schools - Based on numbers of students in school

Macdonald High School	27.92%	Membership Chairman - Beverly Moore
John Rennie High School	18.63%	Membership Chairman - Donna Day

Special Mention - For significant increases in membership over last year

Edinburgh Elementary	Membership Chairman - Margaret Ludwig
Lindsay Place High School	Membership Chairman - Marcia Paci
Wagar High School	Membership Chairman - Eva Marx

Recommendations

- 1) that local associations submit the list of the new Executive Committee immediately following the annual general meeting, so that the QFHSA office will have a contact person for the President and Membership Chairman.
- 2) that the Membership Telephone Committee continue its liaison with the local associations, and that locals are contacted monthly after October 15, until the membership lists are received.
- 3) that local associations realize the importance of submitting their membership lists as soon as possible in the new school year, and with accurate information, in order that their members will receive the benefits of their QFHSA membership, especially the subscription to the Home and School NEWS.
- 4) that we encourage schools to combine their efforts through "twinning", such as two high schools, or neighbouring English Catholic and English Protestant Schools.
- 5) that according to available manpower, information will be sent to English Catholic and other schools and followed up with visits whenever feasible.
- 6) that visits to prospective new associations, as well as current members, be continued under the direction of the Membership Development Committee.
- 7) that in the event of school closures, members transferring to another school will be encouraged to continue their membership and to become the nucleus of forming a new local association if one does not already exist.
- 8) that membership awards be based upon the number of students per school, because of the difficulty in obtaining family enrollment data.
- 9) that we will continue to promote the establishment of National and Provincial Award Certificates, as described in the 1985 Book of Reports.

Membership Committee: Darlene Canning, Ruth Crabb, Judy Kalman,
Mary Jane de Koos, Kathy Macquisten,
Sharon Robinson, Cindy Snelgrove

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR

Report to Annual General Meeting, 1986

Joan Locke, Chairman

The year 1985 was declared International Youth Year by the United Nations. Canadian Home & School and Parent-Teacher Federation requested a grant for kits to be made available, for use by students, in schools, by our association. Unfortunately this was declined.

Consultations were held across Canada by the Senate Committee on Youth. I attended the session held in Montreal in June 1985. A summary of these consultations is available in our Home and School office.

Information was published in our newspaper, The NEWS, throughout the year. However, a great deal of the activities held in Quebec for youth and by youth were in French.

QFHSA was invited to Dreams 85 at the Expo Theatre put on by the National Youth Talent Association in November where we also had a booth.

We also helped sponsor the Lakeshore Leadership Conference at John Rennie High School in March at which students from across Quebec Province attended.

It was a year when we became more aware of the problems of youth. Although young people may want to establish a life independent from their parents, they may not have the occupational skills, experience or financial security to survive on their own. The resulting frustrations often lead to family and social conflicts.

WESTERN QUEBEC AREA REPORT

Report to Annual General Meeting, 1986

Trudy Drummond

The local Home & School Associations of Western Quebec have had another successful year.

Aylmer Home & School has continued its monthly publication of the Newsletter "Simon Says", in which it keeps its parents well-informed of its many varied activities. They organized a monthly Movie Night, Spring Bike Raffle, Fall Bazaar and maintained a school supply store. Proceeds from these endeavours helped to purchase more experimental science equipment and library books and present local drama productions.

Eardley Home & School has been actively involved in many interesting projects, which have enabled them to purchase more computer programs, sponsor weekly music, drama and dance classes and rejuvenate the school playground equipment for this primary school.

WESTERN QUEBEC AREA REPORT (Continued)

Since Eardley will be celebrating their twentieth anniversary on May 20, 1986, this association has been compiling a school history, arranging for a painting of the School and planning a celebration to commemorate this event.

Members of Hull Home & School have been energetically organizing their annual fund raiser "Hullabaloo". This popular event, consisting of a bazaar, auction sale and various games, has continued to provide a Special Nutrition Week, additions to their V.C.R. equipment, updating of their World Book Encyclopedia Set and Drama presentations from Montreal and Toronto Theatre groups.

The various endeavors undertaken by South Hull Home & School, such as Fall Flea Market and Clothing Sale, Annual Book Fair and Spring Dance have greatly benefitted the school children and enlisted the support of the local community. The proceeds from these efforts have been used to maintain South Hull's excellent school library service and to increase their special courses in Computer Science.

Chelsea Home & School Committee's calendar of events included a Fall Fair, a Movie Night, Children's Games Night, Community Garage Sale and Family Fun Fair. The latter two events will be held in May.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE

Report for Annual General Meeting, 1986

Marilyn Percy, Chairman

Activities of this committee continue to be financially supported by the Official Languages Communities Program of the Department of the Secretary of State. A grant of \$15,000 for year 1985/86 was received from this department in September, 1985.

Through this grant, support was provided to bring delegates from distant areas of Quebec to the Annual General Meeting, the Fall Leadership Conference and the Think Tank. Kit materials were provided for the above events, and publicity and promotion purposes. Support was available to bring off-island directors to participate at board meetings, and to send Home and School executive members to meet and speak with local associations and other organizations - the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, the New Brunswick Federaton of Home and School, the New York Parent Teacher Association and the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations.

Another grant application for the year 1986/1987 has been submitted to Department of the Secretary of State. We hope for a favorable response to enable support for activities in the coming year.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986

Barbara Milne-Smith, Chairman

Our 1985 resolutions were sent to their designated destinations and the report "Disposition of 1985 Resolutions" indicates the answers received.

