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## President's Report

*by Nancy Jefferson*

Canadian Parents for French Saskatchewan has reached a remarkable milestone in our organizational life as we mark 25 years of advocacy for French Second Language Education in this province. The work of those first members set the stage for the wonderful opportunities that currently exist for our children. Over the years, more visionary individuals have helped to implement and expand the French Immersion and Core French programs throughout the province. We will be forever in their debt as our children move through the educational system and into their careers with an appreciation of the French language and culture that many of their parents envy.

The young people of our province have opportunities to use their French outside of the classroom in CPF sponsored summer day-camps (Fête du soleil), residential camp, Rendez-vous weekend, Mini Rendez-vous sessions, and Concours d'art oratoire. We have also worked with other organizations to provide opportunities for older students. In 2003, the National Concours returns with chances for senior students to travel to Toronto for the final competition and ultimately compete for a trip to France. Opportunities exist, students need to be encouraged to make use of those opportunities.

With the Federal government committed to having 50% of young Canadians bilingual by 2010 and this year's federal budget making more funds available for Second Language Education the opportunities will only increase in the near future. Canadian Parents for French both nationally and in each province are preparing 5-year plans for Canadian Heritage to promote bilingualism. Your CPF Saskatchewan board has spent much of our efforts again this year on the evolving governance structures of a policy board. It is time again to dream and look to the future. Saskatchewan has many areas where French Second Language opportunities do not exist or are tenuous at best. This will be one of our challenges for the coming years. We anticipate exciting new ventures that will encourage our young people to get involved and then stay involved in French language study.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our partners from Canadian Heritage, Official Minority Language Office of Saskatchewan Learning, HRDC, and Young Canada Works for their continuing encouragement and funding. I would also like to express my gratitude at the in-kind contributions made by partner organizations including school divisions, the Official Minority Language Office of Saskatchewan Education, L'assemblée communautaire francosaskoise, and many of its associated organizations, The Language Institute and Baccalaureate en éducation program at the University of Regina, the Department of Languages and Linguistics at the University of Saskatchewan, and the volunteers and Chapters from across the province. Another thank you to our dedicated staff - Karen Taylor-Browne, Joanne Illingworth, and Lindsay Matheson who work diligently to implement the dreams and visions that the Board presents to them. CPF Saskatchewan is also fortunate to have some amazingly dedicated Board members who have put in many hours and have been a great source of encouragement and support to me.

Lastly, I thank you the members for your participation and support as well. I trust that you are seeing the fruits of your labours in the confident and capable children who are working toward bilingualism. The work we do is immensely valuable not just to our individual children but to our province and nation. I envision the day when a majority of young people all over our province will be saying "Je suis bilingue - and proud of it".

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# Executive Director's Report

by Karen Taylor-Browne (PhD)

CPF - Saskatchewan is proud of the work that we have accomplished over the course of the 2002-2003 fiscal year with the help of our Chapters and partner organizations. Most of our long-standing projects were continued, some were expanded and new initiatives were undertaken. All of this activity took place while we confronted a challenging financial situation. Our average monthly operating budget was close to \$3000.00 less than it had been for the previous 30 months because we no longer had any "carry-over" grant money available to us. We also had difficulty accessing our 2002-2003 operating grants because of auditing issues related to the previous three year period. We discovered that we could lose \$19,328 that had been listed as "deferred contributions" in our 2001-2002 audit unless we could demonstrate through a revised audit that these monies should not have been designated as "deferred". Until the revised Audit was complete, our 2002-2003 operating grant monies could not be released. It is that revised audit for 2001-2002 that provides the comparative figures in the summary statements attached to this report. Members who wish to see the revised audit for 2001-2002 or a complete version of the 2002-2003 audit are welcome to view them in our office. Copies will also be available at the Annual General Meeting.

The Summary Statements in this report demonstrate that expenditures for Youth Programs were up by close to \$11,000 this year while spending on Information Programs was down by approximately \$24,500. Part of this difference was due to the reduction in grant revenues. However, part of the gap between the two programs' expenditures arose because most of the cost of the publicity work done for our camping programs by our student employees in 2001-2002 was assigned to the Information Program while in 2002-2003 all publicity done for our camping programs was expensed to Youth Programs. Time, energy and money dedicated to Information Programs and to Liaison and Advocacy in 2001-2002 also had to be re-directed to the Administrators' and Trustees' Conference in 2002-2003. The increase in spending on Parent Support Programs and Governance in 2002-2003 is mostly attributable to costs associated with sending delegates to the CPF National conference which is held every second year.

The review of programs that appears below and in the Chapter reports is meant to document the kinds of activities we have completed over the course of the year. We believe that they demonstrate that CPF - Saskatchewan is making considerable efforts to fulfil its mandate: *"to create and promote opportunities for young Canadians within the Province of Saskatchewan to learn and use the French language."*

## Youth Programs

Concours d'art oratoire underwent considerable change this year as a result of the reintroduction of a National competition for students at the Grade 11-12 level. Rather than having regional finals for Grades 4-8 and a provincial final for Grade 9-12, the Branch decided to have one provincial final for Grades 6-12. Children in grades 4 and 5 could continue to participate up to the school division level and grades 1-3 could still compete in their schools. An additional judging class was added for students in Core French programs who have previous experience in immersion or other enriched exposure to French. Students from French-speaking homes or minority francophone schools can also compete in a "Francophone" category. Judging criteria were also changed to correspond with those used at the National level.

