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2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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YEAR AT A GLANCE 2010 -2011

Highlights

March 2010

- March 29 Mary Skagos started as administrative assistant in the office.
March 30 Carol Meindl, Rickhey Margolese, and Mary Skagos attended a Grant Writing Workshop at Riverdale Community Learning Centre.

April 2010

- April 24 66th Annual General Meeting held at the Wyndham Airport Hotel –
Building our Future...Together

May 2010

- May 6 Community Learning Centres' (CLC) Annual Conference attended by Carol Meindl & Rickhey Margolese
May 12 Education, Rights & Public Affairs Committee meeting on Bill 104
May 15 Strategic Planning workshop given by Center for Community Organizations (COCO) for Board of Directors & staff
May 16 Board of Directors Meeting – chairs of committees chosen
May 18 Editorial committee meeting
May 18 3rd issue of the NEWS was mailed out to members
May 21 La Grande Bibliothèque de Montréal Open House to showcase English Language resources – attended by Carol Meindl
May 27-29 Canadian Home & School Federation (CHSF) AGM held in St. Andrews, NB and attended by Rickhey Margolese, QFHSA representative
May 28-29 FCPQ Convention in Ste-Foy, Qc attended by William Harwood

June 2010

- June 2 Quebec's National Assembly tabled Bill 103 as an alternative law to Bill 104; QFHSA spent the summer preparing a Brief for the August 16 deadline.
June 8 Editorial committee meeting
June 9 Literacy committee meeting
June 10–12 QCGN AGM held in Ste-Foy, Qc and attended by Carol Meindl – as QFHSA president and QCGN board member
June 19 Board of Directors meeting

July 2010

- July 8 Summer 2010 NEWS mailed out to members
July & August Rickhey Margolese, Marion Daigle, Jim Wilson, Chris Eustace and Carol Ohlin prepared the Bill 103 Brief.

Sept. 2010

- Sept. 10 QFHSA *Brief on Bill 103: An Act to Amend the Charter of the French Language and other Legislative Provisions* was presented to the Parliamentary Committee of the National Assembly by Carol Meindl, Rickhey Margolese, Liette Chamberland and Jim Wilson.

- Sept. QFHSA was invited to participate in a consultation by the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages. Carol Meindl and Marion Daigle prepared the Brief .
- Sept. 17 The QFHSA Brief on the *Mandate to Study English Speaking Communities in Quebec*, was presented by Carol Meindl and Marion Daigle to the Standing Senate Committee in Quebec City on Sept. 17th.
- Sept. 20 Fall Conference Committee Meeting followed by an Editorial Meeting
- Sept. 23 Rights Committee meeting
- Sept. 24 Executive Workshops at Cavendish office
& Brainstorming Session #1 with QFHSA members
- Sept. 25 Board of Directors meeting
- Sept. 28 7pm – Brainstorming Session #2
- Sept. 29 Staff meeting and then Brainstorming Session #3

Oct. 2010

- Oct. 4 Fall Edition of QFHSA NEWS going to print
- Oct. 6 Fall Conference meeting
- Oct. 7 Rickhey Margolese & Kuljinder Kaur attended a MELS information session regarding upcoming report card changes
- Oct. 13 Board of Directors meeting (evening)
- Oct. 18 Meeting at MELS with Leo LaFrance and others to discuss plenary session for QFHSA Fall Conference program
- Oct. 25 Education Forum on Special Needs hosted by Minister Line Beauchamp and MELS in Quebec City – attended by Liette Chamberland.
- Oct. 27 Seminar by Kim Klein on Fundraising Strategies at the Nouvel Hotel – attended by Carol Meindl and Rickhey Margolese.
- Oct. 27 Charities Information Session (afternoon workshop) given by the CRA – attended by Mary Skagos

Nov. 2010

- Nov. 3 Carole Arsenault invited QFHSA members to attend the first ever Vocational/Technical Symposium at the Aeroport Wyndham Hotel. Carol Meindl, Liette Chamberland, Lailah Cowan and other high school parents attended and were very impressed.
- Nov. 6 Fall Conference hosted by Gardenview Elementary School
- Nov. 10 Youth Exploring Science (YES) meeting followed by Editorial meeting
- Nov. 11-13 CHSF mid-term meetings in Ottawa – attended by Rickhey Margolese
- Nov. 22 Membership meeting – chair: Jennifer Bogart
- Nov. 23 Youth Exploring Science (YES) meeting
- Nov. 25-26 QPAT Convention – QFHSA had a display table
- Nov. 27 Board of Directors meeting
- Nov. 30 Editorial meeting

Dec. 2010

- Dec. 1 YES meeting
- Dec. 3 QFHSA NEWS distributed by mass email to all our members with a reduced regular mailing
- Dec. 3 John Abbott College Literacy Presentation given by Marion Daigle
- Dec. 8 Education Committee meeting - chair Liette Chamberland
- Dec. 20 Memorial service for Donna Sauriol

Jan. 2011

- Jan. 13 Literacy Meeting chaired by Rosalind Hoenig
- Jan. 14 Executive Meeting
- Jan. 14 Board of Directors' meeting (evening)
- Jan. 20–21 TD Reading Symposium attended by Kuljinder Kaur
- Jan. 26 CLC Resource Community Meeting attended by Carol Meindl
- Jan. 27 Family Treasures essay competition launched by QFHSA on Family Literacy Day - offered to all H&S associations & to all CLCs

Feb. 2011

- Feb. 10 COCo's "Spread the Word" Web and IT event – attended by Rickhey Margolese and Mary Skagos
- Feb. 11 Conference at Concordia on Anglophone and Quebec History (sponsored by QAHN) attended by Carol Meindl
- Feb. 12 Board of Directors meeting
- Feb. 17 Literacy meeting
- Feb. 24 H&S Executives Appreciation Event - Barbara Coloroso evening workshop

Mar. 2011

- Mar. 1 Announced partnership deals with Dynamix and DM Family Services
- Mar. 12 First Youth Exploring Science (YES) workshop held at Riverdale CLC – animated by Evelyn Castillo; attended by Eaton Valley CLC students and Huntingdon CLC students on 5 consecutive Saturday afternoons
- Mar. 18 QCGN Board meeting attended by Carol Meindl
- Mar. 19 Board of Directors meeting
- Mar. 23 Workshop offered by Frontier College entitled "Parents, Schools, Community: School Success is everyone's business" – Carol M. attended
- Mar. 29 Meeting with Serge Laurendeau, QPAT President, and QFHSA Executive

April 2011

- April 2 LBPSB CPC Parent Conference – QFHSA had a displayer's table
- April 4 Announcement of Family Treasures winning essays
- April 6-7 QFHSA Committee Meetings: Finance, AGM, and Editorial
- April 30 67th Annual General Meeting

QFHSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010 – 2011

Debi Brown	Past President	Gatineau
Carol Meindl	President	Montreal
Rickhey Margolese	Executive Vice-President	Dorion
Suanne Day	Interim Treasurer	Kirkland
Liette Chamberland	Vice-President, Secretary	Beaconsfield
Jennifer Bogart	Director	Pincourt
Rosalind Hoenig	Director	Laval
Anne MacWhirter	Director	Gaspésie
Brian Rock	Director	Baie-Comeau
Wanda Leah Trineer	Director	Westmount
William Harwood	Director	LaSalle
Position declared vacant in March 2011		
Giovanna Spadafora	Vice-President	LaSalle
Resigned August 2010		

RESOURCE PERSONS/COMMITTEES

(in addition to the Board of Directors)

Sylvia Adams	Parliamentarian, Constitution
Marlyn Brownrigg	Membership
Barbara Schnider	Membership
Terina McLaren	Membership
Sheila Splane	Membership
Fiona du Jardin	Education/AGM
Kuljinder Kaur	Education/Literacy
Anne Macdonald	Fall Conference
Marion Daigle	Archives/Literacy/Rights
Lawrence DePoe	Literacy/Rights
Jim Wilson	Rights
Chris Eustace	Rights
Casey Stilwell	Website

Staff

Mary Skagos	Administrative Assistant
Lailah Cowan	(until February 28, 2011)

Independent Contractors

Jennifer Beauregard	Editor/Designer (until December 31, 2010)
Lisa Fougère	Editor/Designer (starting April 14, 2011)

Project Services

Evelyn Castillo	Live Stuff (science workshops)
Lawrence DePoe	Project Coordinator, YES

In Memoriam - Donna Sauriol

Over the past 67 years the Quebec Federation of Home and Schools has demonstrated a remarkable diversity of involvement in the constantly changing educational and social issues that directly impact our children and youth.

The QFHSA is membership driven; members are volunteers (parents, students, educators and community icons) and donate varying degrees of time and effort to “enhance the education and general well-being of children and youth”. Membership numbers grow and contract over time, resulting in constant changes of Executive Committees and the Board of Directors.

The continuity, solidity and backbone of a volunteer organization like the QFHSA can often be found in its staff members. Between the years of 1975 and 2009, we were fortunate to have one employee in particular who helped to maintain the integrity and continuity of our mandate. Prior to 1976, Donna’s lifetime of service had already begun. She was an involved Home and School volunteer for her children’s elementary school. She then served as an Area Representative on the QFHSA Board of Directors representing the Rosedale, Somerled, Kensington and Royal Arthur Home and School Associations. Her transition to office staff was a natural progression.

Donna Sauriol worked tirelessly during these 33 years with a work ethic that went far beyond any job description, any remuneration and any of the few accessory benefits the QFHSA was able to offer.

During Donna’s tenure, she “broke in” many of the QFHSA presidents. She helped Board members, Committee Chairmen and members accomplish their QFHSA mandates. There were Annual General Meetings, Leadership Conferences, special meetings, financial records, agendas, books of reports, briefs, resolutions, changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules, membership mailings, Canadian Home and School issues, government submissions, copying and distribution of reports, reminders to people to meet specific deadlines – PLUS — the routine daily calls received by the QFHSA office for help or advice from the membership at large. For years, Donna was the virtual editor of the “News” ensuring its timely publication. Donna did this latter task in her spare time, at home.

The aforementioned tasks were ongoing requirements each year. In addition, historical undertakings by the QFHSA were added to this list which required input from office staff. Examples are the following:

- 1977 and onward: the QFHSA Brief and Court Action respecting Bill 101;
- 1978 and onward: numerous briefs addressing issues on Education, Health, the Canadian Constitution, etc.;
- Canadian Home and School Federation annual and mid-term meetings held in Montreal.

Each of these undertakings required large amounts of time be devoted to them by both the Home and School members immediately involved and by our office staff, in particular Donna.

Donna’s work with the QFHSA did not go unnoticed. In 2004, she received the Buzzell Award for “unique, longstanding and meritorious service to the QFHSA at the provincial level”. She also received a Volunteer award from the Canadian Federation of Home and Schools, recognizing her exceptional

service. Each year, during the AGM, the QFHSA presented Donna with a “wee gift”, usually tickets to the Roger’s Cup Tennis Tournament at Jarry Park as a thank you for her dedication and hard work.

Upon Donna’s passing, many e-mails were sent to the QFHSA expressing how much she would be missed. The messages clearly expressed the impact of Donna’s special qualities upon every person she touched. These wonderful observations should be shared:

- Depth of knowledge
- An advisor to all members: old and new
- Caring, thoughtful, loyal, and kind
- An enthusiastic supporter
- Her passion for language and the written word
- Unobtrusive, discreet, private
- Supportive, dedicated, welcoming
- Passionate about education, children, and their parents
- Pillar of strength
- True friend and supporter of Home and School
- Integral part of the spirit of QFHSA
- Made a significant difference in the lives of many people.

Donna Sauriol loved the QFHSA and her work because it was an extension and an expression of her own beliefs and goals. Donna’s work was her vocation and it exemplified her essence as a human being.

We are sometimes “ships that pass in the night” in our relationships with others. We were so fortunate that Donna Sauriol’s ship docked at the QFHSA wharf in 1976, and that it rested at the QFHSA anchorage for 33 years.

We were all the richer for her presence among us and we will miss her.

Sylvia Adams
Past President
QFHSA & CHSF



QFHSA 67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – April 30, 2011
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 one is available).
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

PRINCIPLES

- Justice and Courtesy for all
- One thing at a time
- 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 the 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.

**MINUTES OF THE 66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS INC.**

Held April 24, 2010 at the Wyndham Hotel in Dorval

Registered and present during the 66th Annual General Meeting were 79 people including special guests:

Leo LaFrance, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport;
Serge Laurendeau, President, Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers;
Tarek Toni, Advisor, PCH/Canadian Heritage;
Carolyn Curiale, Vice-President, Quebec English School Boards Association;
Charles Taker, Liaison Officer, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages;
Lawrence DePoe, Executive Director, Canadian Parents for French, Quebec;
Marcus Tabachnick, Chairman, Lester B. Pearson School Board;
Sylvia Bianco, Vice-Chair, English Montreal School Board;
Angie Bertone, Parent Commissioner, English Montreal School Board;
Brian Peat, Central Vice-President, Canadian Home and School Federation (arrived later).

The Saturday evening Awards Dinner was attended by 91 people, including special guests:

Serge Laurendeau, President, Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers;
Brian Peat, Central Vice-President. Canadian Home and School Federation;
Charles Taker, Liaison Officer, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages;
Sylvia Martin-Laforge, Director General, Quebec Community Groups Network.

There were 29 local Home & School Associations present (out of a possible 72).

