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BOOK OF REPORTS

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YEAR AT A GLANCE 2009-2010

April

Apr 25 65th Annual General Meeting held at the Montreal Airport Hilton **65 years of Partnership**

May

May 7 Community Learning Centers' Annual Conference at James Lyng High School attended by Carol Meindl, Harold Spanier, Marion Daigle, Leah Trineer, and Brian Rock

May 22-23 Community Learning Center (CLC) Meeting attended by Marion Daigle

May 18-24 North Shore tour: Harold Spanier took the QFHSA's show on the Road' to visit: Baie Comeau High School, Baie Comeau, Riverview School in Port Cartier, and Flemming Elementary School and Queen Elisabeth High School in Sept Isles.

May 30 The new QFHSA Strategic Plan is presented by Executive Director, Roch Gamache at the Board of Director Meeting #1

June

Jun 1-7 Gaspé Tour was conducted by Harold Spanier. Meeting at St Thomas attended by Roch Gamache and Diana Donnelly

Jun 9 Meeting with James Lyng High School Governing Board Attended by Harold Spanier

Jun 3-7 CHSF AGM Winnepeg, Manitoba attended by Marlyn Brownrigg, QFHSA Representative

Jun 3 QCGN Meeting attended by Carol Meindl/ Roch Gamache.

Jun 12 Field Trip to Beaconsfield High School in preparation of Fall Conference in October

Jun 27 Board of Director Meeting #2

Jun 11 Harold Spanier and Roch Gamache meet with MNA Kathleen Weil regarding Archive project funding request

July

Jul 17 Departure of Donna Sauriol after 30 years of service in the office
Bill 88 reprieve granted to July 1 2010 for Quebec schools

Jul 29 CTREQ meetings with the round table organization to improve academic success attended by Roch Gamache

August

Aug 20 Executive Committee meeting, Carol Meindl, Chair

September

Sept 7 Carol Ohlin retires after more than 12 years of service in the office

Sept 8 Meeting with Minister James Moore attended by Roch Gamache,

Sept 11 Executive Workshops, Cavendish head office

- Sept 13 QCGN AGM and Goldbloom Awards Dinner held in Gatineau, Quebec, was attended by Carol Meindl/ Roch Gamache
- Sept 13 Board of Directors Meeting #3 Strategic Plan was approved by Board
- Sept 14 Rights Committee meeting, Brian Rock, Chair
- Sept 17 Final member of the new staff hired. New Office Staff consists of Lailah Cowan as Special Projects Coordinator, Julie Girardin as Administrative Assistant and Jenn Beauregard as Communication Coordinator and QFHSA NEWS Editor
- October**
- Oct. 2 Finance Meeting, Leah Trineer, Chair
- Oct 4 Executive Committee meeting, Carol Meindl, Chair
- Oct 13 Finance Committee, Leah Trineer, Chair
- Oct 13 Education Committee, Liette Chamberland, Chair
- Oct 24 Annual Fall Conference Beaconsfield High School
- Oct 20 James Lyng H&S Workshop on Storytelling led by Harold Spanier
- Oct 22 Education, Rights and Public Affairs Committee meeting re Bill 104, Brian Rock, Chair
- Oct 23 Board of Directors Meeting #4
- November**
- Nov. 4 Education, Rights, and Public Affairs Committee meeting, Brian Rock, Chair
- Nov 12-14 Canadian Home and School Federation Mi-term meeting held at QFHSA offices, hosted by Marlyn Brownrigg, Rickhey Margolese and Carol Meindl
- Nov 19-20 QPAT Convention QFHSA had a display booth. Kiosk organized by Anne MacWhirter
Coalition of Small Schools of Quebec launched at QPAT Convention
- Nov 20 John Abbott College Literacy Presentation lead by Marion Daigle and Giovanna Spadafora
- Nov 21 Board of Director Meeting #5
- Nov 26 MELS LEARN Forum II Event MOVING FORWARD attended by Carol Meindl/ Roch Gamache
- December**
- Dec 8 Olympic Torch Relay Event organized by Roch Gamache, Lailah Cowan, Jenn Beauregard, Julie Girardin, and Harold Spanier, held in Hudson, Quebec
- Dec 21 Executive Committee Meeting, Carol Meindl, Chair
- January**
- Jan 9 Board of Directors Meeting #6
Launch of new QFHSA website
Major School Change LBPSB came into effect
- Jan 12 Parenting and Literacy Meeting, Giovanna Spadafora, Chair

- Jan 14 Education, Rights, and Public Affairs Committee Meeting, Brian Rock, Chair
- Jan 19 Youth Standing Committee, QCGN, attended by Carol Meindl
- Jan 25 CLC Conference Riverview attended by Giovanna Spadafora
- Jan 28 Parenting and Literacy Meeting, Giovana Spadafora, Chair

February

- Feb 10 Olympic Torch Relay Sports Fair Event organized by the Dream Team
- Feb 13 Board of Director Meeting #7
- Feb 19 LEARN workshop attended by Rickhey Margolese and Giovanna Spadafora
- Feb 19-20 QCGN Board Meeting attended by representative Carol Meindl

March

- Mar 11 Education, Rights and Public Affairs meeting with guest Serge Laurendeau, QPAT, Brian Rock, Chair
- Mar 18 Parenting and Literacy Meeting, Giovanna Spadafora, Chair
- Mar 19 Executive Appreciation Dinner, Casa Greque, LaSalle, Quebec
- Mar 20 Board of Director Meeting # 8
- Mar 25 Executive Meeting: History and Archives Projects

QFHSA 66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – April 24, 2010
BUSINESS MEETING PROCEDURE

1. The **Annual General Meeting** [AGM] is **conducted in accordance** with our Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules. In the case of any procedural dispute reference shall be made to Robert's Rules of Order Revised.
2. Each **official voting delegate** of each Member Association shall have **one vote** on any question which comes before the meeting, **except** for associations more than 250 kilometers from Montreal. Such Associations will still be entitled to three votes, expressed either as an identical or divided vote. Application for such privilege is to be presented in writing to the Executive Secretary prior to the start of the business portion of the Annual General Meeting.
3. The **quorum for transaction of business** at the Annual General Meeting shall be twenty-five percent [25%] of **Member Associations in good standing**, represented by their official representatives or accredited alternates.
4. **Voting** shall be by ballot or show of hands. All questions shall be **decided by a majority of those present** and entitled to vote, **except** those which require a two-thirds [2/3] majority. On ballot votes, the votes of each association shall be handed in by the voting delegates of each association individually but at the same time. Counting of the votes shall be done by non-voting participants.
5. A **delegate** may not **speak** for more than two [2] **minutes** on any question under discussion, nor more than twice on any particular motion or resolution. Any person wishing to speak needs to stand and come to the microphone (if we have one).
6. **Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws** require a two-thirds [2/3] **vote** of the delegates present and entitled to vote. Notice of the proposed amendments must have been mailed to all Member Associations at least ten [10] weeks prior to the meeting. Modifications to these proposed amendments received two [2] weeks before the AGM will be considered, but **no modification may be made from the floor**.
7. **Resolutions** to the Annual General Meeting must have been circulated to the Member Associations eight [8] weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. Resolutions received after the date specified will be presented as **Emergency Resolutions** only after consideration by the Chairman of the meeting and the Resolutions Committee. Delegates presenting resolutions are reminded that they must be present at the time designated on the agenda for the presentation of their resolution. The **presenting party** may **speak** to the resolution, or amendments thereto, for not more than FIVE [5] **minutes**. In addition to amendments received two weeks before the AGM

there may be amendments emanating from the caucus session held earlier, **but no further amendments may be made from the floor.**

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE 2010

PRINCIPLES

- Justice and Courtesy for all
- One thing at a time
- the Recognition of the will of the majority
- Protection of the rights of the minority

PURPOSE

To conduct business in an orderly and democratic manner by one or more of following ways: communications
committee reports
motions or resolutions

To participate effectively in the proceedings of meetings,
each person needs to know the fundamentals of parliamentary procedure.

THE MAIN MOTION

WHAT IS A MOTION?

A main motion introduces a new item of business; it is a proposal that the group take a certain action. It is the basis of all discussion and states the bounds of discussion. All remarks pertain directly to the contents of the motion on the floor. The making of the motion comes first, discussion follows. A subsidiary motion qualifies the main motion or proposes an alternate timetable for consideration.

WHEN IS A MOTION NEEDED?

- It forms a basis for discussion on all major decisions of the group.
- When in doubt, ask for a motion to be proposed.
- Motions must be made on all matters involving finances not already included in the budget as approved.
- On minor matters, a question may be resolved by the chairman 'taking the sense of the meeting'.
- The decision must be clearly stated for the secretary to report in the minutes as well as for the benefit of the members.

THE STEPS TO PRESENTING A MOTION ARE:

1. member stands or raises a hand and says:
"Madame Chairman/Mr. Chairman."
The chairman recognizes the speaker by name.

2. The member says, **"I move that . . ."**, stating or reading a motion.
3. Another raises a hand to be identified by the chairman, then says:
"I second the motion." The seconder believes the motion should be discussed, but may not necessarily be in favour of it.
4. Chairman says, **"It has been moved by (name of mover) and seconded by (name of seconder) that Is there any discussion?"**
5. The mover usually speaks first, giving the reasons for the motion. The opportunity to speak to the motion must be given to anyone who wishes to speak to or oppose the motion. Discussion should be addressed to the chairman.
6. At the end of the discussion, the chairman says:
"If there is no further discussion" or **"Are you ready for the question?"** Then:
"The motion is that "
"All in favour?" (pause while the count is taken by the secretary)
"Opposed?" (pause while the count is taken by the secretary)
"Abstentions?" (pause while the count is taken by the secretary)
"The motion is carried" (or is defeated).
7. If anyone calls **"Division"** (questions the voice vote), the chair calls for a show of hands or a standing vote: **"All in favour raise your hand. All opposed ... "** If a majority request it, the vote may be taken by ballot. A **"ballot vote"** is the recommended procedure for election of officers and for resolving a contentious issue.

SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS

AMENDMENTS CHANGE MOTIONS: To qualify the idea of a motion, but not to change the subject or the intent of the main motion.