These changes were incorporated into new manuals and instructions for teachers, competition organizers and officials. To attract a larger pool of candidates, distribution of information about the competition expanded beyond the school divisions that have both French immersion and Core French programs to include 200 additional schools where Core French is taught in Grades 9-12. This prompted 54 schools in 21 different school divisions to participate - an increase from 12 school divisions and 25 schools in 2001-2002. Certificates of participation were processed for 3000 students in Grades 1-12. From this number 54 were registered for the Provincial Final in Saskatoon on May 3, 2003: numbers similar to those registered last year at these grade levels. We extend special thanks to the College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan for providing us a venue for this event and to Dr. Nancy Senior, Chair of the Department of Languages and Linguistics, for making these arrangements for us.

Rendez-vous also underwent some changes this year. The venue has always been the University of Regina where a staff member at the Language Institute coordinated the event. Because the Institute was undergoing restructuring, we decided to move the event to the University of Saskatchewan. At the same time, the Branch Board agreed to try to increase the number of students in Grades 6-9 who could benefit from the opportunities Rendez-vous is designed to provide: e.g.. enhance their French skills, make them more aware of French-Canadian culture and history, encourage them to study French at the secondary school level, sensitize them to the career and personal enrichment opportunities available to bilingual Canadians, foster a sense of belonging to a bilingual Canada. Some "Restricted Asset" funds for Rendez-vous held by the Branch were released to a Grade 6-9 Grant program that CPF Associate Member Organizations and Chapters could apply for to support locally planned initiatives compatible with the objectives of this program.

Grant application forms were distributed to immersion and core schools across the province in December. Ten applications for events that would occur before March 31<sup>st</sup> were received. Grants totalling \$1300.00 contributed substantially to the following locally organized activities:

- 1) a full day Francophon for all (120+) grade 8 French Immersion students in the Saskatoon Catholic School Division;
- 2) a "Carnaval" for 275 Core French students from McLurg school in the Regina Public school division;
- 3) a "Carnaval" and "spectacle" for 300 actual or potential students of the French immersion program in Lloydminster.

The Branch operated Rendez-vous was held at the University of Saskatchewan on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 under the coordination of Nathalie Delmaire and with the active cooperation of Dr. Nancy Senior and the College of Arts and Science who arranged accommodation for us. Although more than 2200 registration pamphlets were distributed across the province for the event, only 28 students attended with the majority coming from Lloydminster and North Battleford. Students and chaperons were impressed with the high quality of the activities and the event attracted a considerable amount of media interest. However, this is the second year in a row that we have experienced a very disappointing turnout. As a result, the Branch will need to restructure this event next year.

### Mini Rendez-vous and Micro Rendez-vous

The objectives of Mini Rendez-vous are similar to those of Rendez-vous but the events are designed for younger children. They help to address the high level of French immersion program attrition that occurs in Saskatchewan between kindergarten and Grade 4. In contrast, Micro Rendez-vous is meant to encourage parents to enrol their pre-school children in French immersion kindergarten by providing them with an orientation to French Immersion as they observe their children participating in a half day of French language activities. The April 2002 Micro Rendez-vous in Melville attracted sufficient numbers of pre-school children to ensure immersion kindergarten registration was high enough for the program to continue. A Micro Rendez-vous in Nipawin in January, 2003 was part of an active effort being made to ensure the continuance of the Nipawin immersion program.

The Branch's role in these programs is to recruit, train and equip teams of French speaking monitors to operate the activities on behalf of the Chapters. We also arrange for the transportation and accommodation of the monitors who are mostly bilingual university students interested in becoming French teachers. Chapter organizers book venues, do publicity, take registrations, arrange snacks or meals, and provide on-site supervision for the events.

The increasing popularity of these programs provides evidence of their effectiveness. Between April, 1 2002 and March 31, 2003, a total of 10 chapter co-ordinated events were held with a total of 284 participants. This compares with 197 participants last year. Two additional Branch operated "day in the school day" events involved approximately 200 children in La Ronge and Swift Current.

Summer Residential Camp or "Le camp ultime" was held August 5 - 17, 2002 at Arlington Beach Camp on Last Mountain Lake. It was co-directed by Kara Pilon and Monique Orchard. Despite a substantial fee increase, registrations rose to 162 camper weeks compared with 122 last year, 70 in 2000, 52 in 1999 and 33 in 1998. This remarkable growth is largely attributable to the publicity work done by the students we hired in May and June this year and last. However, 36 students also returned this year and brought friends.

The value of the camp in developing French skills is very evident to the staff that includes a number of practicing teachers as well as several senior student teachers. Some

parents also report that after camp their immersion students used French with friends at home for the first time ever. Some core students said they learned more French in a week at camp than in a year at school. Consequently, we are making efforts to increase the number of students who are able to attend camp. By the end of February 2002, 10,000 pamphlets and approximately 1000 posters for Camp 2003 had been sent to 565 different schools across the province. We are also looking for ways of creating economies so that we can offer the camp at a reasonable price without diverting funds from other programs. This is necessary because camp, like all our youth programs, is subsidized. To increase numbers we must decrease cost and/or increase outside funding: something which we would also like to do through donations and sponsorships.

Day Camp or "La Fête du soleil" was held in seven communities and attracted a total of 175 children: an increase of 35 from Summer 2001. Fête is a co-operative venture between the Branch and Chapters. The Branch recruits, trains, equips and transports the monitors as well as handling all general administration. The students we hire in May and June help develop publicity materials and do promotion. Chapters book venues, plan excursions, help with publicity, collect registrations, provide on-site supervision and billet monitors who do not come from the community where the day camp is occurring. To ensure that new volunteers and monitors have appropriate guidelines, the Branch must also update manuals as well as ensure appropriate reporting.