Local Associations with voting delegates were:

Allion Elementary	John Rennie High School	St. Patrick Elementary
Bonaventure Polyvalent	Jubilee Elementary	St. Thomas High School
Clearpoint Elementary	Lindsay Place High School	St. Charles Elementary
Dorset Elementary	Macdonald High School	St. John Fisher Elementary
Dorval Elementary	New Carlisle High School	Thorndale Elementary
Dunrae Gardens Elementary	New Richmond High	Westpark Elementary
East Hill Elementary	Pierre E. Trudeau Elementary	Westwood High School
Edgewater Elementary	Roslyn Elementary	Wilder Penfield Elementary
Forest Hill Jr. & Sr.	Shawinigan High School	Willingdon Elementary
Hillcrest Academy	Sherwood Forest Elementary	

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was chaired by the President, Carol Meindl. She welcomed everyone and introduced those at the Head Table: Sylvia Adams, Past-President of QFHSA and Life Member of Canadian Home and School Federation, serving as Parliamentarian; Anne MacWhirter, Director, Time Keeper; Marlyn Brownrigg, Vice-President, Recording Secretary; Barbara Schnider, Director, Speakers List; Rickhey Margolese, Executive Vice-President.

The remaining Directors were also presented to the delegates and thanked for their services: Debi Brown, Past President and interim Treasurer; Giovanna Spadafora, Sheila Splane, Charlene Morrison and Brian Rock. Wanda Leah Trineer, Vice-President, was not present.

The President welcomed the guests:

Leo LaFrance, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Leisure and Sport;
Serge Laurendeau, President, Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers;
Tarek Toni, Advisor, PCH/Canadian Heritage;
Carolyn Curiale, Vice-President, Quebec English School Boards Association;
Charles Taker, Liaison Officer, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages;
Lawrence Depoe, Executive Director, Canadian Parents for French, Quebec;
Marcus Tabachnick, Chairman, Lester B. Pearson School Board;
Sylvia Bianco, Vice-Chair, English Montreal School Board;
Angie Bertone, Parent Commissioner, English Montreal School Board.

GREETINGS

Mr. LaFrance brought greetings from MELS. He announced that there would be a Forum on education in the fall 2010 to examine such topics as school governance and student fees for higher education, the alignment of the labour market with vocational-technical education, the involvement of community with regards to youth sector education and the delivery of services to special needs students. He also told us that English text books would be available for all grade levels in all subjects for the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

GUEST SPEAKER

Serge Laurendeau, President of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers, was our keynote speaker. He updated the delegates on teacher contract negotiations regarding the need for salary improvements to be able to retain new teachers and the critical need to ensure long-term job security, especially in the vocational and the adult sectors. He explained that teachers had set targets for improving the situation for students with special needs: specifically, new models regarding integration in mainstream schools; lowering class size maximums; increasing funding for training and professional development for all personnel, materials and resources. He spoke about the need for a strong partnership between parents and teachers in achieving mutual goals in the education of our children.

MEMBERSHIP AND NEWSLETTER PRIZES

Membership awards were presented by Marlyn Brownrigg and Barbara Schnider, Membership Co-Chairs. Newsletter awards were presented by Carol Meindl, President, as Diane Radu, former Editor of the QFHSA NEWS *Focus on the Locals* section, was not able to attend the meeting.

AGM BUSINESS SESSION

The 66th Annual General Meeting was then officially called to order.

1.1 Appointments & Procedures

Parliamentarian	Sylvia Adams
Recording Secretary	Marlyn Brownrigg
Speakers List	Barbara Schnider
Time Keeper	Anne MacWhirter
Credentials	Sheila Splane and Charlene Morrison
Scrutineers	Debi Brown and Sheila Splane
Steering Committee	Brian Rock and Anne MacWhirter

MOTION: Vicky Chatziiliou (Wilder Penfield)/Linda Roach (Jubilee) to accept these appointments. **CARRIED**

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

1.2 Parliamentary Procedure

Sylvia Adams briefly reviewed the Business Meeting Procedures described in the Book of Reports, page 5, and the principles of Parliamentary Procedure, pages 6-8.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION: Patricia Willis (Dunrae Gardens)/Mia Ginter (Roslyn) to accept the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF 2009 AGM (Book of Reports, pages 11-18)

MOTION: Mia Ginter (Roslyn)/Jennifer Bogart (Edgewater) to accept the 2009 AGM Minutes in the Book of Reports.

CARRIED

There was no business arising from the 2009 AGM Minutes.

4. PRESIDENT' S REPORT (Book of Reports, pages 19-21)

President Carol Meindl spoke to some items in her report and pointed out changes in the Executive Director's Report which was included in the kit. These were:

- Under Strategic Plan; the first sentence should read:
“_a key element in an evaluation by Canadian Heritage lead to the creation of a strategic plan and was approved by the Board of Directors in February 2009”
and under
- Research and Development omit: “with the QCGN”

MOTION: Rosalind Hoenig (Hillcrest)/Linda Roach (Jubilee) to accept the President's Report. **CARRIED**

5. CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION REPORT

(Book of Reports page 22)

Marlyn Brownrigg, QFHSA Delegate explained that the Canadian Home and School Federation is in a re-building phase and that Central Vice-President Brian Peat would arrive at 3:00 p.m. and would bring greetings.

MOTION: Louise Mattiucci (Lindsay Place)/Tracey Clayton (Westwood) to accept the CHSF Report.

CARRIED

6. LITERACY COMMITTEE (Book of Reports, pages 35-37)

Giovanna Spadafora outlined the future directions of the committee and thanked Pat Waters, Marion Daigle, and other members of the committee for their support.

MOTION: Linda Roach (Jubilee)/Terina McLaren (John Rennie) to accept the Literacy and Parenting Report.

CARRIED

7. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE/TELEPHONE CHAIN REPORT

(Book of Reports, page 38-39)

Marlyn Brownrigg and Barbara Schnider Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee, thanked the Local Membership Chairs for their work over the past year. They talked about the Board of Director's recommendation to increase the membership fee to \$18 for the 2010-2011 year as per the recommendation in their report.

MOTION Linda Roach (Jubilee)/Casey Stilwell (Macdonald High) to increase the family membership fee to \$18.00 for the year 2010-2011.

Before the vote took place on this motion, there was much discussion and it was suggested to move this item to agenda item 10. This motion was withdrawn and instead the following motions were put on the floor.

MOTION Beverley Hynes (Westwood)/Nicole Guigui (Westpark) to discuss the membership increase immediately.

CARRIED

MOTION Nadine Rodinos (St. John Fisher)/Beverley Hynes (Westwood) to move out of the discussion period.

CARRIED

MOTION Mia Ginter (Roslyn)/Patricia Willis (Dunrae Gardens) to move the membership increase to agenda item 10 – Finance and Administration Report.

CARRIED

MOTION Casey Stilwell (Beaconsfield High)/Jennifer Bogart (Edgewater) to accept the Membership Report.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION, RIGHTS and PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Book of Reports, pages 25-26)

Brian Rock spoke to the report. He recommended that the delegates vote on the 6 resolutions that Rickhey Margolese would be presenting during her report on the Resolutions Committee. He talked about the various committee meetings that had been held during the year. Much discussion during these meetings revolved around QFHSA's position on wider access to English education: specifically, the preparation of the Press Release outlining QFHSA's position on the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling that Bill 104 is unconstitutional and needs to be withdrawn or modified and the writing of Resolution 2010/1 on An Appeal to the Government of Quebec. Wider Access to Education re: Bill 104, which was unanimously adopted during this AGM meeting. Other discussion items revolved around the writing of 3 resolutions on teacher negotiations in relation to special needs students and the need to restart the History/Archives Project. Brian gave special thanks to Marion Daigle for service provided to the Education, Rights and Public Affairs Committee well beyond the call of duty.

MOTION Louise Mattiucci (Lindsay Place/Beverley Hynes (Westwood) to accept the Education, Rights, and Public Affairs Report.

CARRIED

8.1 History/Archives Report (Book of Reports, pages 27-28)

Marion Daigle reminded delegates that records of meetings, newsletters, flyers, programs, etc. tell the story of the significant contributions made by volunteers to the overall well-being of your local school and to the community at large. Information about setting up your Home and School archive is available at the QFHSA office. The QFHSA archives are a valuable resource tracing the history of the Anglophone population of Quebec.

MOTION Amanda Tweedie-Smith (St. Patrick)/Beverley Hynes (Westwood) to accept the History and Archives Report.

CARRIED

9. RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY (Book of Reports, pages 41-42)

Rickhey Margolese reported on the disposition of the 2009 resolutions. She reminded the delegates that resolutions are the life-blood of the QFHSA and should come from the membership if the QFHSA is to be the true voice of parents. Destinations can be added and the resolution can be “wordsmithed,” but the intent must not be changed.

9.1 Disposition of 2009 Resolutions (Book of Reports, pages 41-42)

These resolutions were translated and sent to their specified destinations.

- 2009/1 French Second Language Programs in Quebec

In May 2009, a letter was received from the English Montreal School Board’s Central Parents Committee acknowledging receipt of Resolution 2009/1 and requesting a meeting to discuss it.

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

In June 2009, a letter was received from the Office des personnes handicapées requesting clarification on the 6th Whereas and suggesting that we forward this resolution to la ministre de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition féminine.

9.2 Statement of Policy

The Statement of Policy was not updated in 2009 and should be ready to be voted on at the 2011 AGM.

9.3 Caucus Sessions on Resolutions

Rickhey Margolese explained that the caucus sessions help everyone to gain a greater understanding of the issues being addressed. She said to ask questions; give suggestions about follow up, etc. These sessions are an informal way of reaching a consensus. There would be 4 sessions running simultaneously:
Session 1 – Resolution 2010/1; Session 2 – Resolutions 2010/2, 2010/3 and 2010/4; Session 3 – Resolution 2010/5 and Session 4 – Resolution 2010/6. After these sessions, there would be a nutrition break followed by the voting on the six resolutions.

9.4 RESOLUTIONS 2010

A simple majority is required to pass; the procedure for amendments was explained. Additions and/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 2010/1 An Appeal to the Government of Quebec
Wider Access to English Education re: Bill 104**

Editorial change to the 4th whereas:

WHEREAS less than 1.5 per cent *of students entering Quebec schools each school year* are prevented from attending English schools due to Bill 104, clearly an insignificant threat to the protection of the French language in the province; and

MOTION Tracey Clayton (Westwood)/Louise Mattiucci (Lindsay Place) to accept the amendment described above.

CARRIED

Editorial changes to the Therefore be it resolved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. urge the Government of Quebec to respect the 2009 unanimous ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada that Bill 104 is unconstitutional, and henceforth, to *absolutely* take no further legal, *legislative and /or other* actions to lessen access to education in English.

MOTION Rosalind Hoenig (Hillcrest)/Claudia Pornaro (East Hill) to accept the amendment described above.

CARRIED

Destinations added:

Quebec Association of Independent Schools (QAIS), Central Parents Committees of all 9 English School Boards, English Parents Committee Association (EPCA), Fédération des comités de parents du Québec (FCPQ)

MOTION Patricia Willis (Dunrae Gardens)/Vicky Chatziiliou (Wilder Penfield) to adopt Resolution 2010/1 with the above amendments and additions.

CARRIED

Resolution 2010/2 Special Education Services in Mainstream Schools

Serge Laurendeau, President of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers and a special education teacher himself, spoke to the three resolutions on special needs in the caucusing session 2. There were no amendments or changes to this resolution previously circulated.

MOTION Mia Ginter (Roslyn)/Linda Babins (Willingdon) to adopt Resolution 2010/2.

CARRIED

Resolution 2010/3 Alternative Programs for Students with Special Needs

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

MOTION Connie De Giorgio (Dunrae Gardens)/Rosalind Hoenig (Hillcrest) to adopt Resolution 2010/3.

CARRIED

Resolution 2010/4 Students with Learning Disabilities and/or Learning Difficulties

Editorial changes to the last Be it further resolved:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. request the Minister of Education, Leisure and Sport to retain funding

already in place *in the separate envelope [mesure spéciale]* and to provide additional financial support for training *for all personnel*, materials and resources.

MOTION Heidi Werbin (Sherwood Forest)/Margaret Gurinskas (John Rennie)
to accept the amendment described above. **CARRIED**

MOTION Mia Ginter (Roslyn)/Rosalind Hoenig (Hillcrest)
to adopt Resolution 2010/4 with the above amendments. **CARRIED**

Resolution 2010/5 Request to Ban Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors

Title change:

Request to Ban Sale of Energy Drinks (*as defined by Health Canada*) to Minors.

MOTION Amanda Tweedie-Smith (St. Patrick)/Nadine Rodinos (St. John Fisher)
to accept the amendment described above. **CARRIED**

Destinations added:

Health Canada, Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec(FCSQ), Quebec Association of Independent Schools (QAIS), Quebec Pediatrics Association, All English School Boards.

MOTION Amanda Tweedie-Smith (St. Patrick)/Nicole Guigui (Westpark)
to adopt Resolution 2010/5 with the above amendments and additions. **CARRIED**

Resolution 2010/6 Budget for Indoor Air Quality in Schools

Destinations Added:

Minister of Health Canada, Public Health Agency, Canadian Federation of Home and School Associations (CHSF), All Provincial Home and School and Parent Associations

MOTION Joyce Shanks (Wilder Penfield)/Kellie Lévis (Wilder Penfield)
to adopt Resolution 2010/6. **CARRIED**

10. FINANCE REPORT (Book of Reports, pages 29-31, 32-34;
Auditor's Report included in the kit)

10.1 Administration (Book of Reports, 29-31)

Carol Meindl spoke of the staffing changes over the past year and underlined the exceptional efforts of Donna Sauriol and Carol Ohlin. She explained the new staffing structure and mentioned that there are still available positions on the Board of Directors.

10.2 2010-2011 Proposed Budget and Financial Statement (Book of Reports, 32-34)

Debi Brown, interim Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement and Proposed 2010-2011 Budget. She answered the various questions put to her by the delegates.