1. **"I move to amend the motion by "** :
Inserting or adding a word, phrase or sentence.
Striking out a word, phrase or sentence.
Striking out and inserting a word or phrase or substituting a sentence or paragraph.
2. **"I second the motion to amend."**
3. **"It has been proposed to amend the motion to read as follows "**
The chairman states the main motion and the amendment so the group will understand how the amendment changes the motion. Amendment is handled in the same way as a motion with:
Discussion: **"Is there any discussion?"**
Question: **"If there is no further discussion, the amendment is"**
Vote: **"All in favour of the amendment "**
Chairman announces the outcome:
"The amendment is carried (or defeated)."
"The motion now before the meeting is"

(states the motion plus the amendment(s) if it carried)

In dealing with motions, the vote is taken first on the amendment. If passed, the amended motion is voted on. If the amendment is defeated, the main motion in its original form is voted on.

TO REFER: A question is referred to committee for further study and to submit a recommendation to the group at a later time.

TO TABLE: To set the matter aside until someone moves to reconsider it.

TO POSTPONE DEFINITELY: Postpone discussion until more facts are available.

TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY: The motion may not be considered again that year.

► Recommended useful resource materials available for reference during a meeting:

A copy of your organization's Constitution and By-Laws. Robert's Rules of Order or other guide to basic rules of parliamentary procedure.

GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS 2010-11

- AAESQ** **Association of Administrators of English Schools of Quebec**
Represents the interests of in-school administrators (principals and vice-principals) in the English sector of the province.
President: Lucie Roy info@aaesq.ca
- AAEB** **Advisory Board on English Education**
Secrétaire: Sam Boskey: cela-abee@mels.gouv.qc.ca
- ADGESBQ** **Association of Directors General of the English School Boards of Quebec**
Responsible for the running of the English school boards.
President: Mike Dawson
- CSDM** **Commission Scolaire de Montréal**
Largest school board in Quebec. www.csdm.qc.ca
Chairman:
- CSQ** **Centrale des syndicats du Québec**
Provincial union of the majority of French-speaking teachers of Quebec.
Président: Réjean Parent
- CHSF** **Canadian Home and School Federation**
The national association composed of ten provincial Home and School Federations, or Parent Advisory Councils; the head office is located in Ottawa.
President: Janet Walsh (from Nova Scotia)
- CPC** **Central Parents Committee** The Central Parents' Committee elects two parent commissioners (one for the elementary level and one for the secondary level) to represent them at the Council of Commissioners. The parent commissioners have the same rights, powers and obligations as other commissioners but are not entitled to vote.
Chair: Scott Day
- CSEQ** **Conseil supérieur de l'éducation** (Superior Council of Education)
Advisory body to the Ministry of Education. Membership includes five commissions [primary, secondary, CEGEP, university and adult education].
President: Nicole Boutin
- EPCA** **English Parents Committee Association** to unite the parents' committees from the nine English School Boards
President: Jacques Theriault
- EMSB** **English Montreal School Board**
The second largest school board in the Montreal region.
It comprises approximately 60 English and French schools.
Chairman: Dominic Spiridigliozzi
- FCPIM** **Fédération des comités de parents de l'île de Montréal**
Federation of Parent Committees of the Island of Montreal of the five school boards.
Since July 1998, the 27 members are composed of 1 representative from each parents' committee or administrative region, 1 representative of the central committee, and two non-voting directors from the FCPPQ.
www.fcpim.qc.ca

- FCPQ** **Fédération des comités de parents du Québec**
(Federation of Parent Committees for the province of Quebec). Two delegates (3 from Montreal) from each of the Quebec regions represent the views of parents from all over the province. Delegates are sponsored by the Parent Committees within each region. www.fcpgq.qc.ca
Chairman: Francois Paquet
- FCSQ** **Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec**
(Federation of School Commissions of Quebec). www.fcsq.qc.ca
It is composed of members from the French school boards in Quebec.
Chairman: Josée Bouchard
- RC** **QFHSA Regional Councils**
The councils are comprised of the president (or delegate) from each local Home & School Association within a specified region. They meet a few times a year to share and discuss local problems.
- MELS** **Ministère de l'éducation, du loisir et du sport**
The Ministry of Education of Quebec is the centralized body in Quebec which administers education throughout the province. The province is divided into 9 regions, with region 6 (Montreal area) subdivided into 3 separate regions.
Minister: Michelle Courchesne
Assistant Deputy Minister for English education: Leo LaFrance
- QFHSA** **Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations**
An independent non-profit organization made up of local associations of parents and volunteers active in the schools (one of the eight provincial organizations comprising the CHSF).
President: Carol Meindl
- QPAT** **Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers**
The provincial union for English-speaking teachers in Quebec.
President: Serge Laurendeau
- QCGN** **Quebec Community Groups Network**
A provincial coalition of English-speaking organizations to contribute to the development and enhancement of the vitality of the English-language minority communities of Quebec.
Chairman: Bob Donnelly
- QSBA** **Quebec School Boards Association**
Composed of members from the various English boards in Quebec.
President: Debbie Horrocks

MINUTES OF THE 65th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS INC.
Held April 25, 2009 at the Hotel Montreal Airport in Dorval

Registered and present during the 65th Annual General Meeting were 82 people. The Saturday evening Awards Dinner was attended by 114 people, including special guests – Debbie Horrocks, President, Quebec English School Boards Association, and Serge Laurendeau, President of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers. Brian Peat, Central Vice-President of the Canadian Home and School Federation, was unable to attend. He sent an excellent message which was read by Vice-President Marlyn Brownrigg, the QFHSA delegate to CHSF.

There were 29 local Home & School Associations present (out of a possible 70). Local Associations with voting delegates were:

Arundel	Evergreen	New Richmond High
Baie-Comeau	Forest Hill Jr. & Sr.	Pierre E. Trudeau
Beacon Hill	Gardenview	Riverview
Beaconsfield High School	John Rennie	Sherwood Forest
Bishop Whelan	Jubilee	Souvenir
Dorset	Lindsay Place High School	St. John Fisher
Dorval	Lord Aylmer	St. Patrick
Dunrae Gardens	Macdonald High School	Thorndale
East Hill	Merton	Westpark
Edgewater	New Carlisle High School	

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was chaired by President Debi Brown. She welcomed everyone and introduced those at the Head Table: Barbara Milne-Smith, Past-President of QFHSA and a Life Member of Canadian Home & School Federation, serving as Parliamentarian; Anne MacWhirter, Director, Time Keeper; Marlyn Brownrigg, Vice-President, Speakers List; Carol Ohlin, Recording Secty.

The remaining Directors were also presented to the delegates and thanked for their services: Beverlee Bishundayal, Secretary; Oliver Cole, Treasurer, and Directors: Liette Chamberland, Diana Donnelly, Rickhey Margolese, Carol Meindl, Charlene Morrison, Brian Rock, Barbara Schnider and Sheila Splane. Wanda Leah Trineer, Executive Vice-President, and Donna Norris, Past President, were not present. Also introduced were Roch Gamache, Executive Director; Harold Spanier, Director of Community Services and this year's recipient of the Buzzell Award; and Marion Daigle, a Past President of QFHSA, a CHSF Life Member, and Literacy Resource.

The President welcomed guest Serge Laurendeau, President, Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers.

Membership awards were presented by Marlyn Brownrigg and Barbara Schnider, Membership Co-Chairs. Libby McCullough, Jubilee Elementary School in Pointe Claire, was the recipient of the teacher book draw. Newsletter awards were presented by Liette Chamberland, Chair of the Education Committee, since Diane Radu, Editor of the QFHSA *NEWS Focus on the Locals* section was not able to attend the meeting.

The President welcomed everyone.

The 65th Annual General Meeting was officially called to order at 1:30 p.m.

1.1 Appointments & Procedures

Parliamentarian	Barbara Milne-Smith
Recording Secretary	Carol Ohlin
Speakers List	Marlyn Brownrigg
Time Keeper	Anne MacWhirter
Credentials	Beverlee Bishundayal & Carol Ohlin
Scrutineers	Beverlee Bishundayal and Sheila Splane
Steering Committee	Brian Rock, Anne MacWhirter, Charlene Morrison

MOTION: Liette Chamberland
(Sherwood Forest)/Lindsay McLeod (St John Fisher) to accept these appointments.

CARRIED

Beverlee Bishundayal, Registration Credentials, reported that there were presently 29 Home & School Associations in attendance which fulfilled the requirements for a quorum.

1.2 Parliamentary Procedure

Barbara Milne-Smith briefly reviewed the Business Meeting Procedures described in the Book of Reports, page 3, and the principles of Parliamentary Procedure, pages 4-5.

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

The President noted that the Constitution and By-Laws Report should be added to the Agenda in the Committee Reports.

MOTION: Joanie Beaubien (Beaconsfield High)/Fe Solomon (Dorval) to accept the Agenda with the addition of the Constitution Report. **CARRIED**

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF 2008 AGM (Book of Reports, pages 7-12)**

MOTION: Liette Chamberland (Sherwood Forest)/Sheila Splane (Lord Aylmer) to accept the 2008 AGM Minutes in the Book of Reports. **CARRIED**

There was no business arising from the 2008 AGM Minutes.

4. PRESIDENT' S REPORT (Book of Reports, pages 14-16)

Debi Brown presented her report, noting in particular the hiring of the Executive Director, Roch Gamache.

MOTION: Lindsay McLeod (St John Fisher)/Liette Chamberland (Sherwood Forest) to accept the President's Report. **CARRIED**

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Book of Reports, pages 17-18)

Roch Gamache briefly referred to his report, highlighting the Strategic Plan, the development of new initiatives in membership service offerings, a service-learning program, marketing-communications, and the appointment of the Director of Community Services, Harold Spanier.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

In this newly-created position, Harold Spanier is developing an expanded approach to services for the membership. A recent pilot project has been a partnership with Montreal-based Lobster Press to provide quality books at a substantial discount to some group affiliate members and which may be extended to include local associations off Montreal Island.

7. CANADIAN HOME & SCHOOL FEDERATION (Book of Reports, page 31)

Marlyn Brownrigg, the QFHSA delegate to CHSF, spoke to her report, reviewing the status of Home & School federations in other provinces. In Prince Edward Island, for example, H&S has been recognized by the government as a partner and has received funding for two years. In June 2009, she will attend the CHSF annual general meeting in Winnipeg.