#### Programs for Secondary School Students

CPF Saskatchewan works with other organizations to provide French programming for secondary students. We have been involved with *Le français pour l'avenir/French for the Future* which was held for the first time in Saskatchewan on April 16, 2002. It attracted 85 participants from seven Saskatoon schools plus a small number of other students who accessed, via the internet, the closed-circuit teleconference that linked the nine cities where conferences were being held simultaneously. Planning sessions for the April 8, 2003 event began in October, 2002. CPF - Saskatchewan was involved in distribution of materials to schools outside of Saskatoon for *French for the Future* and a related program called *Horizon bleu/Blue Horizon*. The latter program enabled one essay contest winner from each province to go to Montréal for a week of activities that included participation in the *French for the Future* conference in that city: one of three new locations added to the conference in 2003.

Despite limited Branch involvement in 2002-2003, CPF - Saskatchewan took considerable pride in the fact that 27 out of 86 members of the Francophile team that attended *Les jeux de la francophonie* from August 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002 in Rivière du loup came from Saskatchewan. This was the largest representation of any province. Saskatchewan participants won all but one of the medals taken home by the Francophile team. Our CPF - Prince Albert chapter, and chapter President Jara MacFarlane in particular, need to be congratulated for promoting this event so successfully. The majority of the Saskatchewan participants came from Prince Albert.

Prince Albert Board Member Amy Hadley also needs to be recognized for the efforts she made to recruit applicants for *Le Parlement francophone des jeunes/Francophone youth parliament* that the Saskatchewan Intergovernmental Affairs Department asked CPF - Saskatchewan to publicize less than a week before its December 10, 2002 application deadline. This program involved students 18-21 from thirty countries where French is widely spoken. Each Canadian province could select one male and one female for a pool of contestants from which two Canadian representatives were selected for a trip to Niger in Africa. The Branch office circulated information to all immersion grade 12 teachers, our chapters, the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina. Unfortunately only one student contact by Amy actually considered applying. We hope that the next time this program is offered we will have more notice.

The Branch will be able to provide advance publicity for *La foire des carrières 2003*. This French language career faire will take place in October 2003 in Saskatoon but planning has been underway since November 2002. The lead partner is *L'assemblée communautaire fransaskoise* through its employment bureau, *Guichet Unique*. *La division scolaire fransaskoise* and the *Conseil de la coopération de la Saskatchewan* are active partners. CPF - Saskatchewan represents immersion programs on the planning committee.

#### Opportunities for Post-secondary students

CPF - Saskatchewan encourages post-secondary students to continue their studies in French by offering two scholarships through the Language Institute at the University of Regina and by providing employment opportunities. In 2001-2002 five students worked for us for at least eight weeks. Eight more worked at our residential camp. These students and others were monitors for the programs we operated during the school year. Given the dire need for qualified French teachers in this province, we hope many of these young people will consider this as a career.

### **Information Programs**

Information Dissemination by phone, e-mail, regular mail and in person is a major activity of the CPF - Saskatchewan staff. On average we respond to 10 phone calls a day. Over the course of the year I received over 1000 e-mails and responded to over 800 - not including internal office mailings or "spam". Our Executive Administrative Assistant received 711 and sent 853 e-mails while our Chapter Development Officer received 626 and sent 856. The nature of some of the requests received by phone and e-mail required us to accumulate information from other organizations as well as our National Office and other CPF Branches. We put together packages of pamphlets and circulate our display materials to our chapters as well as other organizations that approach us for information. We send out large volumes of pamphlets, posters and information packages concerning our youth programs as well as the French course for parents that we have been piloting in Saskatoon (see Parent Support and Governance Program below). As noted above, two of our student employees did an information campaign mostly directed towards our camping program during May and June that was paid through our Youth Program funds. We also review and respond to information received from other organizations and the media and we write and disseminate media releases concerning our programs, activities and events. Information we collected from our chapters and other agencies was used when we compiled the three newsletters we prepared during the course of the year. Our Executive Administrative Assistant, Joanne Ilingworth, also used this information to maintain and update our Website.

During the months of January and February, our Chapter Development Officer, Lindsay Matheson and I made ourselves available for every French Immersion Kindergarten information night held in Saskatoon and arranged for one of our experienced student monitors to attend similar meetings in Regina. We also attended a number of meetings in other communities and provided advertising funds for some of our chapters to publicize their Immersion information events.

We collect information our National staff needs to produce the *State of French Second Language Education in Canada* report that they are now publishing each year. This requires us to interact with officials at Saskatchewan Learning as well as some school divisions. This year, we used our "Nurturing the Roots - Cultivating the Opportunities" conference as an opportunity to "launch" the State of FSL report in Saskatchewan.

To disseminate information concerning our "Nurturing the Roots - Cultivating the Opportunities" Conference the staff had to update our lists of Directors of Education and Superintendents. We also created an electronic database of schools where Core French is taught. To do so, we had to cross-reference information obtained from Saskatchewan Learning's Grants office with the most up-to-date paper list of Active Schools that Saskatchewan Learning sells to organizations such as ours. As Saskatchewan Learning is not prepared to provide their data to us in electronic form, we had to update an old school list that they had provided electronically several years ago. This time consuming work was completed on a volunteer basis by Sean Verboda, a Commerce student at the University of Saskatchewan. We are most grateful to him for this significant contribution to our organization.