Two resolutions were referred to the Executive Committee for further study, with instructions to report at our next General meeting. The following is their report:

85/11 - Expanding QFHSA Membership - The Executive Committee agrees, of course, that we must do all we can to enable any schools who would like to become full voting members of QFHSA, which also gives them membership in the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation. At the suggestion of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, at their March 22nd meeting, made the decision to follow through on a suggestion from the 1981 Annual General Meeting to petition the Government of Quebec to change the wording of our Letters Patent, as follows:

to change the phrase concerning our purposes which now reads:

To promote, encourage and assist Home and School organization and activity in the schools throughout the Province of Quebec which follow the course of study authorized by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Education.

to read:

To promote, encourage and assist Home and School organization and activity in the schools throughout the Province of Quebec which follow the course of study authorized by the Ministry of Education.

In 1981, when this change was suggested, it was left to the Executive Committee to decide when this should be carried out. With all the discussion about the proposed bill concerning the reorganization of our school boards along linguistic rather than confessional lines, it had been thought better to wait a while before applying for this change. However, everyone agrees that it is now time to do so.

It should perhaps be mentioned that when we were incorporated and received our Letters Patent (1959) there was no Ministry of Education. Educational decisions were made at that time by either the Protestant or the Catholic Committee of the Council of Education. Even so, QFHSA tried to omit the phrase "authorized by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Education" but were told by the Government of Quebec that, without it, they would not grant us our incorporation, and we therefore included it.

85/17 - Peace Education - A sub-committee of the Executive Committee worked with the original submitter of this resolution to rewrite it, and it will come to the 1986 Annual General Meeting for reconsideration as Resolution 86/5.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE (Continued)

The Resolution Committee met with the Constitution Committee to look at our 1985 resolutions to decide which constitute QFHSA policy. Although we had a large number of resolutions in 1985, many of them were action resolutions. Therefore there are only three suggested statements to be voted on, and these were circulated to our locals in March.

We have a quieter year this AGM with only five resolutions to be voted on. They were circulated to our locals in March and amendments will be circulated the end of April.

In addition, we have been asked to have further discussion at the AGM on our resolution 85/2, Allocation and Deployment of School Nurses, to consider possible further action.

The members of the Resolution Committee this year were:

Mrs. Ann Cumyn

Mr. Allan Locke

Mrs. Rose Kandalgaonkar

Mrs. Barbara Milne-Smith

DISPOSITION OF 1985 RESOLUTIONS

Report to Annual General Meeting, 1986

Barbara Milne-Smith, Resolutions Chairman

All resolutions that passed were forwarded to their designated destinations and the following answers were received.

85/1 - Meals for Undernourished Students

The Ville Marie Social Service Centre told us how pleased they are that we have raised this issue and that they had written to the Ministries of Education and Social Affairs asking for action on the matter.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services said our resolution is tied to interest in their department and thanked us for the work done by our federation. They have formed an inter-ministerial committee to debate the issue.

But for concrete action it was left to the Lasalle Citizens' Advisory Council, who have established an ongoing Food Bank at Lasalle High School's Extended School. This supplies snacks (cookies and yogurt) to students in the regular section of Lasalle High and, with cooking done on a volunteer basis by their teachers, hot lunches for the children in the Extended School. When there is surplus food in the Food Bank, this is supplied to the families in the area who are in need. The Lasalle High School Committee is presently engaged in fund-raising activities to help out when the supplies in the Food Bank run low.

85/2 - Allocation and Deployment of School Nurses

The only answers received were acknowledgements of our resolution and a thank you for our interest.

Some of our Home and School Associations have asked that the subject of this resolution be discussed again at our 1986 Annual General Meeting with a view to deciding on possible further action.

DISPOSITION OF 1985 RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

85/3 - Counselling and Psychological Services in the Schools

This was sent to all those involved in teacher contract negotiations and we hope it will be considered during the negotiations which are presently in progress.

The President of the Superior Council of Education said that in their 1984 statement, La condition enseignement, they had themselves recommended reestablishing the use of ratios to have the margin of manoeuvre necessary to answer particular situations and needs.

85/6 - "Smoke Free Spaces For Kids"

Both the Canadian and the Quebec Heart Foundations wrote stating that this resolution will be an invaluable help for young people and commenting on the beneficial results of our working together.

Several of our local Home and School associations are working on this project, some with very detailed, complete programs. Beacon Hill Home and School has received a plaque for being a Smoke Free Space.

85/7 - Educational Rights and the Constitution

We have received numerous replies mostly from Canadian Members of Parliament.

Mr. John Turner, Leader of the Opposition said he regrets the fact that Quebec was not a signator of the Constitutional Accord of November, 1981. He recognizes the vitality of Quebec's English-speaking community, and their contribution to the life of that province. He also understands the Government of Quebec's desire to protect the French language and culture. He stated his Party would strongly urge the Government of Quebec to fully adopt Section 23, and indeed all provisions of the Charter. He stated the Liberal Party has always recognized the protection of minority language rights is fundamental to the unity of Canada.

Mr. Grant Devine, Premier of Saskatchewan, says he does not think a constitutional amendment to delete Section 59 is realistic at the present time. This letter has since been answered and a further reply is being awaited.

Mr. Claude Ryan wrote last July as a member of the Quebec National Assembly to say he feels our interpretation of some of the events leading up to the Constitutional Accord is not quite correct and he does not agree with us that Section 59 should be rescinded at this time.

85/8 - Teenage Parties - A Guide for Parents and Teens

This resolution was directed both to all our locals and to The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation. We asked that CHSPTF encourage their provincial federations to circulate it to their Home and School locals across Canada and this was passed.

DISPOSITION OF 1985 RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

In Quebec, we circulated it to all our locals and, in addition, several individuals have asked for copies. A copy will be included in our 1986 AGM Kits.