8. COMMUNICATIONS/TELEPHONE CHAIN (Book of Reports, page 33)

Anne MacWhirter explained the purpose of the phone calls and email communications for keeping in touch with the local associations and sharing of information.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Book of Reports, pages 35-38)

Liette Chamberland, Education Chair, acknowledged the assistance of Bryden Murray as her mentor on education issues as she re-established the Education Committee. In addition to the current sub-committees on French Second Language and Special Needs, a new sub-committee on the problem of school violence will be created.

MOTION: Liette Chamberland (Sherwood Forest)/Heidi Werbin (Sherwood Forest) to accept the two recommendations in the Education Report:

- That the QFHSA recruits additional assistance from local Associations in order to cover more concerns and issues.
- That the QFHSA recruits additional assistance from off-island and from the regions in order to have a better view of the situations throughout the whole of the province.

CARRIED

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (Book of Reports, page 34)

Liette Chamberland explained that QFHSA has begun the process of reviewing its governing documents which can also serve as a template for the Constitution and By-Laws of the local Associations.

MOTION: Liette Chamberland (Sherwood Forest)/Mary Skagos (Gardenview) to accept the recommendation in the report:

That the QFHSA recruits assistance from at least 4 local Associations to review the first draft of proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

CARRIED

LITERACY COMMITTEE (Book of Reports, pages 43-45)

Marion Daigle, a member of the committee, presented the report and thanked Literacy Director Diana Donnelly for her excellent work this year, including participation in the Gazette Raise-a-Reader campaign and the projects supported by this grant. Marion reviewed the literacy information in the conference kits, noting the 2 new topics to be added to the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide* (for a total of 18 subjects added to the original 2005 book). She acknowledged Dorothy Nixon's invaluable role in researching and creating the CLRG and continuing to develop new material.

12. MEDIA & PUBLICITY (Book of Reports, page 46)

Beverlee Bishundayal spoke to her report. She will continue to produce the homepage on-line seasonal newsletter, The QFHSA Download, even though she will be stepping down from the Board of Directors and moving from Quebec.

13. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (Book of Reports, page 47)

Barbara Schnider, Co-Chair, presented the report on behalf of the committee and Co-Chair, Marlyn Brownrigg. She thanked Harold Spanier for his efforts in successfully increasing the Group Affiliate memberships to 16. The next membership workshop will be the Executive Workshops scheduled to be held September 11th.

14. RIGHTS REPORT (Book of Reports, pages 51-52)

Rights Committee Chairman, Brian Rock, thanked Marion Daigle for her invaluable contributions to the work of the committee. He then reviewed some of the major issues of the year;

- Donations received for the fund-raising campaign to give financial support to

the families appealing Bill 104 to the Supreme Court of Canada were forwarded to legal counsel Brent Tyler. [Note: Later in the afternoon, special guest Mr. Tyler gave a brief review of the history of Bill 104 and an update on the current status of the appeal.]

- A special meeting with Graham Fraser, Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada, was held in June 2008.
- The availability of English Language high school textbooks: Serge Laurendeau, President of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers (QPAT), reported to the delegates that as a result of the pressure from all of the concerned parties, there has been commitment from MELS (Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sports) that there will be simultaneous availability of textbooks before the implementation of programs.

Marion Daigle, referring to the information provided by the Quebec English School Boards Association (QESBA), reviewed the English schools annual enrollment figures for 2006-2008. During this time, there has been a decline of 5,000 students in the English community. Serge Laurendeau added that this represents 200 fewer teachers across the province.

15. RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY (Book of Reports, page 50)

On behalf of Committee Chair Rickhey Margolese, Marion Daigle reported on the disposition of the 2008 resolutions and explained the procedure for the caucusing sessions to discuss the 2009 resolutions.

15.1 Disposition of 2008 Resolutions (Page 41)

- Resolution 2008/1 *Wider Access to English Education*

In September 2008 an informative meeting was held with the political attaché for MNA Yolande James, Minister of Immigration and Cultural Identity.

A letter of support was received from Debbie Horrocks, President of the Quebec English School Boards Association

- Resolution 2008/2 *Increased Funding for Libraries and Librarians*
- Re-affirmation of Resolution 2007/2 *High School Textbooks in English* –

See Rights Report, Item 14.

15.2 Statement of Policy – no update

The 2009 *Statement of Policy* will reflect the resolutions passed in 2008 and 2009.

15.3 RESOLUTIONS 2009

A simple majority is required to pass; the procedure for amendments was explained. Addition, or changes to the destinations, do not require an amendment. (If there are proposed changes to the wording, these are indicated in ***bold italics.***)

Resolution 2009/1 French Second Language Programs in Quebec

Bryden Murray, Chair of the FSL Sub-Committee, explained that although there have been tremendous changes in education during the past forty years, there has been little evaluation of the success of French second language programs in Quebec. The resolution calls for focused research aimed at evaluating and strengthening the programs.

There were no amendments or changes to the resolution previously circulated.

MOTION: Renée Marak (Lindsay Place High School)/Terina McLaren (John Rennie High School) to accept Resolution 2009/1.

CARRIED

Resolution 2009/2 English School Eligibility for Children of Parents with Serious Learning Disabilities

Minor editorial changes in the first Whereas:

Whereas the Education Act provides *all* students or their parents with the right to choose the school that best reflects their preferences as well as the services to the students *are* entitled from among the schools of the school board whose jurisdiction the students *come* under; and ...

Replace the 6th Whereas paragraph with:

Whereas parents with serious learning disabilities, who attended English school with

a special authorization, would be presented with substantial obstacles in dealing with Parent-School communications at all levels, including independent study activities, thus creating the inability to actively participate in the education and support of their children, if the latter were to be enrolled in French school;

MOTION: Lindsay McLeod (St John Fisher)/Nicole Guigui (Westpark) to accept Resolution 2009/2 with the above amendments.

CARRIED

16. FINANCE REPORT (Book of Reports, pages 39, 19-29, 40-41)

Oliver Cole, Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports and Statements.

Membership Fee

MOTION: Joanie Beaubien (Beaconsfield High School)/Lindsay McLeod (St John Fisher) to accept the recommendation that the 2009-2010 family membership fee remain at \$16.

CARRIED

2008 Financial Statement (Book of Reports, 19-30)

MOTION: Patricia Willis (Dunrae Gardens)/Lisa Jarvis (Dorval) to accept the 2008 financial statements and the Auditor's Report.

CARRIED

2010 Proposed Budget (Book of Reports, 40-41)

MOTION: Brian Johnston (Riverview)/Amanda Tweedie-Smith (St Patrick) to accept the proposed 2010 Budget. **CARRIED**

Re-appointment of Auditor

MOTION: Johanna Morrow (Thorndale)/Renée Marak (Lindsay Place High) to re-appoint Verelli Arrizza C.A. as QFHSA auditor for the year 2009. **CARRIED**

11. REMAINING REPORTS [except Nominations]

MOTION: Patricia Willis (Dunrae Gardens)/Barbara Vorsteher (Beaconsfield High) to accept the remaining reports (except Nominations) from the Book of Reports *en bloc*. **CARRIED**

12. NOMINATIONS REPORT (Book of Reports, page 48, with up-date circulated in the AGM Mailing #3 and in the Conference Kits)

Nominations

Marlyn Brownrigg, Co-Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the Nominations Report and conducted the election for the Board of Directors 2009-2011. She noted that nominations from the floor would be referred to the Board of Directors for appointment. There were no nominations from the floor.

Current Directors completing the term 2008-2010

Debi Brown	Oliver Cole	Barbara Schnider
Marlyn Brownrigg	Rickhey Margolese	Sheila Splane
Liette Chamberland	Charlene Morrison	Leah Trineer

MOTION: Lindsay McLeod (St. John Fisher)/Fe Solomon (Dorval) to declare Nominations closed. **CARRIED**

MOTION: Joanie Beaubien (Beaconsfield High)/Terina McLaren (John Rennie High) to elect these nominees to the Board of Directors for a two-year term - 2009-2011:

Nominations for a two-year term, 2009-2011

Anne MacWhirter	Brian Rock
Carol Meindl	Giovanna Spadafora

CARRIED

Slate of Officers

President	Carol Meindl
Executive Vice-President	Rickhey Margolese
Secretary	Liette Chamberland
Treasurer	Oliver Cole
Vice-President	Marlyn Brownrigg
Vice-President	Wanda Leah Trineer

INSTALLATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Barbara Milne-Smith, Past-President of QFHSA and a Life Member of Canadian Home and School Federation, invested the Board of Directors for 2009-2010.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Carol Meindl, President

Liette Chamberland, Secretary

Date

Date

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2010

Submitted by Carol Meindl, President

Theme The theme for 2009 -2010 was 65 Years Of Partnership
The theme for 2010-2011 is Building A Future: Together

Main Activities- The Board of Directors was very busy during the past year since the previous AGM. Board of Director's meetings were held in May, June, September, October, November, January, February and March. In addition, the Directors organized and attended the AGM, Post AGM Meeting, Executive Workshops for Local Associations, The Fall Conference and the Executive Appreciation Dinner. Additional meetings, particularly Executive and Finance Committee meetings were held in the fall, usually with a teleconferencing component. One third of our Directors live outside of the Montreal area and travel long distances to attend functions and Board meetings.

Committees Committees were working hard on behalf of the membership and schools. Please see the respective reports for a summary of the following committees' activities.

- Education, Rights and Public Affairs- Brian Rock, Chair
- Parenting and Literacy- Giovanna Spadafora, Chair
- Membership Development and Community Services- Marlyn Brownrigg and Barbara Schnider, Co-Chairs
- Resolutions- Rickhey Margolese, Chair
- Communications- Telephone Chain- Anne MacWhirter, Co-ordinator

CHSF- Canadian Home and School Federation. Marlin Brownrigg, QFHSA Vice- President, represented the provincial organization at the 2009 CHSF Annual General meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba in June and at the Mid term Meeting in Montreal in November. In May, Rickhey Margolese will be the new representative and will attend the 2010 CHSF AGM in St Andrew's, New Brunswick.