MOTION Agnes Blais (New Carlisle)/Joanne Legouffe (New Richmond) to accept the 2011 proposed budget.

CARRIED
(2 opposed, 2 abstentions)

10.3 Auditor's Report (separate document)

Debi Brown fielded questions about the financial statements. It was noted that the expenses for the Fall Conference were not listed. This is to be verified.

MOTION Agnes Blais (New Carlisle)/Joanne Legouffe (New Richmond) to accept the 2009 Auditor's report.

CARRIED
(4 abstentions)

10.4 Re-appointment of Auditor

MOTION Joyce Shanks (Wilder Penfield)/Sheila Splane (Lord Alymer) to re-appoint Verelli Arrizza C.A. as QFHSA auditor for the year 2010.

CARRIED
(1 abstention)

10.5 Membership Fee (see item 7)

MOTION Rosalind Hoenig (Hillcrest)/Patricia Willis (Dunrae Gardens) to continue the membership fee increase discussion carried over from item 7 for 10 minutes.

CARRIED

After further discussion, the motion below was brought forward. It was felt that the local Home and School associations needed a year to prepare their membership for this increase.

MOTION Linda Roach (Jubilee)/Casey Stilwell (Macdonald High) to increase the Membership fee to \$18.00 per family in 2011-2012.

CARRIED
(6 opposed, 1 abstention)

10.6 Insurance

Debi Brown spoke about the insurance issue – coverage, riders, off-school premises events. More discussion time with clearer guidelines are needed.

REMAINING REPORTS [except Nominations]

MOTION: Heidi Werbin (Sherwood Forest)/Rosalind Hoenig (Hillcrest) to accept the remaining reports (except Nominations) from the Book of Reports *en bloc*.

CARRIED

11. NOMINATIONS REPORT (Book of Reports, page 40, with up-date included 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 2010-2012. 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 2009-2011

Anne MacWhirter	Carol Meindl
Brian Rock	Giovanna Spadafora

MOTION: Casey Stilwell (Macdonald High)/Fe Solomon (Dorval) to declare Nominations closed.

CARRIED

MOTION: Heidi Werbin (Sherwood Forest)/Claudia Pornaro (East Hill) to elect these nominees to the Board of Directors for a two-year term – 2010-2012:

Nominations for a two-year term, 2010-2012

Jennifer Bogart	Rickhey Margolese	William Harwood
Rosalind Hoenig	Liette Chamberland	Leah Trineer

CARRIED

Slate of Officers

President	Carol Meindl
Executive Vice-President	Rickhey Margolese
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
Vice-President	Vacant
Vice-President	Vacant

12. INSTALLATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sylvia Adams, Past-President of QFHSA and Life Member of Canadian Home and School Federation, installed the Board of Directors for 2010-2011.

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

Carol Meindl, President

Liette Chamberland, Secretary

Date

Date

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2010

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Carol Meindl, President

Theme- The theme for 2010 was **Building a Future- Together**
The theme for 2011 is **Get Involved- Education Matters!**

Main Activities- The Board of Directors makes every effort to attend as many Board meetings as possible and enjoys a 90% attendance rate. In 2010 we held 9 Board meetings from March 2010 to March 2011. In addition to attending to the regular business of running the organization, the Board members organized and attended the Annual General Meeting, Post AGM Meeting, Executive Workshops, Annual Fall Conference (venue: Gardenview Elementary School) and the Executive Appreciation *Barbara Coloroso* Event (Sheraton Airport Hotel) There were a flurry of assorted meetings held throughout the year as members of the Board chaired committee meetings and attended conferences and seminars on behalf of the QFHSA.

The president spent a significant amount of time in the office working on grant applications, answering questions from Local Associations and overseeing the general running of the organization, in lieu of an Executive Director.

Committees -The various committees were diligent in pursuing the issues and concerns of the local associations. Please see the respective reports in this book for a summary of their activities.

Executive	Carol Meindl, Chair
Finance	Leah Trineer, Chair
Administration/Office Services-Personnel	Rickhey Margolese, Chair
Education	Liette Chamberland, Chair
Rights	Brian Rock, Jim Wilson, Co-Chairs
Literacy	Rosalind Hoenig, Chair
Membership Development	Anne McWhirter, Jenn Bogart Co-Chairs
Communications	Jennifer Bogart, Chair
Editorial	Jenn Beauregard, Chair
Resolutions	Rickhey Margolese, Chair
Nomination/Annual Meeting	Liette Chamberland, Chair
Constitution/By-Laws	Liette Chamberland, Chair

CHSF - (Canadian Home and School Federation) Rickhey Margolese, QFHSA Executive Vice President, represented our provincial organization at the 2010 CHSF Annual Meeting in St Andrews by the Sea, New Brunswick (May 28-30), the mid-term meeting in Ottawa, Ontario (Nov 11-14) and a special cross country teleconference meeting was held on February 5, 2011 and was attended by Carol Meindl in Rickhey's absence.

Communications with Local Associations

- 4 issues of the NEWS, 3 of which were in the new QFHSA Newsletter format, were mailed and emailed out to all members, as well as to Group Affiliates, liaison organizations and all English Schools across the province. Shifting to a majority email mailing list has proved to have its challenges.

- Local association presidents remained in contact with the phone chain committee and received information and notice of events regularly from the Directors. It is important for each Local association to have a QFHSA liaison to report to their Home and School about QFHSA events and developments.
- Mailings were sent throughout the year with information and invitations to special events such as the Annual General Meeting, Executive Workshops, Fall Conference, and Executive Appreciation (Barbara Coloroso) Event.
- The provincial office on Cavendish Boulevard was open regular hours as a resource for information and advice.
- Electronic Surveys were used to gauge membership evaluation of Workshops and events and to provide feedback.

Other activities

In April, QFHSA Executive committee held a series of meetings with representatives of **BFL Insurance** to review liability insurance for local association executive committees and general membership.

President Carol Meindl and Executive VP Rickhey Margolese represented the QFHSA at the 2010 **Community Learning Centres Resource Committee** meetings held at regular intervals over the year. The Community Learning Centres project is dedicated to sustaining and vitalizing the English Speaking Communities across Quebec by making local schools in remote areas the centers for community learning.

In April, at the **AGM**, Liette Chamberland was welcomed back to the Board, and Rosalind Hoenig, Jennifer Bogart and William Harwood were sworn in as new QFHSA Directors.

In May, a Board Orientation Workshop (May 15) was held with the help of the Center for Community Organizations, with the objective of clarifying the role of the board and exploring new directions for the future. Committees were re-examined and re-organized. (see Administration Report)

Rickhey Margolese and Carol Meindl attended the CLC Networks Annual Conference, *Together in Partnership for our Youth*, a collaboration between CLC, LEARN and MELS.

The QCNA (Quebec Community Newspaper Association) held its Annual General Meeting and Education Conference, May 18, at the Chateau Vaudreuil and was attended by members of the Editorial Committee, Jenn Beauregard, Lailah Cowan and Mary Skagos.

The Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec(BAnQ) held an open house, May 21, and invited the QFHSA, as a parent organization interested in education, to tour the facilities and learn about the collections and services it offers to the Anglophone sector.

In June the QFHSA received approval from PCH (Patrimoine Canadian Heritage) for a grant of \$23,000 to develop and deliver a series of science activities for students ages 8-16 in remote school areas of Quebec. The YES (Youth Exploring Science) project was launched March 12,

2011 and ran 5 sessions to April 16. Approximately 25 students from the Huntingdon and Eaton Valley regions were given the opportunity to explore science in a fun and interactive way, thanks to the PCH grant and the generous donation of the Community Learning Centres video-conferencing network.

Much work was done over the summer by the Editorial Committee to reformat the QFHSA NEWS and the resulting product is refreshing to the eye and a pleasure to read. We encourage all local association to submit articles of interest from their school's activities.

From June-August the Rights committee, and, Rickhey Margolese in particular, were very busy researching and writing a **Brief to Challenge Bill 103** that had been proposed by the Liberal Party of Quebec and introduced to the National Assembly. QFHSA was invited to present our brief to the National Assembly Committee on Culture and Language on Sept 10th. QFHSA was represented by Jim Wilson, Liette Chamberland, Rickhey Margolese and Carol Meindl. The hearings were televised live on Canal Assemblée Nationale along with all the other organizations which were invited to present briefs.

On August 25, the QFHSA received an invitation to present evidence to the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages about the situation of the English Speaking Minority Communities in Quebec. Marion Daigle and Carol Meindl represented the QFHSA at the witness hearings in Montreal on September 17, 2010.

In October, the QFHSA's Education Committee Chair, Liette Chamberland, participated in a Summit for Special Needs, (Oct 25) convened by Education Minister Line Beauchamp and held in Quebec City. Liette participated in cooperation with the FCPQ (Quebec Federation of Parents' Committees, English Affairs) which was one of the various education organizations invited to participate.

Also that month, Liette Chamberland was nominated and accepted by Minister Beauchamp as a member of the Advisory Board on English Education, chaired by Cathrine Le Maistre. The mandate of this Board is to advise the Minister of Education, Leisure and Sport on all matters affecting the educational services offered in English elementary and secondary schools in Quebec.

Jim Wilson, Co-Chair of the Rights Committee was chosen to be our representative at PACTE (Provincial Advisory Council of Teachers in English)

In November the QFHSA was invited to participate in the Vocational/Technical Training Symposium, arranged by the Ministre de l'éducation, loisir et du sport (November 3rd) and held at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. This symposium shed light on all that is available in Quebec in terms of Vocational and Technical training and illuminated the attractive alternative this can be to a university education. The QFHSA sent more than 7 representatives to evaluate the variety of workshops and information sessions presented.

In January 2011 the Family Treasures Essay Competition was launched, in partnership with LEARN and the Community Learning Centres and invitations were sent to all member

association schools to participate. Thirteen (13) schools participated with a total of 153 essays submitted. The winners were awarded a \$50 Chapters gift certificate. A \$50.00 Chapters gift card was also awarded to the classroom of the winning submissions for the purchase of books. The winning submission will be featured in the June issue of the NEWS and all student submissions received a Certificate of Participation. A collection of all the essays will be compiled and a copy will be sent to the libraries of each school that participated.

There is much that the QFHSA can be involved with and much more it can accomplish. We need parents with an interest in their children's education to join us on our committees, to explore new areas and new opportunities. Our door is always open. The coffee is on.

QUÉBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of:

QUÉBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

We have audited the statement of financial position of Québec Federation of Home and School Associations (Federation) as at December 31, 2010, and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Federation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Federation derives revenues and contributions from various sources, the completeness of the non-government revenue and contributions are not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Federation and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flow.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the non-government revenues and contributions referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Federation as at December 31, 2010, and the results of their operations and their cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Pointe Claire, Québec
March 31, 2011

1 Chartered Accountant Auditor, Permit #18519

QUÉBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS
(Incorporated under the laws of Québec)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010

	2010	2009
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 135,964	\$ 88,657
Funds held in trust (Note 3)	9,500	9,500
Sales taxes receivable	8,019	5,976
Grants receivable	24,000	41,944
Prepaid expenses	16,571	16,989
	\$ 194,054	\$ 163,066
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 5,273	\$ 13,343
Deferred program grants (Note 4)	45,750	53,350
Deferred history and archive grant (Note 5)	10,933	10,933
Deferred membership fees (Note 6)	36,743	32,655
	98,699	110,281
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS RESTRICTED FOR AWARDS PURPOSES (Note 3)		
	9,500	9,500
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
	85,855	43,285
	95,355	52,785
	\$ 194,054	\$ 163,066

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Director

Director

QUÉBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	Restricted for awards purposes	Unrestricted	2010	2009
BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 9,500	\$ 43,285	\$ 52,785	\$ 71,058
Excess (deficiency of) revenues over expenses	-	42,570	42,570	(18,273)
BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 9,500	\$ 85,855	\$ 95,355	\$ 52,785

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	2010	2009
REVENUES	\$ 242,279	\$ 200,452
EXPENSES		
CHSF Affiliation fees and others	2,150	5,998
Travel and conferences	24,970	24,777
Home and school news	29,216	15,536
Committee expenses	6,671	-
Insurance	18,362	14,770
Provincial office		
Postage and courier	7,220	6,164
Office supplies	5,552	5,511
Telephone	5,026	7,113
Professional fees	5,648	3,710
Rent, electricity and occupancy charges	19,405	18,928
Salaries and employee benefits	44,810	74,068
Fees and honorariums	29,539	35,176
Raise a Reader	1,140	-
Sports project	-	6,974
	199,709	218,725
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY OF) REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 42,570	\$ (18,273)

QUÉBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	2010	2009
REVENUES (Note 2(a))		
Membership fees - family	\$ 78,501	\$ 72,525
Membership fees - other	365	506
Federal Canadian heritage program grant	105,250	74,250
Quebec government grant	38,350	20,000
Federal government grant	-	13,800
Municipal grant	1,334	-
Raise a Reader	3,500	-
Donations - other	458	662
News - advertising and subscriptions	437	8,474
Conferences	7,372	-
Membership materials	2,068	2,855
Interest	71	402
Sponsorships	1,100	3,421
Administration fees	3,550	3,550
	242,356	200,445
Donations received for locals	34,060	28,331
Donations remitted to locals	(34,137)	(28,324)
	\$ 242,279	\$ 200,452

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	2010	2009
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency of) revenues over expenses	\$ 42,570	\$ (18,273)
Decrease (increase) in sales taxes receivable	(2,043)	405
Decrease in grants receivable	17,944	17,556
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	418	(4,144)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(8,070)	10,343
Increase (decrease) in deferred program grants	(7,600)	1,250
Increase in deferred membership fees	4,088	950
CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	47,307	8,087
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	88,657	80,570
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 135,964	\$ 88,657

QUÉBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010

1. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Québec Federation of Home and School Associations is an incorporated, independent, not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the education and general well-being of children and youth. It promotes the involvement of parents, students, educators and the community at large in the advancement of learning and acts as a voice for parents.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Revenue Recognition

- i) Membership fees are received mostly in the Fall of each year and are taken into revenue over the period from the first of September to the following thirty-first of August.
- ii) Program funding and grants are received from Federal and Provincial agencies, the revenue from Federal agencies is recognized over the donor fiscal year which is from the first day of April to the following thirty-first day of March. The revenue from the Provincial agency is from the Ministry of Education and is recognized over the period from the first day of September to the following thirty-first day of August.
- iii) All other revenues are recognized when received.

b) Expensing Capital Assets

The Federation expenses all capital assets in the year they are acquired.

c) Contributed Services

Volunteers at the Federation level contribute approximately 24,800 hours per year to assist the Federation in carrying out its activities. Because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

QUÉBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

d) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

The Federation has funds in trust amounting to \$9,500. The donors have requested that the interest earned on the funds in trust be used to pay for awards given out at the annual general meeting. A committee was formed to consider all submissions for the awards, and to choose the ones they consider best meet the guidelines.