PRIDE (Parent Resources Institute for Drug Education), an international organization, printed it in their magazine recently.

85/9 - Fingerprinting Identification of Children

The MUC Police and the Ministry of Health and Social Services both wrote commending us for this resolution.

The sub-committee to set up an awareness campaign of the benefits of children being fingerprinted is in the process of being set up.

85/12 - Media Awareness in the School Curriculum

Only an acknowledgement of receipt of this resolution was received.

85/13 - Pornography and Obscenity

This was directed to our Home and School local associations and we hope some of them are working to educate their local communities about the effects of pornography and obscenity.

84/14 - Wife Battering - Laying of Charges in Assault Cases

The MUC Police wrote to say they have instructed police to lay the charges in assault cases.

The Office of the Quebec Ministry of Justice wrote to say they had taken careful note of our comments. Articles in the Montreal Gazette this year have stated that Justice Minister Herbert Marx wants to draft a policy by mid-March calling for an energetic prosecution of wife batterers.

85/15 - Welfare - Family Violence

Ville Marie Social Service Centre wrote to tell us they are pleased that our organization has raised this issue and reported that they are making this a priority item this year.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services wrote to say this resolution corresponds to interests of their department and thanked us for the important work done by our federation.

MUC Police commented on the active interest of our members in seeking help for families and assured us of their collaboration. They stated they have established a protocol with the various social and judicial organizations concerning help for cases of family violence.

85/16 - The Teaching of CPR Courses to Secondary V Students

Both the Quebec and the Canadian Heart Foundations wrote to say they appreciate our interest in this program.

DISPOSITION OF 1985 RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

The Ministry of Health and Social Services wrote thanking us for our interest in this subject.

85/18 - Use of School Premises, without charge, by Home and Schools

No answers were received but we hope the school boards have made note of our request.

85/19 - Child Tax Exemption

The Hon. Jake Epp, Minister of National Health and Welfare, wrote telling us there will be a reduction in the level of the child tax exemption. They state this exemption has been identified as being regressive, since it provides the greatest assistance to high income families and the least to poor families. Reducing the child tax exemption, he said, will allow them to reallocate the resultant savings to lower income families with children.

85/20 - Guidelines Regarding Consultation For School Closure or Change
and85/21 - Rights for Other Minorities

No answers were received but, again, we hope our comments have taken root.

AREA REPORT - LASALLE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986

Helen Koeppe, Area Representative

Keith School

Performances of the "Wizard of Oz" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by the Shoestring Theatre were two of the items made possible by the efforts of the H&S. Their two main fund raising activities, a Christmas Fair and a spring chocolate drive also made possible field trips to Ottawa, to Mount Royal and to a maple sugar chalet.

Students and staff alike appreciate the extras provided by the parents such as the manpower in the library, the prizes for the 'Looney Lid' contest during Nutrition Week, and the oodles of muffins and other nutritious items that turned up that same week.

Lasalle High School

Annual Variety show was a success, showcasing talented students. Theatre arts students are rehearsing one-act plays for presentation in mid-April and the annual fashion show is planned for early May.

Graduates of ten years of theatre arts at the school held a reunion and staged a show of the best bits from the productions of those years.

Testimonial evening is being planned for late April to honour recently retired School Commissioner for Lasalle, Dr. Laurence Patterson. All PSBCM schools in the area are joined in this celebration which will take place at Lasalle High. Dr. Patterson was the first recipient of the Gordon Paterson Award in 1973.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS/SUPPORT SERVICE
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Pat Lewis

The many social problems facing our young people today have not changed appreciably. In some cases they have intensified. High on the list rank health, safety, family relationships, international peace and the quality of their education. Dedicated parents and teachers who are Home & School members have devoted many thousands of hours to publicize and help solve such problems during this past year. The provincial organization is serving more and more as a source of materials and personnel for guidance to Home & School locals, to individual schools and to local social service agencies. In turn, many local social affairs agencies have been taking over the tasks that individual Home & School committee members cannot accomplish by themselves. Cuts in funding continue to hamper solutions for many of these social problems.

Since this year is the United Nations' International Year of Peace, we are glad to note that the major theme of the February H & S NEWS is that of peace and education for it. Sarah Evett continues her interest in this issue, and Valerie Hughes-Villemare will be joining her. Many schools and local organizations have been active in helping young people to understand the problems of achieving a peaceful world, and the list of festivities in which Home & School can participate this year continues to grow.

Don Smith continues to aid us with questions of bus and street safety. Some schools, under the sponsorship of Home & School, have worked out a safety theme for the entire school year, with a different emphasis each month.

There have been advances in the campaign for "Smoke-Free Spaces for Kids," as well. The CBC gave publicity to the continuing project of the Quebec Heart Foundation in conjunction with the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation. Judy Bock reports that Mt. Sinai Hospital has a large group of adult volunteers who have been visiting schools to educate children about smoking and its dangers. These visits are taking place in both English and French schools. Materials from Home & School are being used in council meetings in some municipalities to help convince them to create smoke-free spaces, for example, in Mt. Royal. In Dollard des Ormeaux two high school students have tackled their local council on this issue of smoking.

On the questions of family violence and child abuse Anne Kiss has been doing more than her share. The provincial office is now serving mainly as a source of materials and advice for outside organizations interested in these problems. We are being contacted for information about how to get in touch with families and groups who are addressing these urgent issues, as well. The Youth Protection agencies of the Quebec government have been circulating materials dealing with family violence and child abuse, as witness the recent publication of Rejected Children -- Let's React, and these books and pamphlets are being used in our schools.