Communications with Local Associations

- Four issues (June, September, December, March) of the QFHSA NEWS were mailed to home addresses of all members, as well as Group Affiliate members, liaison organizations and all English Schools across Quebec.
- Local Association presidents received phone calls and e-mail messages on a regular basis from the Directors and our staff. E-mailings were sent throughout the year with information and invitations to special events such as Executive Workshops, Fall Conference, Executive Appreciation Dinner, and AGM.
- The website was updated with new features and a *Facebook* page was also developed to encourage feedback on ideas and concerns.
- An *ftp* site was set up for the local associations to access forms and material directly.
- The provincial office was available as a source for information and advice.

Other Activities

1. On May 3 at the 2008 Annual General Meeting, the keynote speaker, Brent Tyler, presented a history of the restrictions of access to English education in Quebec. In 2009 Brent Tyler was invited back to update the QFHSA on the recent developments with Bill 104 and some of the anticipated outcomes. By October of 2009 the Supreme Court of Canada had struck down Bill 104 and ruled it as unconstitutional. The QFHSA's Education, Rights, and Public Affairs Committee has been keeping abreast of all the subsequent developments.
2. At the 2009 AGM we welcomed new Director Giovanna Spadafora to the Board.
3. In May and June Harold Spanier, began his tour of the Gaspé and North Shore, visiting the local Associations and meeting with schools interested in more information about QFHSA.
4. In June QFHSA Vice President, Marlyn Brownrigg, attended the Canadian Home and School Federation's Annual Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on behalf of the QFHSA.
5. Also in June Executive Director, Roch Gamache and Harold Spanier met with MNA Kathleen Weil with regards to a funding request to continue work on the archiving project. A sum of \$2000.00 was granted and over the next two months the entire collection of QFHSA newsletters and newspapers, going back 65 years, were digitally scanned as a permanent archive.
6. In July, farewell was said to long time Executive Secretary, Donna Sauriol, after more than 30 years of service with the QFHSA.
7. In September another long time staff member, Carol Ohlin, decided to retire after 12 years of service. The QFHSA began looking for new staff to carry on the work in the office.
8. In October the Annual Fall Conference was held at Beaconsfield High School and was attended by more than 80 delegates representing approximately 30 schools across Quebec.
9. In November the Canadian Home and School Federation held its Mid-Term Meeting in Montreal and were hosted by our Directors at the Cavendish offices.
10. In December, The Olympic Torch Relay Event, organized by Roch Gamache Lailah Cowan, Julie Girardin, Jenn Beauregard and Harold Spanier was held at Hudson Town Hall. This event was attended by 150 enthusiastic fans of the 2010 Olympics and were there to watch Mr Everet Bastet carry the Olympic torch on it's way to Vancouver for the Winter Games in February, 2010.
11. With great regret farewell was said to Roch Gamache as Executive Director and Harold Spanier as Director of Community Services, as funding to maintain those positions was no longer available.
12. Never the less, the follow up to the Olympic Torch Relay was the 'Reach for the Torch Sports Fair' event in Vaudreuil in February. This event hosted 250 students from the LBPSB and featured an address from Stephanie St-Pierre, Olympian and

award-winning freestyle mogul skier. Roch Gamache acted as Coordinator of this event.

13. On March 19th, the annual Executive Appreciation Dinner was held at La Casa Greque in LaSalle, where 30 guests representing 10 schools were wined and dined.

14. April saw the making final preparations for the 2010 Annual General Meeting to be held at the Wyndham Aeorport Montreal Hotel, April 24th.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Liette Chamberland as Education Chair and Oliver Cole as QFHSA Treasurer for a good part of the year 2009. Their work was greatly appreciated.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Debi Brown, Marlyn Brownrigg, Charlene Morrison, Anne MacWhirter, Rickhey Margolese, Brian Rock, Barbara Schnider, Giovanna Spadafora, Sheila Splane, Leah Trineer for their service and dedication to the Board of Directors.

I would also like to thank the current staff, Jenn Beauregard, Lailah Cowan, Mary Skagos and past staff Carol Ohlin, Donna Sauriol and Julie Girardin and especially Roch Gamache and Harold Spanier for their dedication and hard work to secure the smooth running and future success of the QFHSA into 2010 and beyond.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting April 24, 2010

No report was available at the time of publication.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting April 24, 2010

No report was available at the time of publication.

AUDITOR'S REPORT 2009

report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2010

The Auditor's report was not ready at the time of publication of Book of Reports. Refer to separate documents.

THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2010

Submitted by Marlyn Brownrigg, QFHSA representative

CHSF 2009 Board Meeting and AGM

The 2009 CHSF board meeting and AGM took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba. A detailed financial review was presented by the (new) auditor. The Board decided to close the office in Ottawa as CHSF no longer has any employees. The “office” will be where the president resides. Judith Cameron of Manitoba was elected to the Western Vice-President position. SASC is no longer a member of CHSF.

Mid-Term Meeting November 2009

The mid-term meeting was held at the QFHSA office in November 2009. Board members broke into working group to examine policies, communications, the constitution and by-laws. One goal is to have provincial Home and School newsletters on the website as well as ideas for TSAW. Keeping the website up-to-date is a priority. A discussion re the frequency of policy updates took place and some revisions were completed. The constitution and by-laws review will continue. A resolution from OFHSA regarding the sale of energy drinks will go forward to the AGM.

Varia

Central Vice-President Brian Peat is still following the proposed Federal government copyright legislation. CHSF supports an education amendment to the legislation as costs could become astronomical for schools.

CHSF is hoping to rebuild and rebrand in the coming year(s) and once again take on a national presence.

The 2010 AGM will take place in New Brunswick in May.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, , April 24, 2010

Submitted by: Jennifer Beauregard, QFHSA NEWS editor

MANDATE: To create a quarterly tabloid format newspaper to provide it’s membership with relevant information and services which express and conform to the views and concerns of the QFHSA Board of Directors and overall membership.

Editorial Board

Jennifer Beauregard, Editor	Rohinton Ghandi
Carol Meindl	Lailah Cowan
Rickhey Margolese	Mary Skagos

There were four regular issues published last year; April, 2009; June 2009 (16 pages), October 2009 (8 pages), December 2009 (20 pages). Circulation has remained steady and the average paid distribution is 6,000; average total distribution of a single issue is 7,300. Local Associations are welcome to have extra copies of the NEWS to use in membership drives and to promote Home & School.

Jennifer Beauregard took on the task of Editor of the NEWS in September, and has been mandated to rebrand the overall look of the NEWS. The membership will have begun to see some changes to the paper starting in September of 2009.

The NEWS is grateful to our regular contributors; AMCAL Family Services, Marlyn Brownrigg and Barbara Schneider (membership), Canadian Home and School Assn, Roch Gamache, Harold Spanier and Carol Meindl, QFHSA President.

The NEWS would also like to welcome our new contributors; Wendy Kennedy, Roberta Billingsly-McGregor, Debbie Oestreich; LINC, Melinda Atkinson; Bartimaeus, and Tasha Maslen.

The local associations are asked to send in their own school news for inclusion in their section of the paper, *Focus on the Locals*. We have also incorporated book reviews by children and have added coloring contests for children to win books for their class libraries.

The NEWS ran a photo contest in the October 2009 issue. The contest was sponsored by KaZa Photography and the winner was awarded a \$100 gift card for Chapters. The winner of the contest was Sandy Belanger from Shigawake School.

Deadline dates for NEWS submissions:

November 30 February 17 May 11 August 20

Website: The QFHSA website has undergone some changes. Members are now able to register and log into the site to download required materials. A current copy of the NEWS is available for members and the past issue is available for any web visitor. Members are also welcome to post any information and/or pictures they would like to share with other members.

QFHSA also has a web presence through Facebook and hosts a fan page. Currently, we have 101 fans and the page is accessed on average 420 times weekly. Information and interesting news articles are posted regularly. We look forward to more in depth analytics in the months to come.

As part of our efforts to be in closer communication with our membership we have introduced an *on-line survey* to gauge membership opinion on what we have been doing and where we can improve. Response to the survey has been tremendous and we hope to initiate a similar survey every year.

EDUCATION, RIGHTS, and PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 24, 2010

Submitted by Brian Rock, Chair

Mandate

QFHSA is concerned with the well-being of children and the cultural health of our community as a proper environment in which to raise them.

QFHSA is responsible for maintaining and developing education policy as defined by the Mission Statement. Rights are not simply an abstraction. Rights define our obligations to and opportunities for our children. We, Home and Schoolers, have a history of pleading and defending the rights of all our children and their parents. Parents should have the choice of the Official Language used in the education of their children. The Committee has expanded to include public affairs where resolutions and policy are prepared for presentation and voting at the AGM.

Members

Brian Rock (Chair), Carol Meindl (*ex officio*), Rickhey Margoese, Marion Daigle, Chris Eustace, Jim Wilson, Rohinton Gandhi, Holly Gandhi, Connie De Giorgio, Oliver Cole, and Sam Allison.

Recommendation

That the delegates to the 2010 AGM vote on:

Resolution 2010/01 *An Appeal to the Government of Quebec -*

Wider Access to English Education re: Bill 104

Resolution 2010/02 *Special Education Services in Mainstream Schools*

Resolution 2010/03 *Alternative Programs for Students with Special Needs*

Resolution 2010/04 *Students with Learning Disabilities and/or Difficulties*

Resolution 2010/05 *Request to Ban Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors*

Resolution 2010/06 *Budget for Indoor Air Quality in Schools*

Activities

1. AGM 2009

Resolution 2009/1 *French Second Language Programs in Quebec* and

Resolution 2009/2 *English School Eligibility for Children of Parents with Serious Learning Disabilities* were passed.

2. Regular Meeting of September 14th, 2009

Discussion focused on follow-up to QFHSA Resolutions 2009/01 and 2009/02.

Preparations continued in planning for the issue of Wider Access to English Education re: Bill 104.