### **Liaison and Advocacy**

In April, 2002 CPF - Saskatchewan was asked to appoint a representative to a committee that would establish a mandate and action plan for an *Institut français* at the University of Regina which will provide post-secondary educational programs in French for students in Saskatchewan in a more effective way than its predecessor, the Language Institute, was doing. I was named to that committee and to a subcommittee that prepared a draft proposal that the larger committee reviewed and submitted to the Federal and Provincial governments for funding. I also sit on the Search committee for a Director for the *Institut*. We hope funding will be in place by mid June 2003 when we expect to name the new director.

In April, 2002 CPF - SK was also asked to help support parents and students who were fighting a Saskatoon Public School Division decision to eliminate Board support

for Exchange programs including ones to France and Quebec. As the rationale for the elimination of these programs was financial, I did considerable research to ascertain how this board was spending the supplementary grants it receives for French programming. We contacted local CPF members to ask them to attend a Board of Trustee meeting where a CPF member made a presentation. Our subsequent contacts with the media resulted in local, national and even international coverage being given to the dubious way the Board is using its French funds. We are continuing to inform all parents from this Board who call us for assistance of the need for forming a parent advisory committee pursuant to the Regulations governing designated schools.

Throughout the year I have also been involved in supporting chapters and/or members in Yorkton, North Battleford and Nipawin in their efforts to maintain or improve their immersion programs. This has involved attending meetings, giving advice, doing research, writing letters and making verbal presentations. CPF - SK has also provided support to our sister Branch in New Brunswick as they have fought to prevent the Moncton school district from eliminating Grade 1 French Immersion.

In order to try to enhance the programs that are available in French for both francophones and second language users of French, I communicate regularly with the Executive Director and Communications' officer of the *Assemblée Communautaire Fransaskoise*. They honoured me by asking me to be Master of Ceremonies for a major reception sponsored by the *Assemblée* and seven other francophone organizations during *La semaine de la francophonie* in March: a task which allowed me to meet and introduce representatives of all provincial and federal political parties as well as senior civil servants and members of the executive committees of most of the province's francophone organizations. I have attended special events being held by other francophone organizations: e.g. the launch of *L'Association des juristes* website in February. Specific exchanges of information have also occurred between CPF - Saskatchewan and *Le Service fransaskois de formation aux adultes* to explore the potential for jointly operated parent education and support projects. We are also encouraging the *Assemblée Communautaire* in a proposal they have made to extend French community radio into French immersion schools. The close relationship CPF - Saskatchewan has always enjoyed with representatives of the Commissioner of Official Languages was reinforced when Joanne and I had the pleasure of a visit from the Commissioner's newly appointed Liaison Officer for Saskatchewan: M. René Boudreau.

Of course, the major liaison and advocacy activity that CPF - Saskatchewan undertook this year was our *Nurturing the Roots - Cultivating the Opportunities* Conference which was designed to provide educational leaders in the province with an opportunity to share information about French second language education programs and seek solutions to some of the challenges that inhibit the delivery of appropriate French programs to all students in this province. Active planning began in April, 2002 when Canadian Heritage agreed to advance one increment of the funding we hoped they would provide for our 2002-2003 operations and when the Official Minority Language Office of Saskatchewan Learning reconfirmed a contribution of \$10,000.00 in conference funding that we had requested the previous year. Core members of the steering group that had met in June of 2000 to discuss the possibility of running such a conference re-convened immediately and TurnerCoben Event Management were contracted to coordinate the conference. TurnerCoben also made considerable efforts to raise more funds for the conference by contacting 43 different companies and government agencies. This effort resulted in our receiving an extra \$3,000.00 from the Government of Saskatchewan for the Premier's reception and \$100.00 from SaskTel. Radio Canada/CBC also provided very generous media support and the company Capturing Life's Celebrations agreed to videotape the conference without charge. Dick Neiman, the Director of the The League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents and Stan Frey from the Official Minority Language Office of Saskatchewan Learning arranged for electronic and paper information and registration packages to be transmitted to educational administrators throughout the province without cost to CPF. The conference facilitator, Alan Appleby, and the majority of the twenty-four individuals who made presentations at the conference waived their fees and/or transportation and accommodation expenses. This included Her Honour, the Honourable Dr. Linda Haverstock, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan who was the keynote speaker on the second day of the conference. Members of the Steering Committee who had been providing e-mail and telephone feedback as well as meeting off and on for close to three years were particularly generous with their time: Nancy Fraser Child, Stan Frey, Myra Froc, Helen Horsman, Dianne Lacasse, Eileen Reimche, Mary Reeves, Janice Petracek and Barb Saylor. Judy Gibson of CPF Alberta and the coordinator of the *Building the Future* Conferences in Alberta, Pat Brehaut, also provided invaluable advice and information.

We have received very positive feedback from many of the 60 conference participants. Everyone is anxiously waiting for the Government of Saskatchewan to respond to the recommendations of the working sessions. We also look forward to working with the Official Minority Language Office of Saskatchewan Learning in 2003-2004 to develop a manual for administrators of French second language programs.

### Governance and Parent Support

The activities that we place in this category of programming include Branch Board meetings, the Branch Annual General Meeting, Special Meetings involving chapter representatives and the Branch Board, CPF National meetings attended by Branch Board members and staff as well as the National Annual General Meeting/Conference to which we send chapter and branch delegates. The work the Branch does to support our chapters in their management activities is also included as is the tracking and updating of memberships and the distribution of membership lists and rebates. We also include in this category of programming the piloting of our French course for parents and the investigation of other kinds of initiatives that will support our members.