Again, all of us should be grateful for the help of our selfless volunteers, all of whom have their own busy careers, and all of whom have given many hours of their precious time to help in solving some of the social problems of our children.

local associations should contact the following about local plans and activities:

Anne Kiss	Family Violence and Child Abuse
Sarah Evett	Peace Education Committee
Don Smith	Bus Safety
Judy Bock	Smoking and Health
Valerie Villemaire	Peace Education

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986

Marion Daigle, Chairman

Committee Members: Helen Koeppe, Rod Wiener, Joan Mansfield
(for the Board of Directors, QFHSA)

Sharon Robinson (Willingdon) Rosalin Malin
(Hampstead), Diane Lacey (South Shore),
Marcia Paci (Lindsay Place High), H el ene Cameron,
(Hudson), Vi Minto (Beacon Hill)
(non-Board members)

The Nominations Committee, acting in accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, met on January 13, 1986, to review the mandate and guidelines for the Committee. On March 11, 1986, the Committee met to verify the credentials of those nominated. The names of all who were willing to stand for office were circulated to all local associations and will be voted on at the AGM.

Those standing for office are:-

Treasurer (2 year term)	- Caspar Esselaar
Recording Secretary (2 year term)	- Jon Percy
Vice-Presidents (2 year term)	- Anne Kiss Diane Lacey Paulette Nickoletopoulos Nancy Peppy
*Vice-President (1 year term)	- Carol Ohlin

* The QFHSA Executive accepted the resignation of Vice-President, Stewart Macquisten, in February. Acting in accordance with Article V, Section 4(e) the local associations and Board of Directors were invited to submit nominations to fill this vacancy for the remaining year of the term.

If further names are received by 5 p.m., April 25, 1986 (Article V, Section 5) they will be included.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FAMILY VIOLENCE
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Anne Kiss, Chairman

As a result of the expressed concern of QFHSA at the prevalence and impact of family violence on children, parents, other family members and society, the committee chairman is kept aware of activities and programs aimed at helping victims of family violence and prevention.

The role of the committee this past year has been to gather information, and pass it on to individuals and agencies in the community which request it.

We have requested local Home and School Associations to contact their local police departments requesting special training in dealing with family disputes for all police officers who may be involved in responding to calls and complaints regarding family quarrels and abuse.

The resolution on family violence, which was presented and passed at last year's A.G.M., urged that police lay charges in cases of family assault the same as they would in other cases of assault. Previously it had been left to the battered spouse to lay charges putting her in further danger.

The committee was pleased to note that the Quebec Minister of Justice, Mr. Herbert Marx, has instructed the police to lay charges in the case of domestic violence.

The committee will continue to press for justice and protection for abused children -

- 1) through the judicial and legislative branches of government urging them to accept the testimony of children as they would the testimony of adults and
- 2) continued education through sharing information and encouraging the use of the Child Abuse Kit.

At this time there are many private and public agencies interested in the problems of family violence. The committee will continue to survey the situation. If there appears to be a waning of interest on the part of other agencies, the committee may assume a more active role next year.

MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGE COMMITTEE
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Valrie Carpenter

This was a year of quiet observaion for this committee. Many changes were proposed by the P.S.B.G.M. but only Mountrose and John XXIII/Dorval High School were closed.

A copy of the Final Report on School Closures was received from the School Closure Handbook Committee of CHSPTF and will be reviewed.

ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE/MEQ
Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Esther Wearing, QFHSA Liaison

The ELAC committee has met seven times to date. Two main concerns were dealt with during this time. The first concern dealt with revising questionnaires to survey teachers' preparation to implement the Elementary Language Arts Program V. These questionnaires are to be used as a measurement instrument to assess the quality of a program at each stage of its development and implementation. The purpose of these questionnaires is to survey how prepared teachers are to implement the new ELA Program. Based on the teachers' responses recommendations concerning the implementation of the ELA program can be made. These questionnaires may also be used by school organizations for local needs. It allows those responsible for program implementation to determine how prepared teachers are to implement a given program.

The second major concern is that to date Gayle Goodman, the person responsible for curriculum and evaluation of Didactic materials and member of ELAC, has had sole responsibility for curriculum development and textbook approval. The Government under François Gravel (co-ordinator of DMD) is planning on changing this process. A meeting was held at the P.S.B. on Feb. 20, 1986 between the representatives of ELAC, SLACC and DMD so concerns and questions concerning this new proposed revision could be aired. Mr. Gravel assured the committees that all ideas expressed would be taken into consideration before making a final decision regarding ELA curriculum and textbook evaluation.

Recommendations

As a result of my attendance at these meetings I have a few recommendations to make concerning the new Elementary Language Arts Program.

- 1) Parents of all students should be informed about this new program as of Sept. 86.
- 2) A teacher representative of each school could hold information evenings (at their school) to instruct the parents on how the program is being taught and what the philosophy behind the program is.
- 3) Special consideration should be made to emphasize that grammar and spelling (real concerns of parents) are still being taught to our children.
- 4) The teacher could demonstrate how these "subject" areas are being handled in the new program.

REPORT OF THE AREA REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Anne Kiss, Chairman

The Committee on Area Representatives this year responded to the concerns of the Executive, the Board and many of the locals as to keeping each other up to date regarding activities, concerns and goals. Representation of locals at Board meetings is essential for this. The mechanism for providing this representation has been the Area Representative. For the past several years there have been problems in lack of Area Representatives (i.e. not being selected, therefore, a time lag occurs until the Area Reps can be appointed) and lack of attendance at Board Meetings on the part of some of the Area Reps.