4. DEFERRED PROGRAM GRANTS

The deferred program grants from Canadian Heritage and the Québec Ministry of Education are utilized for operating activities and are calculated as follows:

	2010	2009
Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 53,350	\$ 52,100
Plus: Amount received during the year	136,000	95,500
	189,350	147,600
Less: Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(143,600)	(94,250)
Balance - End of year	\$ 45,750	\$ 53,350

QUÉBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010

5. DEFERRED HISTORY AND ARCHIVE GRANT

The deferred history and archive grant is utilized to set up a history and archive project for the federation, no additional amounts received nor any amounts recognized during the year.

	\$ 10,933	\$ 10,933
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6. DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP FEES

The deferred membership fees are from members of the federation and are utilized for operating activities.

Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 32,655	\$ 31,705
Plus: Amount received during the year	82,589	73,475
	115,244	105,180
Less: Amount recognized as revenue during the year	78,501	72,525
Balance - End of year	\$ 36,743	\$ 32,655

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The federation's financial assets and liabilities are held for trading.

The fair value of all financial instruments approximate their carrying value due to their short-term to their maturities.

ADMINISTRATIVE/OFFICE SERVICES-PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Carol Meindl/Rickhey Margolese

Mandate:

- To oversee the office, technology, equipment/supplies, contracts, etc.
- To oversee Human Resources - hiring, contracts, evaluations, and staff meetings etc.
- To submit written reports of the activities to the Board of Directors, including recommendations when appropriate.
- To oversee the organization of the various committees of the Federation, including finding chairpersons.

Members:

Rickhey Margolese (Chair), Leah Trineer (Director), Debi Brown (Past President), Carol Meindl (President), Suanne Day (Interim Treasurer), Liette Chamberland (Vice President), Jennifer Bogart (Director)

Activities:

- Reorganized the committees to take into account and accommodate the small size of the Board in 2010-2011.
- Created the criteria for a new Editor/Designer of the QFHSA NEWS and proceeded to interview and hire someone.
- Restructured office personnel to reflect the needs of QFHSA.
- Began the process of hiring new staff to replace departing office staff.

Administrative changes: There were some changes in administration this year. The committee mandates were reviewed and were re-organized into the current committee structure:

Executive	Chair	Carol Meindl
Finance	Chair	Leah Trineer
Administration/Office		
Services-Personnel	Chair	Rickhey Margolese
Nominations/AGM	Chair	Liette Chamberland
Literacy	Chair	Rosalind Hoenig
Communications	Chair	Jennifer Bogart
Editorial	Chair	Jenn Beauregard (until December 31, 2010)
Membership Development		
	Co-Chairs	Anne MacWhirter/Jennifer Bogart
Rights	Co-Chairs	Brian Rock/Jim Wilson
Education	Chair	Liette Chamberland
Resolutions-Policy	Chair	Rickhey Margolese
Constitution-Bylaws/ Standing rules	Chair	Liette Chamberland

Staffing Changes:

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 prior to 2009 were taken on

by Board members. The new staff had to become familiar with and successfully re-invent office procedure and take back some of these tasks. Many thanks to Mary Skagos for her dedication in making sure everything got done. We saw the departure of Jenn Beauregard as QFHSA NEWS Editor and Communications Coordinator and Lailah Cowan as Community Services and Special Projects Coordinator. New staff will be hired, trained and in place by the end of May 2011. Many thanks also to Carol Ohlin for lending a hand and getting things back on track.

QFHSA Office Staff 2009-2011:

Lailah Cowan	Membership Development and Special Projects Coordinator, September 2009- March 2011
Jenn Beauregard	Communications Coordinator and QFHSA NEWS Editor, September 2009 - December 2010
Mary Skagos	Administrative Assistant, current

Board of Director Changes:

In August 2010, Giovanna Spadafora resigned from the Board and as Literacy Chair. Rosalind Hoenig assumed the Literacy Chair position. In October 2010, Suanne Day was nominated to join the Board as a Director and Interim Treasurer. She accepted. In March 2011, it was realized that William Harwood’s other commitments resulted in him being unable to fulfill his responsibilities to the Board and thus his position was declared vacant.

Board of Directors 2010-2011:

Carol Meindl	President
Debi Brown	Past President
Rickhey Margolese	Executive Vice-President, Resolutions & Policy Administration/Office Services-Personnel Chair
Suanne Day	Director, Interim Treasurer
Leah Trineer	Director, Finance Chair
Liette Chamberland	Vice-President, Education, Constitution-Bylaws-Standing Rules and AGM-Nominations Chair
Anne MacWhirter	Director, Telephone Chain Coordinator and Membership Co Chair
Brian Rock	Director, Rights Co-Chair
Rosalind Hoenig	Director, Literacy Chair
Jennifer Bogart	Director, Communications Chair and Membership Co- Chair
Giovanna Spadafora	Director - resigned in August 2010
William Harwood	Director - unable to complete his mandate – position declared vacant March 2011

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrative/Office Services-Personnel Committee recommends that the QFHSA develop an awareness campaign that will encourage participation from the membership on Federation level committees and the Board of Directors and harness the skills and leadership qualities of our local associations to ensure the continuance of the strength and value of the QFHSA.

THE CANADIAN HOME AND SCHOOL FEDERATION

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Rickhey Margolese, QFHSA representative

CHSF 2010 Board Meeting and AGM

The Annual Spring Board meeting and AGM were held in St. Andrews by the Sea, New Brunswick, from May 27th to 29th 2010.

Four of the 6 Directors were new to the Board: Owen Parkhouse (PEI); Cheryl Kennedy (NS); Teresa Blum (ON) and Rickhey Margolese (QC). Glyn Morgan (NB) was returning and BC was vacant until they could fill the position.

There was a change to the Executive from a Western VP, a Central VP and an Eastern VP to only 2 VPs in order to be more fiscally responsible. CHSF pays for the Executives to come to meetings. The Executives were Janet Walsh (NS) – President; Brian Peat (ON) – 1st VP; Cynthia Richards (NB) – 2nd VP; and Eva Cameron (MB) – Secretary-Treasurer.

Since this meeting, there have been changes to the Directors and Executives. Ann Whiteaker (BC) became a Director and Deb Giesbrecht (MB) replaced Brian Peat as 1st VP.

Much of the 3 days of meetings dealt with:

- setting priorities for CHSF
- brainstorming on how to get all the provinces back to the table
- deciding on actions for the Drysdale Fund
- understanding and passing the budgets for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011
- approving policy and changes to the Constitution & Bylaws.

On Saturday evening delegates and guests met to celebrate award winners at the Gala Dinner where, amongst others, two of the CHSF Board members were also honored. Glyn Morgan was awarded Life Membership and Brian Peat was given the President's Award.

Mid-Term Meeting November 2010

The mid-term meeting was held in Ottawa from November 11-13, 2010. Board members formed into working groups to examine priorities, policies, communications and the constitution and by-laws.

CHSF decided on the 2010-2011 top priorities:

- 1) To become more visible nationally;
- 2) To communicate more effectively with provincial member associations;
- 3) To find additional funding to launch National projects.

Headway has been made to become more visible nationally. CHSF executives met with the Canadian Association of Principals (CAP) to discuss common issues and to develop opportunities in working together. CHSF President, Janet Walsh, sits on the Advisory Council of the Canadian Education Association (CEA) and CHSF 1st VP Brian Peat has been a part of the Copyright Consortium (CMEC) looking at this new legislation. CHSF submitted its Brief on Bill

C-32 - Copyright Modernization Act to the Legislative Committee in January 2011. It is posted on its website.

Special Meeting

A special teleconference meeting took place on February 5, 2011 to pass a motion to amend the fiscal year end from December 31st to August 31st. It was carried unanimously.

Varia

The Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF) is working on a petition calling for the creation of a Minister of State in Canada for Children and Youth. A letter was sent to all provincial and federal MPs to find out their thoughts on this idea. Many positive letters have been received and are still coming in. The petition is being created with a dual purpose: to act as a petition and to include CHSF's ideal job description for this new minister. CHSF will be ensuring that any petition sent out to collect signatures will comply with all legal requirements. More information will be forthcoming.

CHSF started Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week (TSAW) in 1988, and the tradition continued in 2011 as TSAW was scheduled for Feb 13 – 19, 2011. A poster was sent electronically to all provincial associations for them to disseminate to schools.

CHSF continues to work towards banning the sale of Energy Drinks to minors. In response to a letter from the Canadian Minister of Health, follow-up letters have been sent to the remaining Provincial Health Ministers. CHSF will keep its members apprised of any new developments.

In an effort to improve communication with its member associations, improvements are being made to the CHSF website. Please visit this site to see the changes (www.canadianhomeandschool.com).

COMMUNICATIONS - QFHSA NEWS and Website

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011

Submitted by Jennifer Bogart, Communications Chair

Mandate

- The Editorial Board oversees the content of our newspaper and the website.
- Additionally flyers and QFHSA advertising are designed and distributed by this committee.

Committee Members

Chairperson Jennifer Bogart, Director
Editor Jennifer Beauregard (until December 31, 2010)
Website Casey Stilwell, Lailah Cowan (until February 28, 2011)

Members: Carol Meindl, Rickhey Margolese, Liette Chamberland, Mary Skagos

Activities

The NEWS underwent a complete make-over this year. The design was revamped to create a 24-page full-colour glossy newsletter. Three regular issues were published, June, October and December. The first two editions were distributed by traditional mail and e-mail. The third edition was distributed electronically, unless otherwise requested. The QFHSA is making efforts to reduce paper consumption and use wherever possible.

Circulation has remained steady and the average paid distribution is 5,000; average total distribution of a single issue is 7,000. Local associations are welcome to have additional copies of our newspaper at no extra cost.

The local associations are asked to send in their own school news for inclusion in their section of the paper, *Focus on the Locals*. Even if you don't have a writer on your team, a copy of your own newsletter will enable us to let other parents know what exciting things are happening at your school and to share ideas.

Deadline dates for the 2011-2012 NEWS are:

<u>2011</u>		<u>2012</u>
May	9	February 6
August	15	
November	7	

The NEWS is grateful to our regular contributors: AMCAL Family Services, DM Family and School Services, Canadian Home & School Federation, Liette Chamberland (QFHSA Director), Rickhey Margolese (Executive VP, QFHSA), Marion Daigle, and Carol Meindl (QFHSA President).

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The NEWS held a random draw for tickets to see Leonce et Lena performed by *Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montreal*, valued at approximately \$200. Anyone who offered feedback or comments on the new format after the June edition was released was entered into the draw.

Local Association Newsletter Awards

QFHSA recognizes Home & Schools with the most informative, innovative and comprehensive newsletters. There are many excellent publications and it is always a difficult decision to select the winners.

The recipients of the 2011 QFHSA Newsletter awards are:

Elementary

Garden Views

Forest Hill Flash

Mary Skagos, Editor & Andre Knox, Graphic Design

Lisa Fougère, Editor

Secondary

Mac Link

Lindsay Place Herald

Christine Clarke, Editor

Linda Roach & Laura Fabrizi, Co-Editors

Website

The QFHSA website underwent numerous changes and updates this year and will be changing again as a new service provider and webmaster are on the list for 2011-2012. Currently, the site is updated by Casey Stilwell and contains only necessary information and links.

QFHSA also continues its web presence through Facebook and hosts a fan page. Currently, we have 206 fans (100% increase from last year) and the page is accessed on average 420 times a week. Information and interesting articles are posted regularly. Twitter will soon be added.

Surveys

QFHSA has also consulted its membership for feedback using the convenient on-line program SurveyMonkey. The goal of these surveys is to help QFHSA deliver better services to the local associations.

February 2010	QFHSA News and Organization Evaluation Survey
May 2010	AGM Evaluation Survey
July 2010	Bill 103 Survey
November 2010	Fall Conference Evaluation Survey
February 2011	Executive Appreciation Barbara Coloroso Event Survey

COMMUNICATIONS – TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011

Submitted by Anne MacWhirter, Director

Mandate: The Telephone Committee was established by the Board of Directors to facilitate and encourage communication among the Board members at the provincial level and the local associations. This provides another avenue of information in addition to the mailings. With regular conversations by telephone and email, we can keep in touch with each other, exchanging ideas and learning what issues are of concern in the schools. The Directors' experience and leadership can be a helpful resource for the executives at the local level.

Committee members:

Anne MacWhirter, Coordinator. Members: Barbara Schnider, Sheila Splane, Marlyn Brownrigg, Terina McLaren, Jennifer Bogart, Rosalind Hoenig.