In the 2002-2003 fiscal year the Board met in person five times and held five conference calls. One of these meetings coincided with the Annual General Meeting held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002. A second occurred in association with a special meeting for Chapter Representatives and the Board where the Assistant Director and Communication Officer for CPF National, Maureen McEvoy, worked with a consultant hired by the National Office, Alan Pryde, to pilot an Advocacy Workshop that will be taken to communities across the country. We were very grateful to Joanne Weninger, Associate Superintendent of the Saskatoon Catholic School District and Rosalie Woloski from CBC Radio who volunteered to attend the workshop and provided the participants with practical ideas about interacting with school administrators and the media.

Seven chapter representatives, three Branch board members and two Branch staff were also able to participate in an advocacy session held at the CPF National 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and AGM held in Ottawa in October. They also participated in a workshop on French teachers supply which served as a very effective National launch of the *State of French Second Language in Canada 2002* report which focusses on this issue. A speech made by the Honourable Stephan Dion at the National conference also gave our Chapter and Branch representatives something of a sneak preview of some of the things that we have since seen published in the Government of Canada's *Action Plan for Official Languages*.

Besides the National AGM/Conference, our Branch President and Vice President attended several face-to-face meetings and conference calls organized by CPF National across the course of this fiscal year. I also participated in conference calls with other CPF executive directors and attended back-to-back workshops about Results Based Management and organizational governance that Canadian Heritage and our national office organized at the end of February. The training provided to our Board members and myself have assisted us considerably in the work the Board is doing to develop governance policies for CPF Saskatchewan.

The Chapter Development activities performed by the Branch include support for all of the youth projects undertaken by the Chapters. We must also upgrade and distribute membership lists and track chapter rebates: work done by our Executive Administrative Assistant, Joanne Illingworth. Joanne also organizes bookings and travel arrangements for Branch and Branch/Chapter meetings. Our Chapter Development Officer, Lindsay Matheson prepared nine Chapter Chat newsheets this year which were sent to Chapter and Branch board members. She also made at least one visit to each of our chapters. She attended a Chapter Development Officers meeting held in conjunction with the CPF National AGM / Conference so as to learn more from her colleagues. She followed this up with a trip to Winnipeg where she investigated in detail the very effective Associate Member Organization program operated by CPF - Manitoba which we are considering putting in place in Saskatchewan next year.

In case it should appear from this report and the financial statements that the Branch staff does not do any general administrative work, that is definitely not the case. General administration and infrastructure maintenance absorbs approximately 30% of our resources. However, those costs are distributed across the four program areas described above.

## SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## AUDITORS' REPORT

### CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH SASKATCHEWAN INC. March 31, 2003

	2003	2002
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current	\$69,682	\$56,694
Capital assets and lending library	<u>1,608</u>	<u>\$5,733</u>
	<b>\$71,290</b>	<b>\$62,427</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current	\$38,274	\$8,057
Deferred Contributions	<u>0</u>	<u>4,202</u>
	\$38,274	\$12,259
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Net assets internally restricted	\$11,517	\$23,919
Net assets invested in capital assets	1,196	5,320
Unrestricted net assets	<u>20,303</u>	<u>20,929</u>
	<b>\$33,016</b>	<b>\$50,168</b>
	<b>\$71,290</b>	<b>\$62,427</b>

## SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

<b>Revenue</b>		
Grants	\$205,136	\$190,069
Memberships and chapter fees	13,050	12,212
Registration fees	48,910	27,898
Other revenue sources	5,522	2,264
Deferred contributions	<u>4,202</u>	<u>42,045</u>
	\$276,820	\$274,488
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Youth Program	\$161,407	\$150,448
Information Programs	18,293	42,790
Liaison and Advocacy	6,219	8,113
Administrators and Trustees Conference	36,700	0
Parent Support Programs and Governance	<u>67,228</u>	<u>64,135</u>
	<u>\$289,847</u>	<u>\$265,486</u>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year</b>	<b><u>(13027)</u></b>	<b><u>9,002</u></b>
<b>Appropriations to Internally restricted net assets</b>	<b>12,401</b>	<b>(8665)</b>
<b>Net Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(626)</b>	<b>\$ 337</b>
<b>Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>20,929</b>	<b>20,592</b>
<b>Unrestricted net assets, end of year</b>	<b>20,303</b>	<b>20,929</b>

## SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

<b>Cash provided by (used for)</b>		
Operations	\$(13,027)	\$9,002
Changes in non-cash working capital	<u>15,975</u>	<u>(71,442)</u>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>	<b>2,948</b>	<b>(62,440)</b>
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<b><u>14,440</u></b>	<b><u>76,880</u></b>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>\$17,388</b>	<b>\$14,440</b>

To the Members

The accompanying summarized statements of financial position, revenue, expenditures, unrestricted net assets and changes in financial position are derived from the complete financial statements of Canadian Parents for French Saskatchewan Inc. as at March 31, 2003 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated May 2, 2003. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the entity's financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

  
CERTIFIED GENERAL ACCOUNTANTS

**Hounjet Tastad**  
Certified General Accountants  
**SASKATOON** (Saskatchewan)  
May 2, 2003

# Celebrating 25 Years of CPF in Saskatchewan

Saturday, June 7, 2003

Saskatoon Inn

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



*People staying overnight are expected to check out of their hotel rooms before 10:00 am.*