In our attempt to solve these problems, the Committee studied the location of schools in the Province, listed them according to areas, and gave each Vice-President on the Executive a list of these schools. Each Vice-President then calls Home and School Presidents in the school, or if there is no Home and School, the President of the school committee. After each Board meeting these calls are made informing the Presidents and/or Area Reps, if one is selected, regarding important events, especially those up-coming. In this way contact between the Board and the locals can be maintained, and possibly new Area Reps will emerge.

Since this has been underway only since the beginning of this year, it is too early to assess how successful it can be. The program is to be continued through next year, at which time we shall be better able to evaluate it.

LIAISON WITH P.S.B.G.M.
 Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Valrie Carpenter, Representative

As a liaison for QFHSA I attended the public monthly meetings held by the P.S.B.G.M. The number of observers varied from about 15 to 200, depending on the matters to be discussed.

Presentations by various parent and teachers groups were given throughout the year. Some were asking for new programs in their schools or for an increase in the number of teachers in their school. Others were asking for different transportation boundaries.

Each meeting reports were heard from the Education and Facilities Committee, the Finance Committee and the representative to the Island Council.

School Change was again part of the ongoing Target Network Review.

This year also saw changes in the makeup of the Board. Dr. Patterson resigned as Vice-chairman and Mr. Stephen Coplan was appointed to take his place on the Board.

AWARDS COMMITTEES

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986

BUZZELL AWARD - Chairman, Sylvia Adams

Committee members: Helen Koeppe, Caspar Esselaar, Carol Ohlin,
Bonnie Hasan

The Committee met on March 17, 1986, to review nominations. The decision is that Rose Kandalgaonkar and Sandra Keightley be joint recipients of the Buzzell Award in 1986. Both Rose and Sandra have contributed generously of their time and talents on behalf of Home & School. It was noted that in many instances Rose and Sandra worked very closely together on Home & School projects.

PATERSON AWARD - Chairman, Marion Daigle

Committee members: Jon Percy, Joan Mansfield, Valrie Carpenter, Anne Kiss

The committee met on March 17, 1986, to review nominations from Keith Elementary, Northview Elementary, Ayer's Cliff Elementary, John Rennie High and Macdonald High.

The decision is that Tom Bean, Principal of Ayer's Cliff and Sunnyside Elementary schools in the Eastern Townships be named the recipient of the Paterson Award in 1986. Tom has been a long time teacher and administrator in our Quebec system and, in addition, he has been a staunch supporter of parent participation in the life of the school and within QFHSA.

The Committee wishes to thank those schools which submitted names for this award. The calibre of the candidates was exceptional. It is worth noting the esteem and respect which the parents in these schools have for their respective nominees.

SECONDARY LANGUAGE ARTS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986

Bonnie Hasan, Liaison

This year our Committee has spent much time adapting the Ministry of Education questionnaire entitled "Survey of Teacher Preparation to Implement a New Programme" in order that it will apply more directly to the teachers of Secondary Language Arts. We have been monitoring very closely the plans of the Ministry of Education to introduce a new Textbook Review Committee system as well as plans to test Quebec students in order to determine their language proficiency. Finally, we are preparing a report for the Ministry outlining the need for a formal policy for the recognition of the gifted and the need for programmes for students with special needs, interests and abilities.

GASPE AREA REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986

Anne MacWhirter, Area Representative

Another year has passed very quickly. The three existing Home & School Associations on the Gaspé coast have been active and productive once again.

New Richmond school continues to provide a hot meal at noon hour to students for a reasonable cost. In March, Public Speaking contests were held from Grade 3 to Grade 8 with winners in each division. Later on in the Spring, the New Richmond winners will compete against New Carlisle and Shigawake-Port Daniel schools along with our eastern school, Gaspé Elementary. Home & School will organize this for the first time as a regional competition.

Hopetown-Shigawake-Port Daniel continues to be a support group for teachers and students, as well as parents. The President, Linda Dow, moved in the fall to a new residence in Nova Scotia. She was replaced by a former Home & School President, Mrs. Beverly Hayes. The smooth transition enabled the group to go forward in raising money towards end of the year trips and more specifically a Grade 5 & 6 trip to Québec City in June.

New Carlisle Home & School had regular monthly meetings with student involvement during the month of February. Home & School sponsored the Annual Reading Week, with a carry-over for the remainder of the year of a book award at each Monday Assembly. A new executive has already been formed for 1986/7 and we look forward to an exciting year for Home & School.

RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, 1986
Submitted by Calvin Potter, chairman

In its report to the AGM in 1985, the Rights Committee recommended that the court action of Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations against Law 101 be pruned and focussed on four sections only:-

1) The Language of Instruction

Article 72: "Instruction in the kindergarten classes and in the elementary and secondary schools shall be in French, except where this chapter allows otherwise."

Article 79: "A school body not already giving instruction in English in its schools is not required to introduce it, and shall not introduce it without express and prior authorisation of the Minister of Education."

2) The Language of Toys and Games

Article 54: "Except as provided by regulation of the Office de la langue française, it is forbidden to offer toys or games to the public which require the use of a non-French vocabulary for their operation, unless a French version of the toy or game is available on comparable terms on the Québec market."

3) The Language of Legislation

The Interpretation Act, section 40.1.

4) The Official Language of Quebec

Article 1: "French is the official language of Quebec."

Rights Committee's Actions

June/July/August 1985

Having received the approval of the AGM, the Committee directed QFHSA's legal counsel, William I. Miller, QC, and its constitutional consultant, Professor Stephen Scott of the Law Faculty of McGill, to proceed with the revision of the original factum along the lines indicated above.