3. Special Meeting of October 22nd, 2009
This special meeting turned into a working session as the Committee members produced the Press Release outlining the QFHSA Position on Wider Access to English Education re: Bill 104 as the Supreme Court of Canada had announced its unanimous ruling on the unconstitutionality of Bill 104..
4. Fall Conference 2009
The QFHSA Membership was informed of the QFHSA Position on Wider Access to English Education re: Bill 104 through the public announcement of the Press Release by the Committee Chair at the QFHSA Fall Conference Opening Ceremonies.
5. Regular Meeting of November 4th, 2009
This meeting turned into a working session as the Committee members produced the QFHSA Draft Resolution on An Appeal to the Government of Quebec - Wider Access to English Education re: Bill 104.
6. Regular Meeting of January 14th, 2010
Discussion focused on the QFHSA Draft Resolutions on An Appeal to the Government of Quebec - Wider Access to English Education re: Bill 104 and Special Education. The issues of Student Ombudsmen re: Bill 88 and the state of negotiations between teachers and the Government of Quebec were also debated.
7. Special Meeting of March 11th, 2010
Mr. Serge Laurendeau, President of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers, was the special invited guest as the QFHSA Draft Resolutions regarding Special Education and An Appeal to the Government of Quebec - Wider Access to English Education re: Bill 104 were topics discussed as was the state of negotiations between QPAT and the Government of Quebec.
8. Special Meeting of Executive Committee of March 25th, 2010
The Chair of the Education, Rights, and Public Affairs Committee and the Committee's Archives/History Resource met with the QFHSA Executive Committee to agree on a plan of action to bring to completion the QFHSA Archives Project and the QFHSA History Project.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Marion Daigle who once again has provided service well beyond the call of duty. The Education, Rights, and Public Affairs Committee functions so much better because of the legendary devotion of this "walking encyclopedia" of the history of QFHSA rights. *(There is absolutely no truth at all to the rumour circulating that Marion was present in Bytown when the original BNA Act with its heralded section 93. (2) was signed.)* Thank you so very much, Marion!

HISTORY / ARCHIVES PROJECT

Report to the QFHSA Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2010

Submitted by Marion Daigle, Co-ordinator

BACKGROUND

This project falls under the mandate of the Education, Rights and Public Affairs Committee. Previous to 2009-10 it was under the mandate of the Rights Committee.

- 2000 - The Board of Directors gave approval for the Rights Committee under the chairmanship of Marion Daigle, to secure funding to update the QFHSA History and, for the first time, to set up proper Archives

The Foundation for the Advancement of Protestant Education in Canada – Marion Daigle and Winifred Potter, a Rights Committee member presented a proposal to the Foundation Board of Directors which was accepted.

- 2001 - A grant of \$30,000 was given to QFHSA for this project. The Foundation has been a generous donor since 1984, particularly where issues related to parental rights in education are concerned.

QFHSA HISTORY

- March, 1970 - A History of Quebec Home and School by William Asherman was first published
- 2001 - The QFHSA History project was set up under the direction of Rod MacLeod, historian, McGill University as part of the Quebec Protestant Education Project (QPERP). To date 4 drafts have been submitted to a corps of History readers and the review is ongoing. Delays in completing the project are due to the co-ordinator's (Marion Daigle) responsibilities and obligations as a resource on several Federation Committees. In addition, the archival work has been very time consuming but essential in helping the historians access the research material needed.

ARCHIVES

- 2001-2006 - Under the supervision of Gordon Burr, Senior Archivist, McGill University (also a consultant to QFHSA) Josée Martel, archivist and co-ordinator, Marion Daigle and volunteer Carol Ohlin, over 60 boxes of very valuable archival material has been catalogued and stored. There is still a great deal to do.

In 2002 Gordon Burr said, in part, in a letter to QFHSA:

'After having viewed the holdings of the QFHSA I sincerely hope all these extremely valuable archival records can soon be made available to researchers. The records for this cooperative body of parents, teachers and students provide a wonderful opportunity for the study of Quebec's Anglophone cultural, social and educational milieu at both provincial and local levels'

- June, 2009 – QFHSA NEWS – a grant of \$2000 was given to QFHSA by the office of Kathleen Weil, MNA for NDG, to digitize the NEWS. This was completed in August 2009 and is a welcome addition to the Archives project.

Additional funding to complete the archives is an ongoing concern.

**October 24.
2009**

- **Fall Conference – 65 Years of Making a Difference**
Marion Daigle gave a keynote address on our QFHSA History which highlighted Home and School activities, locally and provincially, as well as paying tribute to the many tireless and dedicated volunteers. Barbara Milne-Smith was honoured for her 50 years of outstanding volunteerism.

QFHSA is fortunate to have the support, expertise and enthusiasm of very qualified historians and archivists. In addition QFHSA volunteers comprising past presidents and other long time Board Members who served many years on important committees have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share.

- **Recommendation**
It is recommended that local Home and School Associations take steps to record their history and to catalogue their archives. This is particularly important where school closures are concerned. Information is included in the AGM Conference kit.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2010

Submitted by Carol Meindl

Mandate: Request budget submission to the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc.[QFHSA] by the Board and its Committees. Review accounting procedures, the auditor's report and the expense sheet for directors. Prepares recommendations for the membership and administration fees, and applies for government grants. Review the Charitable Tax Number Information sheet and the Quebec Home and School NEWS funding.

Members: Leah Trineer, chair, Debi Brown,, Carol Meindl, Rickhey Margolese, , Oliver Cole, (Treasurer, April to October 2009) Roch Gamache (E.D April to December 2009) and Marlyn Brownrigg.

Activities:

- Discussed and reviewed QFHSA committee's 2010-2011 budgets with respective chairpersons.
- Collaborate with Executive Director and staff with preparation of Grant Applications.
- Prepared annual filing of Charitable Information Returns.
- Shared financial report information at Board of Director and Executive Meetings

Administrative changes:

There were several major changes in administration this year. Following the recommendations of our Strategic Plan, the current committee mandates were consolidated and reviewed. The twelve standing committees were consolidated into the current seven committees:

Executive

Finance and Administration

Nominations and Awards

Literacy and Parenting

Communications and Special Events

Community Services and Membership Development

Education, Rights and Public Affairs/ Resolutions

The QFHSA also created the executive staff position of Director of Community Services to support Literacy and Parenting, Communications and Special Events, Community Services and Membership Development and Special Projects.

Harold Spanier stepped into this role on a volunteer basis April to December 2009

Staffing Changes

There were significant changes in the staffing of the QFHSA home office as well. We saw the departure of long time Executive Secretary, Donna Sauriol, and the retirement of Administrative Assistant, Carol Ohlin. Severance packages were prepared for each respectively, reflecting seniority and time served in the office.

New staff were hired, trained and in place by the end of September, in time for the new school year rush. It has been a learning experience for all involved to establish a smooth running office. Many tasks that were done quietly behind the scenes by the previous staff were taken on by Board members until the new staff became familiar with and successfully re-invented office procedure.

Grant Funding to support an Executive Director ran out by the Spring of 2009. Both Roch Gamache and Harold Spanier offered to stay on, *pro bono*, for the summer and fall and complete projects and tasks initiated during their mandates. Honoraria were offered to them at the end of December 2009 in compensation for work completed.

QFHSA Office Staff 2009-2010:

Roch Gamache	Executive Director (up to Dec 31, 2009)
Harold Spanier	Director of Community Services (up to Dec 31, 2009)
Donna Sauriol	Executive Secretary (up to July 2009)
Carol Ohlin	Administrative Assistant (up to September 2009)
Lailah Cowan	Membership Development and Special projects Co-ordinator, current
Jenn Beauregard	Communications Coordinator and QFHSA NEWS Editor, current
Julie Girardin	Administrative Assistant (up to March 2010)
Mary Skagos	Administrative Assistant, current

Financial changes: The reporting statements to the Board were simplified and various accounts were consolidated and adjusted for improved efficiency. Work was done with the accountant and the past administrative assistant on implementing QFHSA's new accounting structure. Project modules were instigated and are now working in accordance with an accrual accounting method.

The financial statement for the 2009-2010 year was good and we came in over budget by \$2910.22.

Please see the proposed Budget for 2010 and the financial statement for January 1 to December 31, 2009 below.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Committee recommends that the proposed Budget for 2010 be approved by the membership at the Annual general meeting, April 24, 2010.

Much of the QFHSA's membership material and resources are sadly out of date. Much needs to be done to update the look and the content of QFHSA resources. Office expenses have increased over the years. The Finance Committee would like to recommend to the membership an increase in Membership Fee of \$2.00, from \$16.00 to \$18.00 for the 2010-2100 year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Annual Membership Fee be increased to \$18.00 from the current \$16.00 in light of the need to update materials and resources (pamphlets, brochures, website, etc)

Board of Director Changes

October saw changes to the Board of Directors. Liette Chamberland, our Corporate Secretary and Education Chair, resigned her position, as did our Treasurer, Oliver Cole.

The Executive Director stepped in to prepare financial statements for Board meetings and the Executive Committee over saw financial considerations in the absence of a Treasurer.

Board of Directors 2009-2010

Carol Meindl	President
Debi Brown,	Past President, Nominations Chair
Rickhey Margolese	Executive Vice-President, Resolutions Chair,
Marlyn Brownrigg	Vice-President, Membership Co-Chair
Leah Trineer	Vice-President, Finance and Administration Chair
Oliver Cole	Treasurer (up to October 2009)
Liette Chamberland	Corporate Secretary , Education, Rights and Public Affairs Co-Chair (up to October 2009)
Anne MacWhirter	Director, Telephone Chain Coordinator
Barbara Schnider	Director, Membership Co-Chair
Brian Rock	Director , Education, Rights and Public Affairs Chair
Giovanna Spadafora	Director, Literacy and Parenting Chair
Sheila Splane	Director
Charlene Morrison	Director