**10:00 am**

## **AGM**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes of 2002 AGM
- 4) President's Report (see cover page)
- 5) Executive Director's Report (see page 2)
- 6) Presentation of Financial Report (see page 5)
- 7) Approval of Audit
- 8) Appointment of Auditor
- 9) Nomination Committee Reports
- 10) Election of Officers
- 11) Bylaw Committee Report
- 12) New Business
  - Date and Location of 2004 AGM
- 13) Adjournment

**10:45 am**

## **Introduction of Chapter Management Policies**

**11:30 am**

## **Lunch**

### **25th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration**

### **Presentation of the J. Elmer Hynes Awards**

**1:00 pm**

## **Meeting with a New Challenge for the Future - The Dion Plan**

- Representative of the Department of Canadian Heritage

*This presentation will:*

- 1) Explain how the Dion Plan will affect the delivery and support of French Second Language Learning programs at the local level in Saskatchewan.
- 2) Explain the role CPF chapters and individual members may have to play in ensuring the plan's success in this province.

**2:00 pm**

## **Discussion of Chapter Management Policies and Other Chapter Business**

## **Board Meeting to follow**

## Proposed changes to the By-laws of Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan Inc.

Most of the changes proposed below are made in order to bring the By-laws of CPF - Saskatchewan that were adopted on June 6th, 2000 into conformity with the current by-laws of CPF National. Proposed changes are indicated in the following ways:

- 1) text to be deleted has a double stroke through it as illustrated here.
- 2) text to be added is underlined as illustrated here.

Notations that explain changes but which are not to be included in the text of the by-laws are printed in colour as illustrated here.

### 0.01 Articles of Incorporation

The Branch was constituted under the name of "CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH - SASKATCHEWAN INC." as a charitable corporation under the Non-Profit Corporations Act of the Province of Saskatchewan under the seal of the Corporations Branch of the Saskatchewan Department of Justice dated the 25th day of September, 1980. Articles of Amendment were granted in 1984 changing the location of the registered office from the City of Regina to the City of Saskatoon. The activities of the organization, which cannot be changed without due application to the Corporations' Branch of the Saskatchewan Department of Justice, were prescribed as follows by a further amended in 1995:

*To create and promote opportunities for young Canadians within the Province of Saskatchewan to learn and use the French language.*

### 0.02 By-laws

WHEREAS:

- A. Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan Inc. (herein referred to as "CPF Saskatchewan") was incorporated under the Non-Profit Corporations Act of the Province of Saskatchewan in 1980.
- B. Articles of Amendment were granted in 1984 changing the location of the registered office from the City of Regina to the City of Saskatoon.
- C. Articles of Amendment were granted in 1995 limiting the activities of the organization to the following:  
*To create and promote opportunities for young Canadians within the Province of Saskatchewan to learn and use the French language.*

### 0.03 Definitions

~~"Association" means the national organization of CPF and does not include Branches and Chapters.~~

*The term "Association" is replaced by the terms "CPF National" or "National" in all locations where it previously appeared.*

"Chapter" means an organized group of CPF members of CPF residing in a community in Saskatchewan or affiliated with an educational jurisdiction governed by the Government of Saskatchewan and administered in accordance with these By-laws. There shall be at least ten (10) voting members in the locality before a Chapter may be recognized. Exceptions to this rule may be considered by the ~~Association~~ National Board of Directors, on the advice of the Branch Board, on a case-by-case basis.

"CPF" ~~or "the Corporation"~~ "CPF National" or "National" means the national parent corporation CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH whose headquarters is the city of Ottawa in the Province of Ontario.

~~"Immediate Past President": Upon completion of a term of office, a President becomes the Immediate Past President, and the incumbent Immediate Past President cease to hold this office. Where a President has resigned or was removed from office prior to completion of a term of office, the person appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation or removal, and not the person who resigned or was removed, becomes Immediate Past President upon completion of the term of office.~~

"Member household" means a domestic establishment occupied by at least one adult person who has purchased a membership in Canadian Parents for French in accordance with policies established for membership by the National Board of Directors.

*"National Board" means the National Board of Directors of the Corporation as constituted pursuant to the Act and this Bylaw. (Add)*

(b) ~~In the By-laws, unless otherwise stated, words implying the singular or plural number shall include the opposite and words implying the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include all other genders. the use of a masculine or feminine form is intended to denote both genders.~~

### ~~1.01~~ 2.01 Head Office

#### Corporate Seal

### ~~2.01~~ 2.02 Corporate Seal

*This change in numbers and headings is made to accommodate a repetition of numbers in the current bylaws. There is no change in the text of the articles.*

#### Membership

### 3.00 Membership Fees

Membership fees and their distribution shall be established from time-to-time by the National Board of Directors of CPF.  
All funds distributed to branches and chapters derived from those fees are to be used to further goals of the Organization.

### 3.01 Members

Any adult person who is interested in furthering the object of CPF whose household has paid the appropriate membership fee and whose application for admission as a Member membership has been processed in accordance with policies established by the National Board of Directors of the Association CPF shall have the right to become a member. A maximum of two adult persons in a member household shall be deemed voting members.

### 3.02 Member Privileges Voting Members

Except as specified in article 3.06 below, a voting member shall have the right to vote at all Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings held at the Chapter and Branch level in the jurisdictions where they are resident. Only Voting Members may be Directors or Delegates, or be nominated to be Directors or Delegates.