Being uncertain as to the cost of the revision and update, the Committee made representations to an interested party for financing assistance of around \$10,000. The party agreed. At that time we also wrote the Secretary of State's office, inviting the Minister's official representative to attend our committee meeting. The letter was returned a month later unopened, but stamped that the "official" had been transferred. We returned the envelope with a letter to the Minister requesting instructions, but received no reply.

September/October 1985

By early Fall the revised factum had been completed. A joint meeting of the Rights Committee, the Executive Committee and our legal counsellors was held to review and approve the document, and responsibilities for the next stage were assigned.

About this time a letter was received from the Secretary of State's office informing us of their intent to transfer the Court Challenges Program to the Canadian Council of Social Development (CCSD) and asking permission to transfer our dossier to the CCSD. Our President replied in October, agreeing in principle, but stipulating a continuation of the Secretary of State's commitment and of confidentiality. Enclosed with that reply was an updated factum and copies of the legal billings for services. As intended in the telex from the Secretary of State, Serge Joyal, (June 28, 1984) we were accepted into the Court Challenges Program, the amount to be negotiated within a ceiling of \$25,000. In our reply to CCSD we indicated we would appreciate a full payment under the Secretary of State's commitment. Two months passed with no further word from Ottawa.

December 1985

In the meanwhile, as had been agreed at our joint meeting in October, the Committee re-opened its negotiations with the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM) by the President writing the chairman inviting the PSBGM to reconsider its status as mise-en-cause in our case in the light of our new factum. In December, in response to that invitation, there was a joint meeting at the offices of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards (QAPSB) of a delegation of QFHSA and its legal counsellors, and the legal committee of the QAPSB and its legal counsel. The PSBGM acts in close collaboration with the QAPSB legal committee, and at that meeting the pros and cons of various alternatives were discussed. For reasons we understand, the PSBGM declined to join our action, but the outcome of the meeting was nevertheless an advance. The attitude was sympathetic and it was agreed to give our legal counsel access to the historical data the QAPSB legal committee had amassed in preparing for the case on Bill 3 (a case which they have won at the Superior Court level).

At our joint meeting of October, the Rights Committee had agreed to seek out a suitable co-plaintiff for the action regarding educational toys. We have found a likely candidate and our constitutional consultant is now reviewing the particulars.

Difficulties QFHSA has Encountered

January 1986

All the parts are fitting into place for the action except one -- the financing under the Court Challenges Program. The old program under which we initiated the update of our factum was transferred to the CCSD at the same time as it accepted responsibility for the development and administration of a new Court Challenges Program. When the Rights Committee made contact with the CCSD in January 1986 it was still in the initial stage of organizing the transfer. Our enquiries revealed the file CCSD had received was incomplete in that our 1985 correspondence was missing. We sent them copies of the correspondence. CCSD then questioned whether QFHSA had been accepted into the Court Challenges Program. After several telephone discussions on this matter, we asked CCSD to state its views in writing. It failed to do that and so I, as chairman, wrote summarizing what had transpired and what CCSD had

agreed to do, namely:-

- 1) to seek clarification of its authority to pay QFHSA's legal expenses under the old Court Challenges Program that had been transferred by the Secretary of State and under which we had incurred our costs, and
- 2) to assist us by preparing an application and submitting it to the Official Languages Panel under the new Court Challenges Program being organized by CCSD.

The Official Languages Panel

February 1986

The membership of the Official Languages Panel was announced. It consisted of three francophones hors du Québec and an anglophone from Quebec, plus a chairman from Ontario. Other than the chairman, the members are designated as being provincial representatives. The Official Languages Panel is intended to act independently of the CCSD in selecting those language cases which will receive programme support.

In a telephone conversation with an official of CCSD I expressed disquiet at the imbalance of the panel. Two of the francophone hors du Québec had been executive directors of provincial minority language rights groups. The third was the president of a French language college in Saskatchewan. All had an indisputable interest in defending minority French language rights. The only information supplied about the representative from Quebec is that he is a lawyer, in the firm of Ogilvy-Renault of Montreal (the chairman of the Board of Alliance Quebec is a member of the same firm). The chairman of the panel, who presumably has a casting vote, is a former Quebecker who was a participating minister in the cabinet of the Bourassa government when Bill 22 was passed and who publicly supported sections of that Bill that violated language rights. Although minority language rights have been under attack in Quebec for 12 years, neither of the latter two members of the Official Languages Panel, to our knowledge, has any public record of being associated with concerns about minority English language rights.

March 1986

We, nevertheless, were willing to allow the panel to demonstrate its even-handedness. Apart from the membership of the panel, our remaining concern was that we should see and accept the application being made on our behalf to the new Court Challenges Program before it was submitted to the Official Languages Panel. We wrote to that effect to the CCSD's coordinator before the panel met on March 23rd. We still have not seen the submission.

April 1986

On April 18th the President of QFHSA received a disturbing response regarding financial assistance under the new Court Challenges Program. The letter itself is dated April 7, 1986, but the envelope is postmarked April 16th which illustrates the lethargy with which the whole matter of financing has been treated. A copy of the letter is attached.

The second sentence of the second paragraph reports the conclusion of the panel: "...only one of the legal questions you intend to raise has sufficient legal merit and importance to warrant financial assistance under the Program." The other issues raised in our case, according to the Panel, "do not sufficiently satisfy the criteria of the Program". The only criteria we have seen pertained to the old Court Challenges Program, and QFSA met those criteria to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State's office and the Minister of Justice's office, including negotiations on the matter with the then Deputy Minister of Justice. We are curious how the unannounced criteria of the new differ from the publicized criteria of the old? We are also curious why the panel deems itself qualified to judge the "legal merit and importance" of questions that are obviously destined to be resolved by the Supreme Court of Canada. These issues relate to (1) the origins of the official language of Quebec and (2) the choice of the language of instruction for schooling in Quebec. It is notable that, although the panel's representative imbalance was intended to ensure fairness in evaluating issues such as the above, a preponderant weighting was given to the representatives of the minority official language in Canada. In contrast, regarding the two issues just cited, the preponderant weighting is exercised by the representatives of the majority official language in the province of Quebec.