Activities: During the course of the year we:

- Called (or emailed) each local association to ask them to update their files in the office. The items needed for each local association include the following:
 1. Executive list for the current year (with contact information)
 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.
- Calls to remind local associations about the AGM, Fall Conference, and the Executives Appreciation Event –the Barbara Coloroso workshop.
- Anne made additional calls to encourage those local associations who had not sent in reports, lists, etc., to do so before the February 1st deadline.
- Some school principals were contacted to make them aware of items missing from the local association's files.
- In the winter issue of the NEWS, a list was compiled of all locals in good standing. This brought a flurry of calls, questions and ultimately more reports and other items needed for the files.
- Anne did a series of calls in the Spring 2011 to check in with the locals who were tardy in sending information. Good contacts were made and many of these locals were successful in submitting all of the documentation needed for their files at the provincial office for 2010-2011.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011

Submitted by Liette Chamberland, Chair

Mandate:

- To ensure that the Federation's Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules allow a functioning organization;
- To review the constitutions of local associations when submitted and to make suggestions for improvements or additions.

Committee members: Liette Chamberland, Rickhey Margolese

Activities 2010-2011:

During the course of the year, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee has worked on drafting the changes to be made to the Constitution and By-Laws. The changes to the Constitution are almost completed.

The first draft will be brought to the Board of Directors for study. Once approved by the Board, it will be submitted to all local Home and School Associations so that they will have ample time to familiarize themselves with the document prior to the 2012 AGM to vote upon.

Consequently, new templates of each document would be offered to all local Home and School Associations.

At this time, there are no proposed changes to the Constitutions and By-Laws.

Recommendation:

- That the QFHSA recruits assistance from at least 4 local Associations to review the first draft of proposed amendments;
- That the Constitution and By-Laws Committee prepare Constitution templates for the local Home and Schools;
- That the Constitution and By-Laws Committee be available to all Home and School for guidance in regards of the new Constitution and By-Laws.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011

Submitted by Fiona du Jardin

Mandate:

The mandate of the QFHSA Education Committee is incredibly broad: it is to follow everything that is going on in education. Since this is not really feasible, the committee has adopted the following strategy:

1. To adopt priorities for the year, which include at least one "deliverable" (in other words, something tangible);
2. To review articles on education in La Presse, Le Devoir and The Gazette;
3. To have liaison members attend various committee meetings at the MELS and elsewhere;
4. To invite speakers to give presentations on various topics in education;
5. To be consulted by the QFHSA Board of Directors on education issues;
6. To prepare resolutions for the AGM.

Committee members:

Liette Chamberland, Education Committee Chair.

Suanne Stein Day, Rickhey Margolese, Barbara Schnider, Sandra Buckingham, Fiona du Jardin

Activities 2010- 2011:

Education Committee:

The Education Committee reviewed many different issues and concerns:

- Advisory Board on English Education (ABEE) - appointment of Liette Chamberland
- English School Boards and ways to improve communication with the French system
- Different program options for children with Special Needs
- The Finland model of education was discussed, including the fact that only oral proficiency in a second language is required in order to graduate, not writing and reading.

Resolutions

Several ideas for proposed Resolutions for the upcoming QFHSA AGM were discussed:

1. All programs developed by MELS should be available in both English and French simultaneously: QFHSA Resolution 2007/2 - "The New Curriculum - High School Textbooks in English");
2. More funds for specialized programs and / or schools need to be made available
3. More Globalization of Programs (i.e. how do we ensure that successful programs developed for an individual school can be implemented throughout other schools- e.g. Seminar on How Boys Learn)
4. More Professional Development Days for teachers to require them to learn the latest teaching methods (i.e.: the same way that lawyers do)
5. University training for new teachers

Recommendations

- 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.
- Articles on educational topics and issues are prepared for the QFHSA NEWS.
- That the committee plan a panel discussion for the 2011 Fall Conference.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Carol Meindl, Rickhey Margolese, Suanne Day

Mandate:

- Prepare annual budgets for the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. [QFHSA] Board of Directors and its Committees.
- Oversee the finances, comparing actual results to budgets and prepare financial reports and recommendations for the Board to review at its periodic meetings.
- Review accounting procedures, the auditor's report and the expense sheets for directors.
- Prepare recommendations for the membership and administration fees.
- Apply for government grants.
- Review the Charitable Information Return.
- Review the financial reports submitted by the local Home and School Associations.

Members: Leah Trineer (Chair), Debi Brown (Past President), Carol Meindl (President), Rickhey Margolese (Executive Vice-President), Suanne Day (Interim Treasurer)

Activities:

- Prepared the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget for the 2011 AGM.
- Discussed and reviewed QFHSA committee 2011-12 budgets with respective chairpersons.
- Collaborated with President 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.

Financial changes:

The accounting structure was adjusted to tag accounts to match the PCH/CanHer reporting requirements.

Please see the proposed Budget for 2011-2012 Fiscal Year and the financial statement for January 1 to December 31, 2010 below.

The Finance Committee had recommended to the membership, at the 2010 AGM, an increase in Membership Fee of \$2.00, from \$16.00 to \$18.00 for the 2010-2011 year. The rationale was that much of the QFHSA membership material and resources are still 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 membership agreed to this increase but only to begin in the 2011-2012 membership year.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Committee recommends that the proposed Budget for 2012 Fiscal Year be approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, April 30, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Committee recommends that local associations begin advising their members of the increase in membership fees for the 2011-2012 membership year.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-2012

	Budget 2011-2012	Actual Jan 01, 2010 to Dec 31, 2010
REVENUE		
Membership & Services Income		
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP REVENUE	77,000.00	82,589.00
GROUP AFFILIATE REVENUE	500.00	125.00
ADMINISTRATION FEE REVENUE	3,550.00	3,550.00
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP REVENUE	200.00	240.00
SALES OF MATERIALS & SERVICES	100.00	215.50
NEWS Revenue (Subsc. & Adv)	5,000.00	823.09
Ttl Membership & Services Income	86,350.00	87,542.59
Grants, Sponsorship, Donations Inc.		
OTHER FEDERAL GRANTS INCOME	15,000.00	13,800.00
CANADIAN HERITAGE PROGRAM FUNDING	120,000.00	115,000.00
OTHER GRANTS INCOME	5,500.00	4,834.08
MELS INCOME	20,000.00	25,000.00
YES PROJECT REVENUES	1,000.00	0.00
DONATIONS TO QFHSA	1,000.00	24.00
LOCALS EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT	1,000.00	625.00
AGM Conference Revenues	4,500.00	4,517.00
FALL CONFERENCE REVENUES	2,500.00	2,855.00
Donation-Processing Fee Revenue	500.00	458.00
Interest	300.00	
Ttl Grants, Sponsorship, Donations	171,300.00	167,113.08
TOTAL REVENUE	257,650.00	254,655.67
EXPENSE		
PROFESSIONAL FEES/INSURANCE		
ACCOUNTING/AUDIT FEES	3,000.00	2,839.30
LEGAL FEES	3,000.00	2,308.58
MEMBERS INSURANCE	18,000.00	16,484.36
MARKET RESEARCH	500.00	197.09
HONORARIA & COMMITTEE EXPENSES	1,000.00	0.00
Ttl General Operations	25,500.00	21,829.33

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PROPOSED BUDGET 2011-2012

Human Resources

SALARIES	77,500.00	39,399.23
WAGE LEVIES	7,750.00	4,438.67
CONTRACT SERVICES	15,000.00	17,529.91
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	2,000.00	976.73
Ttl Human Resources	102,250.00	62,344.54

Office Operations

OCCUPANCY COSTS	26,500.00	20,865.33
BANK CHARGES & INTEREST	200.00	180.01
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	6,000.00	4,292.11
POSTAGE/COURIER	6,500.00	6,957.17
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	7,500.00	3,998.23
TRAVEL, MEALS & MISC. EXPENSES	500.00	487.88
Ttl Office Operations	47,200.00	36,780.73

PROMOTIONS/PUBLICITY SERVICES

QFHSA NEWS	20,000.00	22,310.01
PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES	6,250.00	7,603.35
WEBSITE	800.00	1,028.10
TOTAL PROMOTIONS & PUBLICITY	27,050.00	30,941.46

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FALL CONFERENCE	7,000.00	5,033.52
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	15,000.00	12,308.46
LOCAL EXEC DEVELOPMENT	1,800.00	1,095.99
REGIONAL COUNCILS	200.00	43.56
TOTAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	24,000.00	18,481.53

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	6,000.00	5,648.90
MEMBERSHIP FEES & DONATIONS	4,000.00	3,212.71
PROJECTS	4,650.00	4,106.21
	17,000.00	2,139.93

TOTAL EXPENSE	257,650.00	185,485.34
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NET INCOME	0.00	69,170.33
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QFHSA HISTORY AND ARCHIVES PROJECT

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011

Submitted by Marion Daigle, Co-ordinator

Mandate

To bring both the QFHSA History and Archives up to date. This will be a valuable tool in educating our membership and the wider public about the influential role that parental involvement has played in Quebec's schools and communities in the 20th century. It should stimulate further involvement in this century.

Members of the Committee

Marion Daigle, Carol Ohlin, Barbara Milne-Smith, Betty Shannon, Margaret Funnell, Sylvia Adams, Helen Koeppel, Miriam Lalande, Brian Rock

Donna Sauriol, former QFHSA Executive Secretary for over 33 years, passed away on December 11, 2010. She was an invaluable contributor to this project and was responsible for keeping so many of the records and historical resources. The richness of our archives is largely due to her hard work.

A \$30,000 grant from a private foundation was received in late 2000.

History Project

McGill University historian Rod MacLeod and Mary Ann Poutanen have submitted draft manuscripts and further work is to be done once the archives are completed.

Archives Project:

Under the capable guidance and supervision of Gordon Burr, Archivist, McGill University and Josée Martel, Archivist, half of the relevant documents (60 boxes) have been archived.

The remaining documents are being sorted and will be archived by Marion Daigle, assisted by Carol Ohlin.

The archivists have been extremely impressed by the volume and quality of valuable information about the activities of volunteers working on behalf of the education and well being of children and families in schools and communities all over Quebec. This is particularly relevant to the minority language population.

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.

LITERACY COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011

Submitted by Rosalind Hoenig, Chairperson

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.
- A *Children's Literacy Resource Guide* (CLRG) is available to help deliver programs.

Committee Members

Rosalind Hoenig (Chair), Marion Daigle (resource), Casey Stilwell, Kuljinder Kaur, Linda Babins, Anne MacWhirter, Sarah Hone, Silvana Mangano, Carol Meindl, President (*ex-officio*).

Activities 2010-2011

May 2010

- 2009 Raise a Reader Thank you and Action Plan to the Montreal Gazette (CanWest Global Foundation)
- An application for funding was sent to Geoff Kelley, MNA, with postage costs for mailing books.

June – August 2010

- Approval of Raise a Reader (RAR) Budget 2009 by Literacy Committee and Board of Directors
- The 2008 RAR Report to the Montreal Gazette (CanWest Global Foundation) was submitted by Giovanna Spadafora.
- Giovanna Spadafora and Casey Stilwell prepared a draft Literacy Survey and draft PowerPoint presentation on the Born to Read Program. The aim of these two initiatives is to gain information on the involvement of the local associations as well as to familiarize themselves with the program and how they can participate.
- Eight boxes of books were delivered to the Gaspé region for the Libraries and Literacy Initiative. Three boxes were mailed to Mecatina and Netagamioi CLCs on the Lower North Shore. These books were organized by Marion Daigle.

September 2010

- Giovanna Spadafora stepped down as Literacy Chair in early September.
- Books, prizes and donations of art paper from Tembec Paperboard Group were distributed at the Executive Workshops
- The Committee was advised that QFHSA will receive a grant from the Gazette Raise a Reader Campaign 2010. The grant will be sent in 2011 to be received in April/May.
- A grant of \$1000.00 was received from Geoff Kelley, earmarked to cover postage costs for off Island communities.

November 2010

- Lisa Storozuk (MELS) was contacted to participate in the Fall Conference Plenary Session-she agreed. Andrea Gaudreau (Edgewater Elementary) led a workshop focused on literacy and art. Each local association received a library book, also plenary speakers and workshop leaders. Book prizes were given for the evaluation draw. A book gift to Gardenvue as host school was included. Each local association received donations of art paper from Tembec Paperboard Group.
- QPAT Convention- many samples from the Children's Literacy Resource Guide (CLRG) were distributed to teachers and educators.
- Rosalind Hoenig was confirmed as new Chair by the QHFSA Board of Directors.
- Rosalind Hoenig and Casey Stilwell attended La Cérémonie de Remis du Prix TD 2010 de Littérature Canadienne on November 2.

December 2010

- John Abbott College- Marion Daigle presented her annual literacy workshop. Kuljinder Kaur, Literacy Committee member, attended.
- A donation of books was given to Dans La Rue.

January 2011

- Kuljinder Kaur attended the TD National Reading Summit II: Toward a Nation of Readers, in Montreal on Jan 20-21 2011.

February – March 2011

- Resolution 2008/2 – *Increased Funding for Libraries and Librarians*. Linda Babins and Marion Daigle researched an update on the resolution for the 2011 AGM.
- Literacy and Libraries – A total of 47 boxes of books was sent out this year funded through the 2009 Gazette Raise a Reader Campaign and a grant from Geoff Kelley, MNA.
- Born to Read – Bags were sold to Roslyn and Edgewater Home & School Associations.
- Final drafts of the Literacy Survey and the Born to Read PowerPoint were presented.

Other

- Donations: Tembec Paperboard Group. A donation of "National Wildlife Federation" Magazines were donated and distributed.