	2010	Income and Expense report
	Proposed Budget	Jan 1 to Dec 31 2009
REVENUE		
Membership & Services Income		
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP REVENUE	\$70,000.00	\$72,525.00
GROUP AFFILIATE REVENUE	\$1,000.00	\$375.00
ADMINISTRATION FEE REVENUE	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP REVENUE	\$150.00	\$131.00
SALES OF MATERIALS & SERVICES	\$1,000.00	\$2,855.00
MEDIA/EVENT/ADVERT & SUBSCR REVENUE	\$2,000.00	\$8,474.00
Ttl Membership & Services Income	\$77,700.00	\$87,910.00
Grants, Sponsorship, Donations Inc.		
FEDERAL GRANTS INCOME		\$13,800.00
CANADIAN HERITAGE	\$120,000.00	\$74,250.00
MELS INCOME	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
SPONSORSHIPS		\$3,421.27
DONATIONS REC'D FOR LOCALS	\$30,000.00	\$28,330.73
DONATIONS REMITTED TO LOCALS	-\$30,000.00	-\$28,323.73
DONATIONS TO QFHSA	\$1,000.00	\$662.48
RECOVERY FROM RESERVES		
Raise-a-Reader Grant	\$3,500.00	
Appreciation Dinner Revenues	\$500.00	
AGM & Conference Revenues	\$3,000.00	
QCGN Activity (recoverable)		
Interest Revenue	\$300.00	\$402.00
Children's Literacy Resource Guide		
Donation-Processing Fee Revenue		
Ttl Grants, Sponsorship, Donations	\$148,300.00	\$112,542.75
TOTAL REVENUE	\$226,000.00	\$200,452.75
EXPENSE		
General Operations		
ACCOUNTING/AUDIT FEES	\$2,500.00	\$3,710.00
LEGAL FEES	\$1,000.00	
MEMBERS INSURANCE	\$15,000.00	\$14,770.00
HONORARIA (STAFF)	\$1,000.00	\$19,399.73
HONORARIA & COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$1,000.00	\$15,776.27
PROJECT PRODUCTS & SERVICES		\$6,973.96
Ttl General Operations	\$20,500.00	\$60,629.96
Human Resources		
SALARIES	\$102,500.00	\$67,293.81

EI EXPENSE	\$1,300.00	\$1,293.37
QPP EXPENSE	\$3,000.00	\$2,849.4
QHIP EXPENSE (FSS)	\$2,000.00	\$1,807.28
QPIP EXPENSE	\$500.00	\$453.12
CSST & CNT EXPENSE	\$600.00	\$600.00
DAS/CSST ADJ. & INTER.		-\$229.02
Ttl Human Resources	\$109,900.00	\$74,068.00
Office Operations		
RENT	\$18,000.00	\$17,014.76
BANK CHARGES & INTEREST	\$50.00	
CLEANING, REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$100.00	
ELECTRICITY & HEATING	\$800.00	\$744.31
PROPERTY INSURANCE & MUNIC. TAXES	\$1,500.00	\$1,168.50
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	\$6,000.00	\$5,430.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$7,500.00	\$7,113.10
TRAVEL, MEALS & MISC. EXPENSES		\$15,516.18
Ttl Office Operations	\$33,950.00	\$46,987.05
MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION		
DONATIONS		
CHSF AFFILIATION FEES	\$4,000.00	\$5,998.18
OTHER MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTION		\$81.20
Ttl Membership Fees & Donations	\$4,000.00	\$6,079.38
Marketing-Communications Fees:		
MARKET RESEARCH		\$0.00
CRM/WEBSITE	\$500.00	\$0.00
MEDIA PRODUCTION & PRINTING	\$15,000.00	\$15,535.57
POSTAGE, COURRIER & DISTRIBUTION	\$6,500.00	\$6,163.54
SPONSORSHIPS & PROMOTION		\$0.00
TRAVEL, MEALS & MISC (OUTREACH)	\$3,000.00	\$9,260.82
Meals Directors	\$500.00	\$0.00
Education Comm. Exp.	\$500.00	\$0.00
Literacy Exp.	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Rights Committee	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
QCGN Activity (recoverable)		\$0.00
Consultation Fees (Exec Director)		\$0.00
New Furnit./Equipm. & installation	\$250.00	\$0.00
Publicity Materials	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Fees/Honorar./Supplies Fall conf.	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Meals (Fall Confer.)	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Trav./Accom./Meals Fall Confer.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Meals AGM	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Fees/Honorar./Suppl. Apprec. Dinner	\$100.00	\$0.00
Meals - Exec. Apprec. Dinner	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Fees/Honoraria/Suppl. Direct.		\$0.00
Travel & Accom. (Outreach)	\$3,500.00	\$0.00

Children's Literacy Resource Book	\$300.00	\$0.00
Raise-a-Reader Grant	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Literacy Activities		\$0.00
Ttl Marketing-Communications Fees	\$57,650.00	\$30,959.93
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$226,000.00	\$218,724.32
NET INCOME	\$0.00	-\$18,271.57

LITERACY AND PARENTING

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 24, 2010

Submitted by Giovanna Spadafora – Committee Chair

Mandate: To promote awareness of the requirements for literacy in a knowledge-based society.
To mobilize school and community volunteer resources to advocate and deliver literacy programs for prevention and remediation.
To support initiatives aimed at providing parents with workshops on various subjects pertaining to actions geared toward children and youth in the context of school and community life.

Committee Members:

Giovanna Spadafora (chair), Marion Daigle (resource), Anne MacWhirter, Casey Stilwell, Carol Meindl, President (ex-officio)

Activities 2009-2010:

May 2009

- Diana Donnelly resigned as chair on April 25, 2009 and Harold Spanier, Director of Community Services, acted as the Interim Coordinator of the Literacy Committee.
- Boxes of books were allocated to group affiliate members, and Home and School Associations in rural Quebec regions.
- Harold Spanier visited Riverview (Port Cartier), Queen Elizabeth High School and Flemming Elementary (Sept Iles) and our Home and School Association in Baie Comeau. He met with parents, teachers and community leaders about the role of Home and School.

June 2009

- Marion Daigle attended the new Born to Read Recognition Celebration at the Riverdale Community Learning Centre (CLC). This event was sponsored by the Montreal West Island Born to Read Group which organizes the Born to Read and Mother Goose program at Riverdale CLC.
- Harold Spanier visited Metis Beach, New Carlisle and Belle Anse schools as well as community groups along Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula. Boxes of books were delivered.
- A Grant of \$3,400 from the 2008 Canwest Raise-a-Reader (RAR) campaign was received in June, 2009.

July 2009

- Harold Spanier submitted a grant application in July, 2009 for the 2009 Canwest RAR campaign in September. We were accepted and expect a grant in the near future.

October 2009

- Giovanna Spadafora offered to chair the Literacy and Parenting Committee until April 24, 2010. This was approved by the Board of Directors.

November 2009

- Marion Daigle gave her annual literacy lecture to the students of the Information and Library Technologies Department of John Abbott College. Giovanna Spadafora attended and introduced herself as the new chair of the QFHSA Literacy and Parenting Committee. An honorarium of \$150 was donated to Beverley Graham, an EMSB school librarian.
- David Poulsen, author and coordinator of a literacy program in Alberta, visited guests at the QFHSA offices as part of the TD Canadian Children's Book Week. This visit was
- organized by Harold Spanier.
- QFHSA members set up the annual display at the Quebec Association of Provincial Teachers (QPAT) convention in Montreal. The Children's Literacy Resource Guide (CLGR) is a popular feature.

December 2009

- Books were delivered by Marion Daigle to the nursery/daycare program of Dans La Rue.
- Boxes of books were sent to the following community groups and schools: Netagamiou Community Learning Centre (CLC) (Chevery); Mecatina CLC (La Tabatière); Gaspé/Percé CLC; Family Ties (New Carlisle); Bonaventure High School.

January 2010

- Giovanna Spadafora attended a videoconferencing workshop on literary initiatives, held at Riverview CLC. The following organizations were represented: MELS, Riverview CLC, Riverview Elementary, Beurling Academy, Center for Literacy of Quebec, Verdun Public Library and QFHSA. MELS highlighted its recognition awards (5th year), part of its Action Plan on Reading. Netagamiou CLC was the recipient this year.
- Family Literacy Day: Several Community Learning Centers as well as Edgewater Home and School Association held Born to Read activities and celebrations on or close to January 27, 2010.
- Giovanna Spadafora and Marion Daigle attended the Born to Read celebrations at Edgewater School. This program is now in its 6th year and is very successful because of the collaboration among home and school volunteers, Edgewater staff and community volunteers.

February 2010

- Giovanna Spadafora and Carol Meindl attended a meeting with the MELS team overseeing the Action Plan on Reading (Lisa Storozuk, program coordinator). MELS discussed the different aspects of the plan (i.e., recognition awards; staff development; resource for parents). Giovanna and Carol presented the QFHSA literacy initiatives (Born to Read; Children's Literacy Resource Guide; support for reluctant reader programs; support for community and school libraries).
- Giovanna Spadafora and Marion Daigle visited Lindsay Place High School and pledged \$300 for its Literacy Program for Teens. The success of this program is due to the enthusiasm and dedication of the staff, the support of the administration and the students' willingness to participate.
- Giovanna Spadafora and Rickhey Margolese (QFHSA board member) attended a MELS workshop on "Strengthening School-Community Collaboration". The aim of the workshop was to develop a framework within which partnerships can be established and/or strengthened between CLCs and community-based organizations.

Other

- The QFHSA received a generous donation of National Wildlife Federation Magazines and art paper by the Tembec Paperboard Group. This donation in kind is being distributed to schools and community organizations.

Future Directions: Literacy

- The Committee wishes to develop a literacy survey to be sent to local associations to find out about current literacy activities and local literacy needs and concerns at the elementary and high school levels.
- The Committee would like to present the *Born to Read* program to new home and school associations and reintroduce it to established home and school associations. The aim is to increase the number of elementary schools that promote the benefits of reading to newborns and toddlers.
- The Committee wishes to undertake a revision of the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide* in order to continue to make it available as a valuable resource for parents, staff and community organizations.

Future Directions: Parenting Programs

- Pat Waters will no longer be offering the PALS PLUS Parenting With Confidence workshops. She intends to transfer the program and train another workshop facilitator.
- The QFHSA Board of Directors will also have an orientation session to assess future directions.
- The Committee will continue to inform the local home and school associations of other pertinent parenting programs and workshops and establish partnerships with other organizations whenever useful for our members.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting April 24, 2010

Submitted by Marlyn Brownrigg , and Barbara Schneider, Co Chairs Membership Committee

Mandate : To promote, encourage, and assist Home and School associations with membership activities.
To evaluate and update membership kits and other membership materials designed to promote membership.
To offer training for membership chairpersons via the executive workshops and the Fall conference.
To visit local Home and School associations and other schools interested in forming a Home and School.

Executive Workshops/School Visits

Executive workshops were held in September at the QFHSA office. Membership chairs were encouraged to exchange ideas. Each chairperson received their membership kit at the workshop or by mail.