The Principle of Preponderant Weighting

If the principle of preponderant weighting for the minority official language is valid -- and we think it is -- then it should apply for the official language minority in Quebec as well as the official language minority in Canada. For, as Georges Etienne Cartier recognized 120 years ago, Canada is not a linguistic duality, it is a linguistic dual duality (double majorities): The English a majority in Canada and the French a minority; the French a majority in Quebec and the English a minority. Numerically, the non-French speaking minority in Quebec exceeds the total of all francophones hors du Québec. Language and equality rights' issues are as relevant for non-francophones in Quebec as for francophones outside of Quebec. If the Official Languages Panel cannot give expression to such relevance because of its representativity problems, then there should be two panels, one for each official language minority.

We are still waiting to hear from the CCSD regarding financial assistance under the old Court Challenges Program, and we shall continue to persevere in this area until successful.

Our target date for having all the parts in place and ready to plead is the Fall of 1986. We are seeking your active and continuing support.

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April 7, 1986.

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Dear Mrs. Adams:

This is in response to your request for financial assistance under the new Court Challenges Program.

The Panel on Language Rights has now had the opportunity to review the legal questions you intend to place before the Superior Court of Québec in the Québec Federation of Home and School Associations v. A.G. of Québec. After careful consideration, the Panel has concluded that only one of the legal questions you intend to raise has sufficient legal merit and importance to warrant financial assistance under the Program. That question concerns the Interpretation Act of Québec which gives precedence to the French language version of Québec statutes where the English language version appears to diverge therefrom. By virtue of the Constitution, both versions have equal authority and must be interpreted in that light.

With respect to the other issues raised in your case, the Language Rights Panel has found that they do not sufficiently satisfy the criteria of the Program, and that no financial assistance should be accorded to cover legal expenses related to them.

As to the amount that is being awarded to you for the issue concerning the Québec Interpretation Act, the Panel takes the view that an amount of 5,000 \$ is reasonable in view of the fact that this issue is a minor component of your case. The primary question raised in your case would appear to relate to

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the language of instruction in Québec schools, a matter which the Panel feels is regulated by section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and not section 93 of the Constitution Act 1867.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Goreham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Richard Goreham
Coordinator

RG/dq

April 29, 1986

TO: Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

FROM: Betty Lou Manker, MRE Convenor

RE: Annual Report for 1986 AGM Book of Reports

The following persons agreed to serve on the Moral and Religious Committee for 1986:

Valerie Hughes-Villemare	- Peace Studies
Rev. Albert Jungers	- MRE
Dorothy Fox	- MRE
Rev. Alex Morris	- Consultant MRE
Pauline Busby	- Consultant MRE Education
Betty Lou Manker	- MRE Convenor

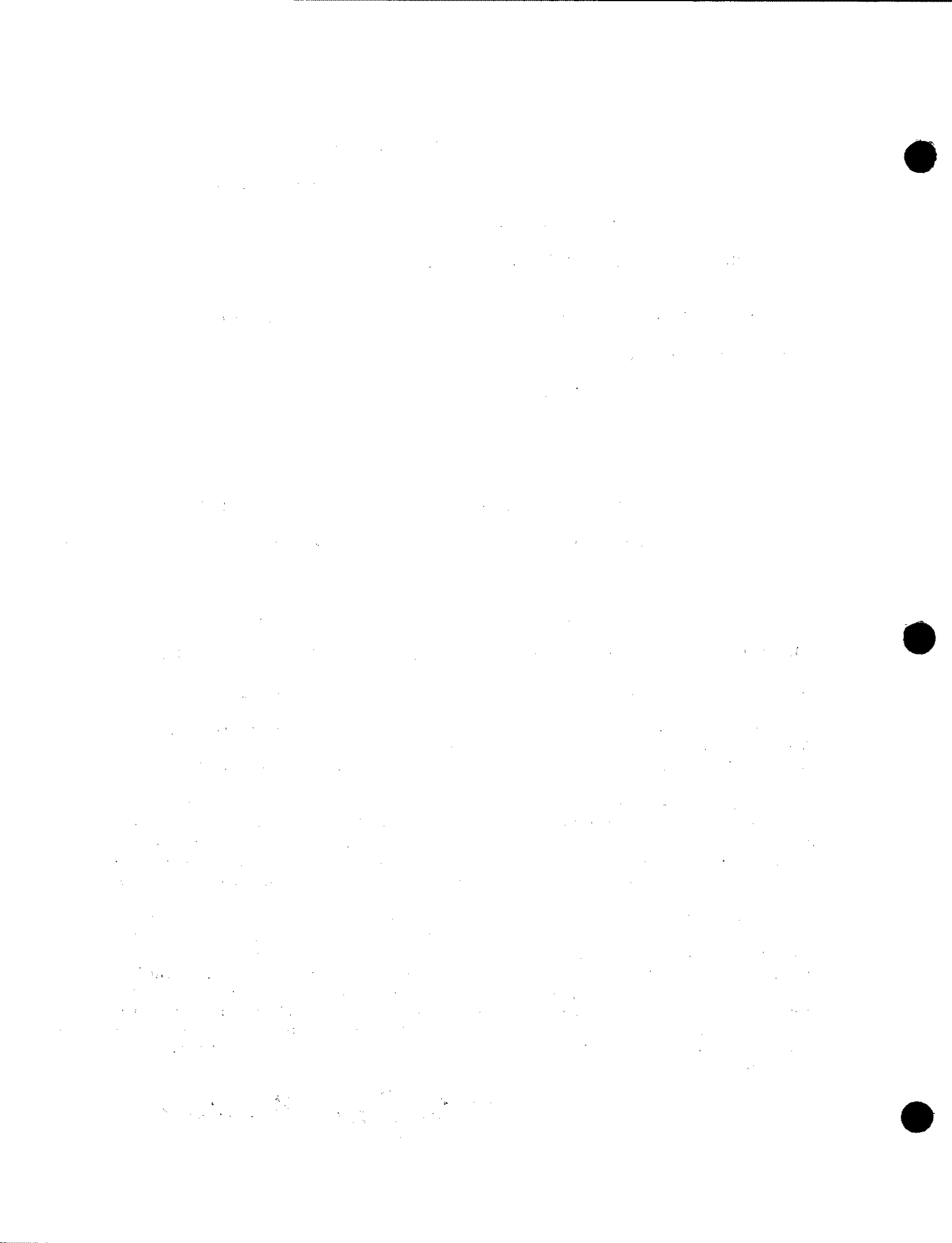
The main activities for this period (beginning September 1985) have been conference attendance and follow-up reports for QFSA; and recruitment of volunteers for this committee:

April 2-4/86: Mrs. Manker served as secretary for the workshop on The School and Values, at The Estates General on the Quality of Education in Quebec, held in Montreal.

April 21-24/86: On behalf of the MRE Committee, two representatives attended an International Conference on Peace and Security, held in Montreal. The two representatives were: Mrs. Valerie Hughes-Villemare, and Rev. Chris Levan, instructor in Peace Studies, McGill University Faculty of Religious Studies.

As part of Home and School activities, Mrs. Manker planned the Fourth Annual Church Parade for Safety Patrollers of seven Montreal area schools which have these Patrols active at present. Representatives from QFSA who attended were: Don Smith, Safety Convenor, Allan Locke, and Carol Ohlin. In recognition of her contribution towards promotion of Safety Patrollers in Elementary Schools, Mrs. Manker was presented with a plaque from the Lakeshore School Board Parents' Committee (Beaconsfield), by Martin Sherman, Director.

Betty Lou Manker



QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

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THE CANADIAN HOME & SCHOOL AND PARENT-TEACHER FEDERATION

Sylvia Adams, President

Several issues have preoccupied the Provincial Federation since my mid-term report to National. Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations' finances and membership, QFHSA Court Action 101, School Reorganization, Strategy Planning, the Estates General, and the 1986 AGM.

QFHSA Finances

A change in our provincial government makes us hopeful that we might again receive annual operating grants. Mr. Ryan, our new Minister of Education, suggested to QFHSA that it make its case for ongoing funding; consequently, a comprehensive grant application was submitted requesting a "one-time" capital equipment grant, in addition to an annual operating grant. We are anxiously awaiting his reply. It was of great importance to demonstrate the unique role that Home & School plays in the educational scheme of things. We needed to identify what sets us apart from the legislated parent committees that are totally funded by the provincial government.

Membership

A recent Sorécom poll noted that only 16% of parents expressed themselves as very interested in what goes on in the school, 29% are fairly interested and 42% are little interested. These figures might explain our decline in family memberships; they certainly underline the importance of our objectives as an organization - that of actively promoting the involvement of parents and citizens in education and welfare issues facing children and youth. New budgetary rules for school boards in Quebec could result in many school closures; our membership thrust must take all these factors into account so as to keep the local association members we have - even though their children's schools may change.

School Reorganization

Although Quebec's Law 3 was declared wholly ultra vires in June 1985, QFHSA must constantly monitor school reorganization ideas that are made by various groups purporting to represent consensus for specific changes in the present educational system.

QFHSA Court Action 101

Work continues; our constitutional consultant is preparing background material; appropriate co-plaintiffs are being sought and funding sources are being approached so as to allow us to proceed to the end of this stage. We hope to receive a fall hearing date.

Strategy Planning

QFHSA held a strategy planning session in February; our objective was to clearly define, for ourselves, our mission and our guiding principles and that these be appropriate for the climate of 1986 and onward. This was



the beginning of an exercise that we will continue at our Fall Leadership Conference.

The Estates General on the Quality of Education

The number of registrants has now exceeded 5000 - almost 6000 delegates will attend. QFHSA received an OLCP grant from the Secretary of State to help stimulate anglophone participation in this impending event. To date about 1000 Quebec parents and 200 students have registered. Registration is \$100. per delegate.

Annual General Meeting, May 2-3, 1986

Our AGM conference committee is under the capable leadership of Helen Koeppel (Executive Vice-President) and Carol Ohlin (Membership Chairman). The theme "Partners in Action" hopes to underline the necessity for everyone to work together, be they professionals or parents, so as to enhance the overall quality of education. The preview book describes the conference in detail, especially the remarkable work of our program committee - chairman, Angelika Redahl.

We are pleased that CHSPTF's president, Joy Bastness, will attend our 1986 AGM. Her presence will highlight the importance of our national federation.

The Gordon Paterson Award, for outstanding service to the education of children, will be presented to Tom Bean, an exceptional school principal at two schools in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

The Buzzell Award, for outstanding service to Quebec Federation, will be given to co-recipients this year, Sandra Keightley and Rose Kandalgaonkar.

Despite priority items, emergency concerns and like issues, the ongoing work of our local associations and our QFHSA has continued; these are the important pursuits that directly affect our children.

Our independent volunteer voice in education is never silent.