Upcoming

- Distribution of the Literacy Survey to be sent out to Local Associations
- PowerPoint Presentation for the Raise a Reader to be sent out to Local Associations.
- Raise a Reader Grant 2009. A final report will be submitted to The Gazette

Recommendation: That the delegates to the 2011 AGM vote to adopt Resolution 2011/1 *Funding for Libraries and Librarians*.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Jennifer Bogart and Anne MacWhirter, Co-Chairs

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 a membership kit at the workshop or by mail.
- Between May 2010-April 2011, the membership committee met with representatives from Cedarcrest Elementary (EMSB), William Latter (Riverside) and Gaspé Elementary (EESB).

New Directions for QFHSA Regional Councils

In 2010-2011, the QFHSA began organizing regional councils to supplement those held at the Fall Conference.

- The first was hosted by Anne MacWhirter and Brian Rock in the New Carlisle area.
- On March 17th, Wilder Penfield Home and School hosted a meeting for elementary schools in the Pierrefonds/Dollard-des-Ormeaux area.
- On March 24th, St. Thomas High Home and School hosted a regional council for high schools in the LBPSB and representatives from five schools attended.
- Next year, schools from other areas will be asked to host a meeting probably earlier in the school year.

Up-coming Projects

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

- Examine membership status of all local associations and take appropriate action;
- Update all membership documentation and information.

Membership Fee:

- **The annual family membership fee will increase to \$18.00 for the 2011-2012 school year as approved at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.**

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Results of 2010/2011 membership campaign

Family Memberships (through local associations)	4,332
Individual Family memberships (directly with QFHSA)	11
Local Home & School Associations	85
Group Affiliate Memberships	3

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

Cedarcrest (EMSB)	St. Anthony (LBPSB)
Gaspé Elementary (EESB)	William Latter (Riverside)
Maple Grove (LBPSB) – merger of Bishop Whelan and Meadowbrook	

2010 – 2011 Group Affiliate Members

Family Ties - Carrefour Famille
Mountain View Community Learning Centre
Huntingdon Adult Education & Community Centre

Issues addressed in 2010/2011

From time to time membership issues arise at local associations: notifications are sent to schools, including principals, regarding incomplete information, such as Executive Lists, membership lists and fees for the current year.

NOMINATIONS

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011
Submitted by the Nominations/AGM Committee

The deadline for nominations is April 15, 2011. After that date, nominations from the floor of the Annual General Meeting will be considered by the QFHSA Board of Directors.

Local associations are urged to submit names of people to serve on the Board of Directors and to represent them at the provincial level.

The current members of the Board of Directors are

Completing the first year of their two year term, 2010-2012

Jennifer Bogart Director
Wanda Leah Trineer Director
Rosalind Hoenig Director

Giovanna Spadafora (resigned)
William Harwood (position declared vacant)

Completing the second year of their two year term, 2009-2011

Carol Meindl Director, President
Debi Brown Director, Past-Pres.
Anne MacWhirter Director
Brian Rock Director

Nominees for a two-year term 2011-2013

Carol Meindl Director, Past President
Rickhey Margolese Director
Suanne Day Director
Liette Chamberland Director
Lawrence DePoe Director
Brian Rock Director
Amanda Tweedie Director
Vera Young Director

Current Executive 2010-2011

Carol Meindl President
Rickhey Margolese Executive Vice-Pres.
Suanne Day Interim Treasurer
(appointed by the Board of Directors, Nov 2010)
Liette Chamberland Vice-President, Secty.
Debi Brown Past President

Slate of Officers 2011-2013

Carol Meindl Past President	Rickhey Margolese Executive Vice-President
Liette Chamberland President	vacant 2 Vice-Presidents
Suanne Day Treasurer/Secretary	

The Board (may) consist of 20 elected directors, and the Past President.

Nominees must be paid-up members-in-good-standing. [Article VI, 4 of QFHSA Inc. By-laws] and nominated by at least 2, preferably 3, persons from the local Association and/or QFHSA Board of Directors.

Duties of a QFHSA Director are as follows:

- ❖ Participate actively on at least one Committee of interest to you.
- ❖ Attend all Board meetings (approximately eight [8] per year) including Board Development training sessions.
- ❖ Attend the Fall Conference, Executive Workshops and AGM
- ❖ Sign an Acceptance of Office form indicating a willingness to undertake the responsibilities listed here.

According to our By-Laws [Art. III,2,a)] "The officers of the Federation shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting from among the Directors of the Federation." The positions of officers are as follows: President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Two Vice-Presidents.

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Therefore, nominees to the Board of Directors may also be nominated as Officers of the organization. The Officers also serve as members of the Executive Committee.

Duties of a QFHSA Officer:

- ♦ Undertake the duties of the elected office *as defined in the QFHSA By-Laws (Art. X)*
- ♦ Attend all Executive Committee meetings (approximately six [6] per annum)
- ♦ Fulfill all the above-mentioned duties of a Director.

QFHSA needs people from your association to serve on your Board of Directors.

RESOLUTIONS\POLICY COMMITTEE

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011

Submitted by Rickhey Margolese, Resolution Chair

Annual General Meeting 2010

- **Resolutions 2010**

Six resolutions were circulated to the Local Associations:

Resolution 2010/1	An Appeal to the Government of Quebec Wider Access to English Education re: Bill 104
Resolution 2010/2	Special Education Services in Mainstream Schools
Resolution 2010/3	Alternative Programs for Students with Special Needs
Resolution 2010/4	Students with Learning Disabilities and/or Learning Difficulties
Resolution 2010/5	Request to Ban Sale of Energy Drinks to Minors
Resolution 2010/6	Budget for Indoor Air Quality in Schools

Following the caucus sessions to discuss the resolutions, editorial changes were suggested to Resolutions 2010/1 and 2010/4. Destinations were added to Resolutions 2010/1, 2010/5 and 2010/6. All of the resolutions were then passed.

(See the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2010.)

Resolution 2010/1

Editorial change to the 4th Whereas:

Whereas less than 1.5 per cent of *students entering Quebec schools each school year* are prevented from attending English schools due to Bill 104, clearly an insignificant threat to the protection of the French language in the province; and

Editorial change to the Therefore be it resolved:

Therefore be it resolved that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. urge the Government of Quebec to respect the 2009 unanimous ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada that Bill 104 is unconstitutional, and henceforth, to *absolutely* take no further legal, *legislative and/or other* actions to lessen access to education in English.

Resolution 2010/4

Editorial changes to the last Be it further resolved:

Be it further resolved that Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. request the Minister of Education, Leisure and Sport to retain funding already in place *in the separate envelope (mesure spéciale)* and to provide additional financial support for training *for all personnel*, materials and resources.

- **Disposition of 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 a letter dated July 20th, 2010, the office of Michelle Courchesne, Ministre de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), acknowledged receipt of the six resolutions.

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Annual General Meeting 2011 – Proposed Resolutions

(previously circulated to the local associations)

- 2011/1 *Funding for Libraries and Librarians*
- 2011/2 *Special Education Services in Mainstream Schools*
- 2011/3 *Alternative Programs for Students with Special Needs*
- 2011/4 *Students with Learning Disabilities and/or Learning Difficulties*

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 should be updated each year and copies distributed to the local associations. Due to difficulties beyond our control, the *Statement of Policy* has not been updated since 2007 and remains a project in progress.

RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Jim Wilson, Co-Chair

Mandate

QFHSA is concerned with the well being of children and their cultural health as a proper environment in which to raise them. QFSHA is responsible for maintaining and developing education policy as defined by the Mission Statement. Rights are not simply an abstraction. Rights define our obligation to our children. We, Home and Schoolers, have a history of pleading and defending the rights of children and their parents. Parents should have the choice of the Official Language used in the education of their children.

Members

Brian Rock and Jim Wilson, co-chairmen; Carol Meindl, ex –officio; Rickhey Margolese, Marion Daigle, Chris Eustace, Rohinton Gandhi, Holly Gandhi, Nick Zaferis, Patricia Willis, Liette Chamberland.

Activities

- May 12, 2010 – Meeting: Special Guest: Brent Tyler, legal counsel for parents re the Court Action on Bill 104 in 2009.
The principal work has been to focus on a response to Bill 104 which, passed in 2002, had further diminished parents' rights to choose the education for their child. To provide a greater understanding of the legislation, lawyer Brent Tyler was invited as a guest at the May meeting. Mr. Tyler had represented the plaintiffs both in Quebec and at the Supreme Court of Canada where the judges ruled that Bill 104 was unconstitutional. However, the Supreme Court permitted the province time to rewrite the law. The Quebec government responded by drafting Bill 103, and just prior to the summer recess invited interested groups to submit briefs. As our Federation considered that the revised law provided no substantive change, it was incumbent that we air our views in the public arena.
- June, July, August, September, 2010 – Preparation and Presentation of a Brief on Bill 103, An Act to Amend the Charter of the French Language and other Legislative Provisions.
Given the specific rules regarding presenting a brief, and the limited time to have it ready, (August 16) the Federation owes a vote of thanks to Rickhey Margolese, Chris Eustace and Marion Daigle who worked tirelessly over the summer months to produce the Brief. There were countless rewrites and edits, but, by August 10, a 34-page brief was ready. Its essence thrust was that it is parents, not the State, who determine the education for their offspring; a message that is still not heeded in Quebec.
- September 10, 2010 – Quebec City Presentation
Four members: Rickhey Margolese, Carol Meindl, Liette Chamberland and Jim Wilson travelled to Quebec City to formally present the Brief to the Parliamentary Committee of the National Assembly on Culture and Communication. The four needed to rehearse and

hone their remarks to meet the very strict time limits for oral presentations.

A copy of the brief was widely distributed to all Home and School Associations, educational partners, community organizations and provincial and federal departments and agencies. An additional word of thanks to Rohinton Gandhi, who, by using the original video, has produced copies of the Brief presentation to the National Assembly hearings on DVD, and they are available to interested parties.

A more detailed report on this project is included in the Book of Reports

- August 25 – September 17, 2010 – Preparation and Presentation of a Brief to the Senate Standing Committee on Official Languages - Montreal Hearings

Shortly after receiving an invitation on August 25, QFHSA struck a Brief Committee: Carol Meindl, Marion Daigle, Rickhey Margolese, Jim Wilson. Their mandate was to express the Federation's views on the social, economic, educational and cultural conditions of the Official Languages Minority English-speaking population in Quebec.

September 17, 2010 – Carol Meindl, President and Marion Daigle, Past President represented QFHSA at the public hearings in Montreal. Their presentation was extremely well received. Copies of the Brief have been widely circulated to Home and School Associations, educational partners, community organizations, provincial and federal government departments and agencies.

A more detailed report on this project is included in the Book of Reports.

The Brief Committee is indebted to Rickhey Margolese, Brief Coordinator, for her extraordinary commitment in keeping the committee on target in meeting the strict deadlines.

March 2011 – The Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages report on its visit to Quebec was issued:

The Vitality of Quebec's English-speaking Communities: From Myth to Reality

- September 13, 2010 Meeting
Ongoing Issues include:
Technical Vocational Education
Appropriate level French materials for immersion students
Students with Special Needs
Student Ombudsman
Wider Access to English Education
Canada – Quebec Agreements on Minority Language Education and Second Languages
Instructions – Accountability is the issue.
- December 2010 QFHSA NEWS article
Bill 115 – Where Are We Now? - written by Jim Wilson, Co-Chair, Rights Committee.

RIGHTS COMMITTEE

A Brief presented to The Parliamentary Committee of the National Assembly Culture and Communications on Bill 103: An Act to Amend the Charter of the French Language and Other Legislative Provisions, August, 2010

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Jim Wilson Co-Chair and Marion Daigle, Rights Committee Resource

On January 19, 2010 QFHSA Board of Directors authorized the Rights Committee to organize and prepare a bilingual brief to address the Federation's concerns addressed in Bill 103. This follows QFHSA's historical precedent in responding to any legislation which seeks to restrict the parents' right to choose the educational path best suited for their child.

The Parliamentary Committee of the National Assembly on Culture and Communications set a deadline of August 16, 2010 to receive all briefs. The Brief was submitted to Quebec City on August 10.

QFHSA Brief Committee:

Rickhey Margoese, Executive Vice-President; Jim Wilson, Rights Committee; Marion Daigle, Rights Resource; Chris Eustace, Rights Committee; Larry DePoe, Rights Committee; Carol Ohlin, volunteer; Carol Meindl, President (ex officio).

Project Coordinator: Rickhey Margoese

The Federation acknowledges that this Brief would not have reached completion without the determination and commitment of our team leader. She spent countless hours organizing work schedules, timelines, deadlines, layout, correspondence, mailings, press releases etc. And she found time to write text and to be a presenter in Quebec City.

Assistance to the Committee:

The following people read drafts of the Brief for content, editing and technical expertise: Mary Skagos, Carmelina Zolla, Andre Knox, Michelle Langlois, Giovanna Spadafora and Phil Daigle.

Translation Services: Renée Marleau

Printing Services: Mike Simpson of The Business Box – Beaconsfield, Quebec

Several working sessions were spent on research, preparing drafts and revisions (at least 14) over the month of July. The committee is indebted to the translating and printing services for helping us meet our deadline. It was a team effort.

Background

Bill 103 was the Quebec government's response to the Supreme Court decision which declared Bill 104 as being unconstitutional, but allowed the law to stand for one year to allow the provincial government the opportunity to revise the law with a view to bring it within the bounds of constitutionality. Although the law had been passed in 2002, by a Parti Quebec government, it had received unanimous support in the National Assembly. Its principal provision was to prevent students who had attended a private English school for more than one year to obtain an eligibility

certificate for an English school education. Hitherto, this had been possible under both Quebec and Canadian law.