Between May 2009- March 2010, the membership committee visited the following schools:
Wilder
Penfield (LPBSB), St Gabriel's (EMSB), Pierre Elliot Trudeau (EMSB), and St. Anthony's (LBPSB),
Mount Pleasant (LBPSB).

On-Going Projects:

As membership is a major priority of the QFHSA, the membership committee will:

- Contact local Home and School executive members using the phone/email chain and the tracking list provided by the QFHSA office.
- Re-evaluate the Group Affiliate membership plan as 2009-2010 saw a decrease in Group Affiliate membership.

Membership Fee: To increase to \$18.00 per family for the 2010-2011 school year

Results of 2009/2010 Membership Campaign:

Family Memberships (through locals)	4278
Individual Family memberships (directly with QFHSA)	7
Local Home & School Associations	72
Group Affiliate Memberships	5

These applications to become new H&S associations were accepted by the Board of Directors:

Belle Anse (Eastern Shores)	Bonaventure (Eastern Shores)
Metis Beach (Eastern Shores)	Purcell Academy (LBPSB)
Riverview Port Cartier (Eastern Shores)	Soulanges (LBPSB)
St. Edmund's (LBPSB)	St. Paul's (LBPSB)
St. Thomas High School (LBPSB)	Wilder Penfield (LBPSB)

Gaspé Polyvalent (Eastern Shore)

Loss of local associations (2010-2011) due to LPBSB major school change: Bishop Whelan, Jubilee, and Purcell Academy.

2009 – 2010 Group Affiliate Members:

Flemming Elementary, Eaton Valley CLC, James Lyng High School, Family Ties- Carrefour Famille

Regional Telephone Committee Report

Submitted by Anne Macwhirter

Mandate:

- to keep in touch with all Home and School Locals
- to remind each local of responsibilities concerning their files of information at the QFHSA office
- to remind locals of Fall Conference, AGM, Executive dinner and any other important dates
- keep the office informed of our progress

Telephone committee

Chair-Anne MacWhirter

Members: Marlyn Brownrigg, Barbara Schnider, , Sheila Splane, Leah Trineer, Charlene Morrison, Giovanna Spadafora, Terina McLaren

During the course of the year we

- Called (or e-mailed) each local to ask them to update their files at the office. The items needed for each local include the following :
 1. Executive list for the current year (with contact info)
 2. Reaffirmation letter
 3. Administration fee
 4. Membership list and fees for those members
 5. Financial and End of year reports for the office files
- We called to remind locals about the AGM, Fall Conference and the Executive Appreciation Dinner.
- A huge thank you to all those who sent e-mails, made calls and checked to make sure we contacted each local.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 24, 2010

Submitted by: Marlyn Brownrigg, Committee Member

Mandate : To receive nominations for, and to recruit qualified people to the Board of Directors. The term of office for a Director is two years and every year one-half of the Board of Directors positions come up for election. The Board consists of 20 elected Directors, plus the Past President.

The first call for nominations was sent by email on January 20, 2010 with a deadline of February 19th, 2010. A second call for nominations was sent by email on February 20, 2010. Nominees must be paid-up members in good standing (QFHS By-Laws Article VI, 4). Nominations should be signed by at least two, preferably three, persons from a local Home and School Association and/or the QFHS Board of Directors.

Deadline

The deadline for receiving nominations to be voted on at the AGM was February 19th. Nominations received after February 19th could be considered by the Board of Directors for appointment (QFHS Standing Rules Article VII, 3).

Officers of the Federation

According to our By-Laws (Article II,2 (a)) “The officers of the Federation shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from among the Directors of the Federation”. These positions can be nominated from the list of present Directors as well as from the list of newly- nominated Directors.

Nominees As of April 7, 2010, the Nominations Committee has received the following nominations:

Nominees for a two-year term 2010-2012

William Harwood	Rosalind Hönig	Rickhey Margolese
Leah Trineer		

Current Directors completing the term 2009-2011

Brian Rock	Anne MacWhirter	Carol Meindl
Giovanna Spadafora	Debi Brown	

Therefore, there are 6 vacant positions for both the one-year and two-year terms – total 12.

Committees: Committees can be chaired by either a Director or a resource person.

Volunteers are always welcome to participate on any committee that interests them. The committees are as follows:

Executive,
Finance and Administration,
Nominations and Awards,
Parenting and Literacy,
Communications and Special Events,
Community Service and Membership Development,
Education, Rights, and Public Affairs, and
Special Projects.

More information on the mandates of these committees can be obtained from the QFHSA office.

RESOLUTIONS/POLICY COMMITTEE (a part of Education, Rights and Public Affairs Committee)

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 24, 2010

Submitted by Rickhey Margolese – Resolution Chair

Annual General Meeting 2010 – Proposed Resolutions (previously circulated to the local associations)

2010/01	<i>An Appeal to the Government of Quebec. Wider Access to English Education re: Bill 104</i>
2010/02	<i>Special Education Services in Mainstream Schools</i>
2010/03	<i>Alternative Programs for Students with Special Needs</i>
2010/04	<i>Students with Learning Disabilities and/or Learning Difficulties</i>
2010/05	<i>Request to Ban Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors</i>
2010/06	<i>Budget for Indoor Air Quality in Schools</i>

Resolutions 2009

During the Annual General Meeting, two resolutions were discussed in separate caucuses. Resolution 2009/01 returned to the floor of the meeting and was voted on and carried.

Whereas 6 of Resolution 2009/02 was rewritten in caucus and brought back to the floor for discussion. The full resolution was then voted on and carried.

Note: **Whereas 6** states “parents with serious learning disabilities, who attended English school with a special authorization, would be presented with substantial obstacles in

dealing with Parent-School communications at all levels, including independent study activities, thus creating the inability to actively participate in the education and support of their children, if the latter *were to be enrolled* in French school”.

2009/01	<i>French Second Language Programs in Quebec</i>
2009/02	<i>English School Eligibility for Children of Parents with Serious Learning Disabilities</i>

Disposition of 2009 Resolutions

Following the adoption of the resolutions at the Annual General Meeting, French translations were done and bilingual versions, with covering letters, were mailed to the appropriate destinations.

- In May 2009, QFHSA received a letter from the Central Parents Committee of the English Montreal School Board acknowledging receipt of Resolution 2009/01 and requesting a meeting to discuss it. We were to be contacted in October.
- In June 2009, QFHSA received a letter from the Office des personnes handicapées requesting clarification on Resolution 2009/02, in particular the 6th **Whereas**. Céline Giroux, Director General had several questions she wished us to answer. In addition, she suggested we send our resolution to La ministre de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition féminine who is responsible for the application of the French Language Charter.
- **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The *Statement of Policy* is a compilation of statements based on resolutions passed over the years by the delegates at the Annual General Meeting. It complements the purposes and objectives of Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. Following the AGM, it is updated each year and copies distributed to the local associations. Due to difficulties beyond our control, the *Statement of Policy* was not updated in 2008 or 2009. *Statement of Policy* for 2008, 2009 and 2010 will be voted on at the 2011 AGM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2010

Submitted by Carol Meindl

Theme: The 65th anniversary theme was *65 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP*

Arrangements:

Coordinator	Carol Meindl
Book of Reports	Anne MacWhirter & Carol Ohlin
Nominations	Barbara Schnider, Marlyn Brownrigg
Registration	Office
Publicity	Beverlee Bishundayal
Resolutions	Rickhey Margoese / Marion Daigle/ Brian Rock
Membership Awards	Marlyn Brownrigg & Barbara Schneider
Newsletter Awards	Diane Radu
Awards & Prizes	Sylvia Adams/Helen Koeppe/ Wendy Buchanan/ Allan Locke
Parliamentarian	Barbara Milne-Smith
Speakers List	Marlyn Brownrigg
Recording Secretary	Carol Ohlin
Time Keeper	Anne McWhirter
Credentials	Beverlee Bishundayal/ Carol Ohlin
Scrutineers	Beverlee Bishundayal, Sheila Splane
Steering Committee	Brian Rock, Anne Mc Whirter, Charlene Morrison

All members of the Board of Directors participate in planning and organizing the events.

Highlights: For the 6th consecutive year, the Annual General Meeting was held at the Montreal Airport Hilton, Dorval.

1. Annual General Meeting & Conference - Saturday, May 25, 2009
 - a) Registration: 85 people, representing 29 Home & School Associations; others included Serge Laurendeau, President, Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers; Directors, Past Presidents, guests, and staff.
 - b) Five schools attended from outside the Montreal area. – Baie-Comeau, Lord-Aylmer, New Carlisle, Arundel, and New Richmond
 - c) Membership and Newsletter Awards were presented at the beginning of the meeting.
 - d) The business session passed two resolutions.
 - e) Election for the Board of Directors was held and Barbara Milne Smith, Past President of QFHSA and a Life Member of Canadian Home and School Federation, conducted the Installation Ceremony.

2. Keynote Speaker
Brent Tyler, Legal Council Advocate for wider access to English Education

3. Awards Dinner – Saturday evening May 25th, 2009
 - a) Attended by 114 people including Directors, Serge Laurendeau, President of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers, Debbie Horrocks, president, Quebec English School Boards, award winners, and schools.
 - b) The Master of Ceremonies was Diana Donnelly, President of Home and School, Lindsay Place
 - c) The winners of the four major awards were:
 - The Leslie N. Buzzell Award – Harold Spanier , Director of Community Services QFHSA
 - The Gordon Paterson Award - Ann Tellier, Kindergarten Teacher, Dorset School
 - Pat Lewis Peace Prize- Souvenir School
 - The 2nd Annual Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award was given to Beacon Hill Elementary School for their program *Working Together to make a Difference*

FALL CONFERENCE 2009

Report to the Annual General Meeting-April 24, 2010

Submitted by Carol Meindl

The 2009 Fall Conference was held at Beaconsfield High School in Beaconsfield on Saturday, October 24. The theme was *65 Years of Partnership*. The Beaconsfield Home and School and its volunteers, did a wonderful job in helping with set up and take down and general hospitality. Principal Rosemary Patterson welcomed everyone and Leo Lafrance (MELS), Debbie Horrocks (QESBA) and Serge Laurendeau (QPAT) all extended greetings to attendees.