A voting member:

- a) Is an adult who has paid the appropriate membership fee and whose application has been accepted under the voting member designation. A maximum of two adults of a member household shall be deemed voting members.
- b) Shall have the right to vote at all general meetings held at the Chapter and Branch level but not at the National level. Only Voting Members may be, or be nominated to be, Directors or Delegates.
- c) A member household may designate up to two voting members at the time of application. Changes to voting member designation may be made with the approval of the Branch Board of Directors.

### 3.03 Distinguished Life Members

Distinguished life memberships may be awarded by the National Board of Directors to voting members who have provided outstanding leadership to CPF at the national level and/or significant national contributions to CPF in its mandate of improving French language learning opportunities for young Canadians. Distinguished life members have the rights of voting members. Membership fees are waived for Distinguished Life Members. (ADD)

### 3.03 3.04 Associate Member Organizations

A national, provincial or local body, organization may, upon paying the appropriate fee and meeting the criteria established by the National Board of Directors of the Association, become an Associate Member Organization (AMO) in order for such organization to endorse the goals and activities of Canadian Parents for French. The AMO is entitled to newsletters and other designated reports or mailings sent to the organization headquarters. The AMO is entitled to send representatives to Canadian Parents for French Annual General Meetings as non-sponsored, non-voting delegates. AMO status confers no right to vote.

### ~~3.04~~ 3.05 Termination of Membership

A member shall be deemed to have been withdrawn from membership when ~~a~~ the member dies, or has been deemed unsuitable in a recorded vote by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Association CPF.

A member shall be expelled for actions that are contrary to the goals or objectives of CPF upon a recorded two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Board of Directors.

### 3.05 3.06 Resignation of Membership

A member may resign at any time by notifying the National Office of the Association CPF. The resignation will take place immediately upon receipt by the National Office.

A member shall be deemed to have resigned from membership 90 (ninety) days after the expiration of their membership.

### ~~3.06~~ 3.07 Voting Restrictions on Members Receiving Remuneration

Voting Members who receive remuneration from ~~the Organization~~ CPF for other than reasonable out-of-pocket expenses shall not have the right to vote at any level of the Organization during their term of employment or during the period of any service contract they hold with the Organization. CPF National, its Branches or chapters.

### ~~3.07~~ 3.08 Record of Membership (Change of numbering only)

### ~~3.08~~ 3.09 Member Representation to the Association National Organization (Change of number and terminology only.)

### ~~3.09~~ 3.10 Member Representation to the Branch (Change of numbering only)

*(In sections 6 through 9, the word "Branch" has been added as an extra clarifying term in all titles and other locations where the Branch, the Branch Board or officers of the Branch are referenced. For example "Annual and Special General Meetings" becomes "Branch Annual and Special General Meetings".*

### 5.04 Calling of Meetings

Notice of Annual or Special General Meetings of the Branch Board and Voting Members shall be conveyed to members by any of the following means, postal mail, e-mail, facsimile, or phone, such that it is received at least ~~30~~ 21 days before the day of the meeting. Notice by regular mail will be considered to be received within five days of mailing. Notice of a meeting shall describe the nature of the business in sufficient detail to permit the Branch Board and Voting Members to form a reasoned judgement on it. Within 15 days of the Branch Annual General Meeting, members must be provided with a summary financial statement for the fiscal year just past and the report of the auditor. Complete copies of the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's report shall be available for scrutiny by members at the Branch Office during regular business hours. Notice of Annual General Meetings shall also be published within 15 days of the meeting in the newspaper or newspapers within the jurisdictions in which at least 50% of voting members reside. The newspaper notices of the Annual General Meeting must state that the Annual Registered Branch Office during [Act Sections 142 and 146]

### 5.05 Quorum and Voting

Each Voting Member has one vote to be exercised in person at the Branch Annual or Special General Meeting. A quorum shall be at least ~~ten (10) Voting Members, three of whom must be members of the Branch Board or Directors.~~ Twenty (20) Voting Members amongst whom there must be representatives of at least half of all Chapters and at least half of the members of the Branch Board of Directors. Except as provided in these By-laws, questions shall be decided by a simple majority vote of those members present in person. The National Executive Director, although having no vote, is entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and to address any Branch Annual General Meeting or Branch Special General meeting.

### Branch Officers

### 6.03 Resignation of Branch Board Officers

~~An Branch Board Officer may resign from office at any time by notice in writing delivered to the Branch President or Acting Branch President in care of the Branch Office. The resignation shall be effective when accepted by the Board on the date specified in the letter of resignation or, in the absence of such a date, on the date the resignation is accepted by the Branch Board of Directors. Any officer who ceases to be a voting member shall be deemed to have vacated the office of Branch Director or Chapter Delegate.~~

#### 6.04 Removal of Branch Officers

The Branch Board of Directors may remove the person from office at any time in the event of improper conduct or action which might bring the Organization CPF into disrepute or is inconsistent with the objects of Canadian Parents for French. The officer is entitled to a fair hearing before the Branch Board of Directors before the office is withdrawn.

## Branch Board of Directors

### 8.01 Composition of Branch Board

The Branch Board of Directors shall consist of not fewer than 5 voting members elected at the Annual General Meeting in the appropriate year from the following categories:

- a) The Branch President and Vice- President
- b) Three other members
- c) Such remaining members as are required

and should not result in more than two persons from any Chapter.

Where possible the Directors should be members with legal, financial, management, leadership, or other desirable expertise such as CPF volunteer involvement.