Summation of QFHSA Brief: Central Theme

QFHSA believes that all parents in Quebec, regardless of citizenship and linguistic status, should have the right to choose the language of schooling best suited for their children. At no time must a child's education be delayed because of a bureaucratic decision on eligibility for admission to an English language school.

The Brief explained the Federation's position on Bill 103 under the following headings:

1. **Parental Rights in Education: a Historical Perspective** –
outlined the erosion of rights since the 1970s from the passage of Bill 22, Bill 101, The Canadian Constitution Act 1982 (section 23) as well as Bill 104.
2. **Bill 103 – Procedural Impediments Trump Democratic Principles** –
The Brief argues against the bureaucratic structures outlined in the Bill to further limit the right of entry into English schools.
3. **Protection and Promotion of the French Language**
The Brief argued that the supportive bilingual Minority English-speaking communities in Quebec do not threaten the French language.
4. **The Future of the English Language School System in Quebec**
The Brief argued that the English school system in Quebec is in decline and in jeopardy and that Bill 103 does not allow for the maintenance and nurturing of the English school system. This was supported by statistical data.

Conclusions and Recommendations (Excerpt from pages 19 – 20 of the Brief)

In a democratic society one should always seek to expand on rights, never to diminish them; with rights come responsibilities. In this case, it is the responsibilities of the majority towards the minority and the minority towards the majority.

Conclusions

We firmly believe that:

1. Bill 103 does not meet the intent and spirit of the ruling, as it does not constitute minimal impairment of the constitutional rights of Quebec parents. It fails to meet both the moral and legal aspects as prescribed in the Supreme Court of Canada's judgment on "Bill 104".
2. The perceived threat to the French language comes principally from being a smaller population in proportion to the Canadian and American cultures. The supportive bilingual minority English-speaking communities in Quebec do not threaten the French language.

3. All parents in Quebec, regardless of citizenship and linguistic status, should have the right to choose the language of schooling best suited for their children.

This belief is based on Article 26(3) of the *United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948*.

”Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.”

Recommendations

We respectfully recommend that:

1. **The Government of Quebec withdraw Bill 103.**
2. **The Government of Quebec respect the ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada on “Bill 104”, as stated in our Resolution of April 24, 2010:**
Therefore Be it Resolved that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. urge the Government of Quebec to respect the 2009 unanimous ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada that Bill 104 is unconstitutional, and henceforth, to absolutely take no further legal, legislative and/or other actions to lessen access to education in English.
(See Appendix 2 – QFHSA Resolution 2010/1)
3. **The Government of Quebec undertakes further action to abrogate section 59 of the Constitution Act, 1982, as stated in our Resolution of May 3, 2008:**
Be it further resolved that s.23(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982, which guarantees access to minority official language education on the basis of a citizen’s mother tongue, be brought immediately into force in Quebec, by the exercise of the power conferred by section 9, that is to say, by the proclamation made by the Queen or the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada with the authorization of the legislative assembly or government of Quebec.
(See Appendix 3 – QFHSA Resolution 2008/1)

Presentation of QFHSA Brief to the Parliamentary Committee on Culture and Communications in Quebec City, September 10, 2010

QFHSA Delegation: Carol Meindl, President; Rickhey Margolese, Executive Vice-President; Liette Chamberland, Vice-President; Jim Wilson, Rights Committee member

Delegates were allowed one hour – QFHSA 15 minute oral presentation followed by a Question and Answer period – 45 minutes.

Delegates had several working sessions prior to their presentation. There was a vigorous discussion with the Parliamentary Committee and QFHSA did an excellent job in defending our position.

Circulation of the Brief:

Two hundred and twenty-five (225) Briefs were published and widely circulated to every Home and School Association, school boards, teacher and administrative associations, Central Parents Committees, Quebec Communities Network Group, English MNAs, Prime Minister of Canada, PCH/Canadian Heritage, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, Canadian Home and School Federation, media outlets and individuals.

Special thanks to Mary Skagos, QFHSA Administrative Assistant, and Carol Ohlin, volunteer, in coordinating the mailing.

For Further Information

- To receive the QFHSA Brief on Bill 103 please contact:
info@qfhsa.org or Tel: 514-481-5619.
- The Brief on Bill 103 may be viewed on the QFHSA website:
www.qfhsa.org

RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Consultation with the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages on September 17, 2010

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Marion Daigle, QFHSA Past President

On August 25, 2010 QFHSA received an invitation to prepare a presentation for the public hearings of the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages to be held on September 17, 2010 at the Hotel Delta Montreal.

Mandate: The Committee's purpose on its province wide tour (Sept 13 – 17) was to assess the social, economic, educational and cultural conditions of the Official Languages Minority English speaking population in Quebec.

QFHSA Executive Committee agreed that the Federation prepare a bilingual Brief for presentation to the Committee.

Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages

Five of the nine members of the Committee participated at the public hearings:

Maria Chaput (Chair), Manitoba; Pierre De Bané, Quebec; Suzanne Fortin – Duplessis, Quebec; Joan Fraser, Quebec; Judith Seidman, Quebec

QFHSA Brief Committee:

Carol Meindl, President; Rickhey Margolese, Executive Vice-President; Jim Wilson, Rights Committee; Marion Daigle, QFHSA Past President

Brief Coordinator – Rickhey Margolese. The Federation is indebted to our extraordinary team leader who went well beyond the call of duty to organize timelines, deadlines, layout, correspondence, mailings, press releases etc.

Translation Services: Renée Marleau

Brief Cover and Printing: Mike Simpson of The Business Box – Beaconsfield, Qc

Preparation of the Brief:

Several working sessions were spent on research, preparing drafts and revisions over a 22 day timeline. The committee is indebted to the translating and printing services for helping us to meet our deadline. It was a team effort.

Presentation:

President Carol Meindl and Marion Daigle, Past President, represented QFHSA.

Presentations at the public hearings were limited to 30 minutes consisting of a 5 minute introduction followed by a question and answer period. In her presentation the President focused on several issues and challenges, particularly related to the education sector. She briefly outlined five topics of special interest to the Federation and tabled a Brief which would expand on these ongoing concerns

1. Community Growth and Development – the school is often the primary cultural institution, especially in rural Quebec. Our schools are in jeopardy and constantly in need of resources – human and financial.

2. Wider Access to English Education – restrictive legislation on eligibility for English schooling remains our most serious concern. Shrinking student populations have led to shrinking school budgets. A shrinking school population has led to a shrinking pool of volunteers. Home and Schoolers are finding it increasingly difficult to find the hours necessary to maintain services.
3. Official Language Minority Communities Support Programs – the President expressed our appreciation for both the core and special projects funding provided by Canadian Heritage. These funds are essential to all of the minority language communities and organizations in Quebec.
4. Accountability for the Funding of Minority Language Education and Second Languages Instruction –this has been on the QFHSA agenda for forty years. Carol emphasized the need for increased efficiency in the reporting procedures and in the opportunity for public scrutiny by taxpayers of the spending of tax dollars. Maintaining quality French language programs is one of the top priorities in this area of concern.

In her conclusion the President emphasized the need for increased recognition of the status of the English language minority in Quebec. She said, “We are a minority within a minority and that is often forgotten when decisions are made affecting the vitality of our very diverse community”.

In the discussion which followed the Committee praised the quality of the presentation. They were visibly impressed about the Federation’s wealth of detailed knowledge and activity related to the Official Languages Act since 1970. They indicated to us and other presenters during their week’s visit that they had not realized just what a challenge it truly is to be an English minority in Quebec.

David Birnbaum, Executive Director, QESBA said on September 17.

‘The Francophone minority communities in the rest of Canada do not have to wake up every morning knowing that the perception around them is that anything that is done to their benefit is perceived to be at the expense and detriment of the majority’.

Copies of the Brief on Bill 103 prepared for the Parliamentary Committee of the National Assembly in August 2010 were circulated to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Increased consultation opportunities with both provincial and federal Official Languages departments by the “grassroots” level of stakeholders.
2. Increased support to help access to English education, essential for the survival of the schools and communities of the English language minority of Quebec.
3. Increased efficiency in the reporting procedures for the accountability of funding for minority language education and second languages instruction. Increased opportunity for public scrutiny on the spending of our tax dollars in this area must be respected.

Circulation of the Brief

Roughly 225 Briefs were published and widely circulated to every Home and School Association, school boards, teacher and administrative associations, Central Parents Committees, Quebec Communities Group Network members, English MNAs, Ministers (MELS) and Culture and Communications, Prime Minister of Canada, PCH/Canadian Heritage, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, Advisory Board on English Education, Canadian Home and School Federation, media outlets, community organizations and individuals.

Special thanks go out to Mary Skagos, QFHSA Administrative Assistant, and Carol Ohlin, volunteer, in coordinating the mailing.

QFHSA NEWS – October, 2010 – see p.7 – Senate Comes to Quebec

For Further Information

- To receive the QFHSA bilingual Brief to the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages, please contact: info@qfhsa.org or Tel:514-481-5619.
- March, 2011 – Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Official Languages: The Vitality of Quebec's English-speaking Communities: From Myth to Reality is available on the QFHSA website: www.qfhsa.org.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011

Submitted by Carol Meindl, Rickhey Margolese and Giovanna Spadafora

Theme: The theme for our 66th year was *Building our Future ... Together*

Arrangements: Coordinators Carol Meindl/Rickhey Margolese/
Giovanna Spadafora

Highlights: For the 7th consecutive year, the AGM was held at the Wyndham Montreal Airport (previously the Montreal Airport Hilton), in Dorval.

1. Annual General Meeting & Conference – Saturday, April 24, 2010
 - a) Registration: 79 people, including 30 Home & School Associations; others included Leo Lafrance (ADM, MELS), Serge Laurendeau (President, QPAT), Carolyn Curiale (Vice-president, QESBA), Brian Peat (Vice-president, CHSF); Directors, Past Presidents, guests.
 - b) Four schools attended from outside the Montreal area: New Carlisle, New Richmond, Bonaventure Polyvalent, Shawinigan.
 - c) Membership and Newsletter Awards were presented at the beginning of the meeting.
 - d) The business session passed six resolutions.
 - e) Election of the Board of Directors was held and Sylvia Adams, Past President of QFHSA, conducted the Installation Ceremony.

2. Awards Dinner – Saturday evening, April 24, 2010
 - a) Attended by 90 people including Directors, guests, award winners and members. There were 22 local Home and School Associations represented.
 - b) The Master of Ceremonies was Diana Donnelly, past Director.
 - c) The winners of three major awards were:
 - The Leslie N. Buzzell Award – Marlyn Brownrigg, QFHSA Director and Membership co-chair; and President, Lindsay Place High Home and School
 - The Gordon Paterson Award – Diane Martello, Music Specialist, Sherwood Forest
 - The Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award was given to St. Edmund Elementary School.There were no submissions for the Lewis Peace Prize.
 - d) Certificates and pins for Unsung Hero and Golden Torch were presented to the members in attendance.

3. Keynote Speaker
Serge Laurendeau, President, Quebec Provincial Teachers Association

FALL CONFERENCE – November 6, 2010
Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011
Submitted by: Mary Skagos, Administrative Assistant

Plenary Session: The Fall Conference was held at Gardenview Elementary School (EMSB) in Ville St. Laurent on Saturday, November 6, 2010. President Carol Meindl welcomed all the delegates and special guests. The plenary session was moderated by Leo LaFrance (MELS), with guest speakers Diane Shank, education specialist on special needs; Carole Arsenault, education specialist on voc/tech; her son, Marc-Andre Noiseux, a voc/tech graduate; and Lisa Storozuk, an education specialist on the reading action plan. Serge Laurendeau, President of QPAT, also attended the plenary session. The plenary was a huge success and really sparked the delegates' interest. Unfortunately, we ran out of time and to everyone's disappointment, we were unable to have a question & answer period.

Workshops: There were eight excellent workshops:

Morning
The ABCs of School Fundraising
Media & Health Literacy: Connecting the Dots
Integrating the Arts in Literacy
To Influence or Not to Influence: That is the Question

Afternoon
Dollars Make Sense – A guide to financial literacy
Fitness and Your Family
Getting the WORD Out
The Value of Teamwork

Facilitators
Betty Skagos, Gardenview H&S
Linda Millar, educator, CCA
Andréa Gaudreau, art educator
Chantal Westgate, McGill

Brian Smith, employment counselor
Wendy Kennedy, Can Fit Pro
Jenn Beauregard, Editor, newsletter
Corey Szwarcok, Dynamix

The evaluations of the plenary session and the workshops were very positive.

Registration: There were 52 delegates who attended representing 22 schools; ten Board of Directors and past Directors; staff, and Gardenview H&S volunteers. This total is slightly lower than last year.

Publicity: The registration flyer was mailed to our local associations, posted on our website and promoted on our FaceBook site as well.

Regional Council Meetings: After the first set of workshops, "An Introduction to the Board" presentation was held before everyone went into their regional council meetings.

Displays: There were 15 displays at this year's conference and half of them were first-timers. They were very positive about the new arrangement and enjoyed having their tables in the same area as the plenary session and pleased to make so many new contacts. Most of them held raffles and quite a few prizes were given out at the end of the day.

EXECUTIVE WORKSHOPS – September 24, 2010
 Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011
Submitted by Mary Skagos, Administrative Assistant

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 their local associations and their schools.

The workshops for local association executive committee members were held Friday, September 24, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the QFHSA office. Nineteen local associations were represented by 36 members. Six Board of Director members, two membership committee members and two office staff also attended making a total of 46 people.

After the welcome by QFHSA President, Carol Meindl, the participants attended the group according to their current executive positions or interests.