Barbara Milne-Smith was honored for her 50 years of Home and School service and Marion Daigle's keynote address on QFHSA's 65 Years of History was very well received by the group.

Program

- Plenary Session: Keynote speaker was Marion Daigle, long time Literacy champion, who offered an impressive condensed History of the First 65 Years of QFHSA Activity in the Province of Quebec
- Barbara Milne-Smith was honored by the QFHSA and her colleagues at Edinburgh Elementary School where she had started her volunteer career in 1959.
- 1st Set of Workshops: 10:00 – 11:30
 1. *Putting Bullies out of Business* with Deb Kellman and Mona Segal from DM Family and School Services
 2. *Growing the Secure Child* with Debbie Oestreich, B.A.& Behavioral Consultant.
 3. *Making a Difference* with Rickhey Margolese, QFHSA Resolutions Chair, and Amanda Tweedie-Smith, Past President, MacDonald High Home and School.
 4. *HPV- Should your Daughter have the Vaccination?* with Dr. Abby Lippman, Professor, Dept. of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health at McGill University.
- Regional Councils 11:30- 12:30 Five meetings organized by Marlyn Brownrigg
- 2nd Set Of Workshops 1:45-3:15
 5. *Highschool, Here We Come!*- with Sharon Klar, M.Ed. and Co-ordinator with Bartemaeus Inc. Academics Support Team.
 6. *Homework & Organization: Helping your Special Needs Child Succeed* with Anika Maloni, B.Ed., M.Ed.
 7. *The Virtues Project™ Create a Culture of Caring* with Joanie Beaubien, Membership Chair at Beaconsfield High Home and School.
 8. *Balancing Work, Family and School* with Patricia Levell, M.A., Psychologist

Registration

Total delegate attendance	70	(representing 29 schools, group affiliates, CLCs)
Displays	19	

EXECUTIVES APPRECIATION DINNER 2010

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2010

Submitted by Anne MacWhirter

- Mandate This annual event is hosted by the QFHSA Board of Directors to thank the dedicated volunteers in the Local Home and School Associations. Each local receives an invitation for two people to attend. The cost of the dinner is partially subsidized by QFHSA. This social evening is an opportunity to network in an informal setting to exchange ideas and meet other volunteers. A guest speaker may be invited to address the guests on a topic of interest.
- Date This 9th Annual Dinner was held on Friday evening March 19, 2010 . The date was chosen to fall after Spring Break and following Teacher Appreciation activities.
- Venue The dinner was held at La Casa Grecque in Laval. It was easily accessible with plenty of free parking. In addition to the three main choices for the dinner, hors d'oeuvres , soup and individual salads were served before the main meal.
- Program The evening began with the introduction of Board Members by President Carol Meindl. Anne MacWhirter introduced a game in which the winner was awarded a 5 day stay at MACDALE B&B, The big prize was won by the representative from Beaconsfield High. Anne was assisted by fellow board member "Vanna." All those present won a gift bag with generous donations from A&W, MACDALE B&B, La BELLE PROVINCE restaurant and the ever popular ENTERTAINMENT discount and promotions books. Marlyn Brownrigg (QFHSA VP) introduced Debi Brown, Past President of QFHSA. Debi told of her journey in Home and School, beginning with local membership involvement. She encouraged members to think about joining the Provincial Board.
- Attendance Home and Schools attending were:
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| Orchard | St. Charles |
| Sherwood Forest | Roslyn |
| Beaconsfield High | Jubilee |
| Gardenview | Westpark |
| Allion | |
| Dunrae Gardens | |

EXECUTIVE WORKSHOPS

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2010

Submitted by Carol Meindl

Mandate: To provide information to local association executive committee leaders on how to fulfill the responsibilities of their jobs; to distribute materials pertinent to their executive positions; to offer an opportunity to network and exchange ideas with representatives from other schools; to meet the Board of Directors and office staff; to visit the provincial office and to learn about the resources available to them and their schools.

The workshops for the Local Association Executive Leaders were held Friday, September 11, 2009 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the QFHSA office. Fourteen Montreal area schools participated as well as the Board of Directors and office staff. The workshops were held in conjunction with the Board of Directors meeting the next day.

Following the welcoming introduction from Rickhey Margolese, Executive Vice- President, the group divided into sections to discuss their different areas of interest and responsibility.

Workshops were given for Presidents, Treasurers and Membership Chairs.

<u>Workshops</u>	<u>Moderators</u>
President	Liette Chamberland , QFHSA Director and Education Committee Chair and Sherwood Forest President
Treasurer	Leah Trineer , QFHSA Director and Finance Committee Chair. Frank Sauro , Merton Elementary and Royal Vale High School Treasurer
Membership	Marlyn Brownrigg , QFHSA Vice- President Membership Committee Co-Chair & Lindsay Place Elementary President. Barbara Schnider , QFHSA Director, Membership Committee Co-Chair and Jubilee Elementary Treasurer.

PALS PLUS – PARENTING WITH CONFIDENCE

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 25, 2010

Submitted by: Pat Waters, Coordinator/Resource

Mandate:

PALS PLUS is a parenting workshop program that is offered to our member schools and outside educational organizations throughout the year. New workshops are also offered as they are needed and advertising is done through the QFHSA office.

Highlights:

Fifteen workshops and presentations took place over the 2009-10 school year. The CLC video-conferencing workshops offered to Anglophones in Quebec by LEARN, continued due to their popularity.

The workshops were the following:

Nov. 4 & 5, 2009 - HOMEWORK: TEACHING YOUR CHILD TO BE RESPONSIBLE, CLC.

Dec. 11, 2009 – TALKING TO TEENS, Walkley United Families, Montreal.

Jan. 27 & 28, 2010 – BALANCING WORK LIFE AND FAMILY, CLC.

Feb. 9, 2010 – PARENTING BY BIRTH ORDER, TMR Parent Group.

Feb. 16, 2010 – COMMUNICATION: LISTENING WITH BOTH EARS, St. Charles Elementary, Pierrefonds.

Feb. 23, 2010 – PARENTING STYLES, Edgewater Elementary, Pincourt.

Feb. 24 & 25, 2010 – BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM, CLC.

Mar. 23, 2010 - BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM, St. Paul Elementary, Laval.

April 12, 2010 – CONFLICT AND POWER STRUGGLES, Orchard Elementary, Lasalle.

April 14 & 15, 2010 - CONFLICT AND POWER STRUGGLES, CLC.

April 27, 2010 - BALANCING WORK LIFE AND FAMILY, Edgewater Elementary, Pincourt.

QUEBEC COMMUNITY GROUPS NETWORK (QCGN) REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2010

Submitted by Carol Meindl

Mission: The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) identifies, explores and addresses the strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of English-speaking Quebec. It encourages dialogue and collaboration among its member organizations, individuals, community groups, institutions and leaders. In partnership with member organizations, stakeholders, community leaders and institutions, it articulates the views of English-speaking Quebec on issues of strategic concern and takes action to address them.

Activities : The QCGN had its Annual General Meeting in September 2009 and Carol Meindl attended as the QFHSA representative. At that time Carol was nominated and elected to their Board of Directors. She has since attended several Board meetings as well as Board orientation sessions and other events that the QCGN has developed in partnership with their member organizations.

The QCGN strives to be the recognized voice for English-speaking Quebec with the Federal and Provincial Governments. They are often invited to participate in round tables discussions and to submit briefs to government committees. They are currently keeping an eye on the Bill 104 situation as it unfolds.

The distribution of seats on the Board of Directors is follows:

- 4 delegates from the Regions – one of which must be a Regional Association
- 3 delegates from the Greater Montreal Area
- 3 delegates from sector organizations, 1 of which must be from the Regions
- 2 delegates from community groups, 1 of which must be from a Regional Association
- 2 delegates at large

The current Board of Directors 2009-2010:

Bob Donnelly, President
Ronald Mundle (Gaspé),
Marion Standish, V.P. (Eastern Townships)
Heather Dickson, Secretary (Quebec Community Newspaper Association)
Roderick MacLeod (Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network),
Carol Meindl (Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations)
Bradley Dottin (Black Community Resource Centre),
Guiliano D'Andrea (Canadian-Italian Business and Professional Association Inc)

Linda Leith (Quebec Writers' Federation),
John Walker (English-Speaking Catholic Council)

Ann Marie Powell (Megantic English-Speaking Community Development Corporation.)

Shaun Peppy (Outaouais)

Anthony Dumas (Lower North Shore)

In 2009, the Quebec Community Groups Network launched the Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award which recognizes individuals who have contributed to strengthening the English-speaking community and to building bridges of understanding between Quebecers of different backgrounds.

The 2009 Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Awards went to:

Casper Bloom, Language and Rights activist

Marjorie Goodfellow, Eastern Townships health care advocate

Jack Jedwab, researcher and Executive Director of the Association of Canadian Studies

QPAT REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2010

Submitted by Anne MacWhirter

The Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers held its Annual Convention in November 2009. Teachers, Administrators and Education stakeholders from all across Quebec attended workshops and seminars relating to educational practices and issues.

Quebec Federation of Home and School Association's Involvement

Mandate To increase the visibility of the QFHSA while introducing teachers and student teachers to the contributions of local Home and School Associations, the efforts of the QFHSA at the Provincial level.

In the past, QFHSA has sponsored workshops at the Convention.

Venue The QFHSA reserved a not-for-profit table on the annual QPAT convention trade floor at the Palais de Congress.

Prize Anne MacWhirter put together a gift basket suited for a drawing at the table.

Visitors Those attending the convention and passing by the QFHSA table were invited to enter their name for a draw for the gift box. Once their attention had been secured,

- Information about QFHSA was offered
- Pages from the Children Literacy Resource Guide were distributed and the Born to Read program was described
- Copies of the QFHSA NEWS and copies of QFHSA brochures were handed out.
- Teachers in training were encouraged to learn more about QFHSA.
- Two schools expressed interest in forming local associations and some who stopped were interested in giving workshops at the Fall Conference or expressed interest in our Rights Committee.

A notebook of contact information and suggestions was kept for follow up purposes.

Participation in the QPAT convention continues to be a valuable opportunity for the QFHSA to educate the public about its potential role in the development of Education Policy as well as an opportunity for some of our Directors to participate in the workshops and keep their knowledge of developments in education as current as possible.