<u>Workshops</u>	<u>Moderators/Presenters</u>	
Presidents' Workshop 15 participants	Liette Chamberland	QFHSA Vice-President Sherwood Forest, Past-President
Membership 10 participants	Marlyn Brownrigg Barbara Schnider	Lindsay Place HS, President Lindsay Place HS, Membership Co-Chairs, QFHSA Membership
Treasurers 11 participants	Leah Trineer	QFHSA Director QFHSA Past-Treasurer Roslyn & Royal West Academy

Media/Publicity/Newsletters Jenn Beauregard Editor, QFHSA NEWS
 This workshop was cancelled as there were insufficient participants.

All participants received their local association kits – President, Treasurer, & Membership. The Media & Publicity documents were included in the Presidents' kits. The remaining kits were mailed out the following week.

After the workshops, a brainstorming session took place with the H&S members and the Board of Directors to exchange ideas, concerns, and thoughts for the future. It was very informative and much appreciated by everyone in attendance.

**EXECUTIVES APPRECIATION EVENT 2011 –
An Evening with Barbara Coloroso**

Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011

Submitted by Mary Skagos, Administrative Assistant

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 association receives an invitation for two Home & School Executive members to attend. The cost of the dinner is partially subsidized by QFHSA. This social evening is an opportunity to network in an informal setting and to exchange ideas. A guest speaker may be invited on a topic of interest to parents.

Date This year, an opportunity presented itself to buy a block of tickets to a lecture given by Barbara Coloroso, famed parenting expert and author, so we decided to change things a bit. We had the opportunity to purchase up to 40 tickets and offered our local associations the opportunity to invite two executive members at a subsidized price. If they wished to invite more people, then tickets were made available at the full price as well. This 10th annual executive appreciation event took place on Thursday, February 24th, 2011 in the evening from 7-9pm.

Venue The event was held at the Montreal Airport Hotel, formerly known as the Wyndham Airport Hotel, as part of the AGM of the Quebec Association for Preschool Professional Development's annual conference.

Program Barbara Coloroso is best known as the author of such books as "Kids are Worth It" and "The Bully, the Bullied and the Bystander". Her theme for this evening was "Kids are Worth It" and she spoke to a full room of over 300 people. She was warm, engaging and often thought-provoking. She touched on many topics particularly parenting with wit and wisdom, discipline vs punishment, the TAO of Teaching and Six Critical Life Messages amongst others.

Each member who attended received a generous QFHSA gift bag which included items donated from Sunsweet (chocolates) and Entertainment Book, a gift certificate for the MacWhirter B&B in the Gaspesie, and gift cards. We sold 32 tickets; 23 of which went to executive members representing 11 different schools. Two of Barbara Coloroso's books were purchased and autographed and then raffled off amongst our attending executives.

Attendance Home and School Associations attending were:

Dorset	Roslyn
Dunrae Gardens	St. John Fisher
East Hill	St. Charles
Edgewater	Willingdon
Forest Hill	
Gardenview	

FAMILY TREASURES ESSAY COMPETITION

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Carol Meindl, President

Mandate:

- To give students an opportunity to explore their own family history through the description of a 'family treasure'.
- To provide a creative opportunity to combine the areas of English Language Arts, History and Culture.

History:

The original concept of the Family Treasures Essay competition was credited to Ben Loomer (LEARN) who presented it at a CLC Resource Committee meeting as an opportunity for community organizations to participate in Family Literacy Day

General Information

The Competition was open to all Home and School member associations and CLC schools, targeting Cycle 3 (Grade 5-6) students and Secondary 1 and 2 (Grade 7-8)

Students were invited to write a 250-word (Cycle 3) or a 350-word (Secondary 1,2) word essay describing a family treasure, why it is important to their family and what it means to them. Submissions could include a digital photograph or illustration, if desired.

QFHSA assembled a panel of three judges: Kuljinder Kaur Magee- QFHSA Literacy Committee; Rod MacLeod – QAHN (Quebec Anglophone History Network); and Ben Loomer - LEARN. Essays were judged on content, spelling, grammar and poignancy.

English Arts teachers, as well as History and Ethics and Culture teachers, initiated the project in their classrooms and submitted the top five choices to QFHSA. The contest was launched January 27, 2011 in conjunction with Family Literacy Day and submissions were accepted up until March 18th, 2011.

Winning submissions (1st prize, Honorable mention) were announced April 4th and winners were notified by telephone or email. Winning submissions will be printed in the summer issue of the QFHSA NEWS. A collection of all the essays submitted will be created and a copy sent to the libraries of all the schools that participated.

Participating Schools:

Cycle 3:

Eastern Shores School Board: Belle Anse;
Eastern Townships School Board: Princess Elizabeth CLC
English Montreal School Board: Gardenview, Merton;
Lester B. Pearson School Board: Beechwood, Edgewater, Evergreen, St John Fisher;
Marguerite-Bourgeoys School Board: E.P. Beaconsfield;
Riverside School Board: St Lambert CLC;
Western Quebec School Board – St. John's

Secondary 1&2: LBPSB: Beurling Academy, John Rennie High, Macdonald High

Youth Exploring Science (YES) Project

Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Lawrence DePoe, Project Coordinator

Committee members:

QFHSA	Carol Meindl, President Rickhey Margolese, Executive Vice-President Mary Skagos & Lailah Cowan, office staff
Project Coordinator	Lawrence DePoe
Workshop Animator	Evelyn Castillo, Live Stuff – Educational Science Activities

Mandate

Schools in the Greater Montreal area have access to many services and activities for children. The YES project was initiated by QFHSA to provide services to member schools and Community Learning Centres in the off-island areas of Quebec, where these kind of educational opportunities do not readily exist. A partnership with the CLC network and LEARN (Leading English Education and Resource Network) would allow us to reach these children via the CLC video-conferencing system.

The Project

An application for the Youth Exploring Science Project was submitted to Patrimoine Canadian Heritage (PCH) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada (NSERC) by Harold Spanier in 2009. In 2010, PCH accepted the proposal and granted the project \$23,000. The original concept was then modified to reflect the more modest budget.

Committee members met with Evelyn Castillo and contracted her for workshop animation. Evelyn had been giving *LiveStuff* workshops for the last 4-5 years and had a number of very interesting and suitable subjects prepared. The committee chose a series of five workshops for elementary and high schools. Invitations were sent out to all English schools within a reasonable driving distance from a local Community Learning Centre (CLC), of which there are 23 in the province.

Elementary workshops ages 7-11:

Hydroponics- Kids jumpstart their own hydroponics garden while learning about the cultivation method as well as the nutritional needs of plants.

Dino Dig- An activity that transforms kids into real paleontologists! Each child received a rock containing a mystery fossil that would be revealed using paleontology tools.

Root Beer making- An activity that teaches kids how to make home-brewed root beer while learning the basics of biotechnology.

Health Matters- Kids learn about different ways of protecting themselves against microbes and keeping their body healthy.

The science of perfumes- One of the most ancient ways of communication is the sense of smell; this activity lets kids explore this sense while creating their own perfume.

Secondary Workshops 12-17:

DNA extraction - Kids extract the plant DNA and learn about this very important molecule.

The science of perfumes - (see description above)

The science of cosmetics - This activity lets kids get acquainted with the steps producing a cosmetic product from laboratory research to mass production.

Where's the fat? - Kids figure out the percentage of fatty content using real food, while learning about healthy eating habits.

Root Beer making - (see description above)

Outcome

The workshops took place on Saturday afternoons between 1:00 pm -3:30 pm from the Riverdale High school CLC in Pierrefonds using the video conferencing network system. Two CLCs participated in the project: Eaton Valley and Greater Huntingdon, with a total student participation of 25, for elementary and high school. The workshops began on March 12 and were offered for the following four weeks. The students were very enthusiastic and loved the workshops and the video-conferencing format.

Recommendation

It is clear, from this pilot project initiative, that there is a need for these services in the regions. The committee recommends that QFHSA continue to seek funding to offer these kinds of workshop services to members in the regions through the CLC video conferencing network.

Community Learning Centers Resource Committee
Report to the Annual General Meeting - April 30, 2011
Carol Meindl/ Rickhey Margolese-Liaisons

Mandate of the Community Learning Centers: Schools, vocational and adult training centers are not only part of the educational system; they are part of the communities they serve. This connection is important in Anglophone communities, especially those that only represent a small percentage of the total population in their area. The benefits of this connection have been well demonstrated in a wide variety of contexts. The school's impact on students is strengthened by the support of family and community, while the latter are strengthened by the support of the school.

Objective: 'The Community Learning Center's initiative is aimed at supporting the development of a diverse group of CLCs that will serve as 'hubs' for English-language education and community development in their respective communities, as well as to offer models for future practice. 'Together we're stronger' is a particularly apt expression to describe the potential of collaborative school-community relations: schools/centers, community groups and other public and private sector agencies working together to improve the opportunities to and from life-long learning for youth and adults and contribute to the overall development of the community. It is for this reason that the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) is supporting the development of 23 Community Learning Centers located in schools across Quebec and is preparing to develop three more in New Richmond, New Carlisle and Grosse-Ile (for a complete list of CLC locations go to www.learnquebec.ca/en/content/clc). Unfortunately, the CLC network has been underused and in some cases not developed. There needs to be more information about what the CLC network can offer community groups and parents. The potential is enormous.

The CLC Community Resource Committee (CRC) was founded in 2007 with the mandate to facilitate communication and collaboration between the Community Learning Centers and community partners (such as QFHSA). The Committee is coordinated by the CLC Provincial Resource Team with membership from organizations (QFHSA) serving English-speaking communities across Québec.

As a result of its participation on the CRC, the QFHSA has been actively working in partnership with the established CLCs and has developed two projects in 2010-11:

- The YES (Youth Exploring Science) project offered science workshops to 25 students 7-11 years and 12-16 years from schools of the surrounding area of the Eaton Valley (Eastern Townships) and Greater Huntingdon (South Shore) CLCs and broadcast them through their video-conferencing network.
- Family Treasures Essay Competition which invited all QFHSA local association schools plus Community Learning Center schools to participate in an essay writing competition that would provide an opportunity to explore personal family history as well as culture and English Language Arts.

The QFHSA will continue to explore areas of collaboration with the CLCs in 2011-2012.

QUEBEC COMMUNITY GROUPS NETWORK (QCGN) REPORT

Report to the Annual General Meeting, - April 30, 2011

Submitted by Carol Meindl, President

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.

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 table discussions and to submit briefs to government committees. They were responsible for the enormously successful visit of the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages to Quebec and Montreal in September of 2010. The QFHSA was invited to testify as witnesses at those hearings.

The QCGN was asked to add its voice to concern raised by the English Community about the proposed reforms to the structures in the Centres de réadaptation en déficience intellectuelle et en troubles envahissants du développement (CRDIs) of Montreal that would threaten health and social service institutions of the English Speaking Community of Quebec; The QCGN wrote letters to regional and provincial access committees, to MNAs in affected ridings and to Ministers of Social Services and Health alerting them to the communities concern. The item was removed from the agenda as a result of the information campaign, an excellent example of the power of the English Speaking Community when it mobilizes and speaks with one voice.

Activities: The QCGN had its Annual General Meeting in Sainte-Foy, June 2010 and Carol Meindl attended as the QFHSA representative. She has attended several Board meetings as well as Board orientation sessions and other events that the QCGN has developed in partnership with its member organizations over the past year. Although QFHSA no longer has an Executive Director to participate in the QCGN E.D. Network, Carol Meindl, as President, has functioned temporarily in this capacity.

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

- **5 delegates from the Regional organizations all 5 of which must be from the regions (outside the Greater Montreal Area)**
- **5 delegates from Sector organizations**
- **4 delegates at large**

The current Board of Directors 2010-2011:

Linda Leith, President

Bob Donnelly-Past President

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Townshipper's Association
Townshipper's Association
Quebec Community Newspaper Association
Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network
resigned as of December 2010
Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations
Black Community Resource Centre
Canadian-Italian Business & Professional Association Inc
QCGN Youth Standing Committee
English-Speaking Catholic Council
Megantic English-Speaking Community Development Corp.
Lower North Shore

Noel Burke (Dean of the School of Extended Learning, Concordia University) has been nominated to the Board and will be voted in at the next AGM in June, 2011.

[Carol Meindl's two-year term as Director is up this June and she does not intend to sit for a second term. She has offered, however, to continue to be the QFHSA representative at QCGN's Annual General Meeting and other events.]

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 2010 Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Awards were held at Sacred Heart School, October 22 and awards were presented to:

Alex K. Patterson	Lawyer and longtime community volunteer
Elsa Bolam	Founding Artist of <i>Geordie Theatre</i> for young audiences
Richard Walling	Health care activist and community advocate

The QFHSA will continue participating as a member organization of the Quebec Community Groups Network and will strive to bring the voice of English-speaking parents to the discussion table when ever possible.

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS (QPAT) CONVENTION, 2010
Report to the Annual General Meeting – April 30, 2011
Submitted by Anne MacWhirter, Director

As usual, QFHSA had the opportunity to have a not-for-profit table at the annual QPAT Convention in November 25-26, 2010, at the Palais de Congrès.

Directors and staff operated the table, which was on display on Thursday afternoon and evening, and all day Friday.

A gift basket was prepared to entice people to stop, fill in a coupon and to ask questions about QFHSA and its volunteer work.

Those passing by were asked to enter their name to have a chance to win the gift box. Once we had their attention:

- We offered them information about QFHSA.
- We distributed pages from the *Children's Literacy Resource Guide* and described the Born to Read program.
- We gave copies of the newly published QFHSA NEWS and copies of our brochures.
- Teachers in training were encouraged to learn about QFHSA.

A notebook of contact information was kept so that follow-up measures could be taken. The winner of the gift basket was from the Batshaw Youth and Family Services.

President Carol Meindl composed a follow-up letter to those who stopped by the table.