### 8.02 Term of Office

~~The term of a Branch Director is two years. A Branch Director may be re-elected to additional terms to a maximum of six years, with the exception of the President and Vice-President who are limited to one term in each office. A person may be nominated and re-elected to any Director's office after two years following the last term during which the person previously served as a Director, with the exception of the President and Vice-President, who may occupy the office only one time. The terms of office of the Branch President and Vice-President may exceed the normal maximum of six years, but under no circumstance will the total term of service on the Branch Board exceed ten consecutive years. A person who has served on the Branch Board of Directors for the maximum term possible, may be nominated and re-elected to any Branch Board of Directors' office after two years following the last term during which the person previously served as a Branch Director.~~

The term of a Branch Director shall be from the end of the AGM at which the Branch Director was elected to the end of the AGM at which the successor is elected.

### 8.04 Role of Branch Board

The Branch Board of Directors carries out the object of the Branch in accordance with the mission of Canadian Parents for French, and serves as a link between the Branch and its members, and the public. More particularly, and without restricting its powers under the Saskatchewan Non-Profit Corporations' Act, the Branch Board of Directors:

- a) may establish governing policies that at the broadest levels, address:
  - i) Ends: ~~which comprise the mission statement,\*\*~~ including the operating philosophy and focus statements, and as well as the ends policy statements for the Branch;

(\*National is the only level of the Organization that sets the Mission statement. There are no further changes to this article)

### 8.05 Delegation ( under this section add the following point)

- j) to make, amend or repeal By-laws.

### 8.07 Notice of Meetings

Notice of a meeting of the Branch Board of Directors, shall be delivered at least ~~30~~ 21 days before the day of the meeting. Notice of the meeting need not specify the business of the meeting except when it is intended:

- a) to submit to the ~~combined~~ Branch Board of Directors and Voting Members any question requiring their approval;

(No further changes to this section)

### 8.08 Quorum

A majority of Branch Directors ~~currently serving~~ constitutes a quorum. As long as a quorum exists, continuing Directors may act, despite any vacancy on the Branch Board of Director.

### 8.11 Cessation of Directorship

An individual shall cease to be a Branch Director:

- a) if the Branch Director resigns from office by delivering a written resignation to the Branch President or Acting President in care of the Branch Office;
- b) if the Branch Director is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be mentally ~~incompetent~~ incapacitated;
- c) if the Branch Director becomes bankrupt;
- d) if at a Branch Special General Meeting or at a meeting of the Branch Board of Directors, a resolution is passed that the Branch Director, who is entitled to a fair hearing, be removed from office for improper conduct or actions which may bring the Branch CPF into disrepute or is inconsistent with the objects of Canadian Parents for French;
- e) on his death;
- f) if the Branch Director ~~does not~~ ceases to reside in or is not affiliated with Saskatchewan;
- g) if the Branch Director ~~two (2) consecutive meetings,~~ or misses more than thirty-three percent (33%) of all meetings ~~are missed;~~ or
- h) if the Branch Director vacates or is deemed to have vacated the office of Director, withdraws from, or has been withdrawn from, voting membership.

## Committees of the Branch Board

### 9.02 Nominations

The Branch Board of Directors shall appoint a nominations committee to set appropriate guidelines for nomination for the positions of Directors and for the positions of President and Vice-President, to seek recommendations for nominees, and to nominate suitable candidates. The nominations committee shall circulate to members the list of nominees

at least ~~30~~ 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.

## Chapters and Chapter Board(s) of Directors

Each jurisdiction in ~~any province or territory~~ Saskatchewan may have a Chapter or be affiliated with a Chapter in another jurisdiction. The standard for a Chapter shall be established by resolution of the ~~Association~~ National Board of Directors. A Chapter must have a minimum of ten (10) voting members. Each Chapter will be governed by a Chapter Board of Directors. ~~The Chapters are managed by the Saskatchewan Branch. The Branch is responsible for approving, monitoring and dissolving chapters. In the event of a dispute over the approval or dissolution of a Chapter, the final arbiter shall be the National Board of Directors. The Branch will establish and publish procedures for the approval, monitoring and dissolution of Chapters.~~

### 10.04 Calling of Meetings

Notice of Annual or Special General Meetings of the Chapter Board of Directors and Voting Members shall be conveyed by any of the following means, postal mail, e-mail, facsimile, or phone, such that it is received at least ~~30~~ 21 days before the day of the meeting. Notice by regular mail will be considered to be received within five days of mailing. Notice of a meeting shall describe the nature of the business in sufficient detail to permit the Chapter Board of Directors and Voting Members to form a reasoned judgement on it.

### 10.05 Quorum and Voting

Each Chapter Director and Voting Member has one vote to be exercised in person at each Chapter Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. A quorum shall be ten (10%) percent of the Voting Members or twenty (20) Voting Members, whichever is less, but not fewer than six (6) Voting Members. Except as provided by this Bylaw or otherwise required by the relevant provincial legislation questions shall be decided by a simple majority of those Chapter Directors and Voting Members present in person. The Branch Executive Director, although having no vote, is entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and to address any meeting of the Chapter Boards of Directors, Chapter Annual General Meetings, or any Special General Meetings of the Chapter.

### 11.04 Removal of Chapter Officers

The Chapter Board of Directors may remove the person from office at any time in the event of improper conduct or action which might bring the ~~Organization~~ CPF into disrepute or is inconsistent with the objects of Canadian Parents for French. The officer is entitled to a fair hearing before the Chapter Board of Directors before the office is withdrawn.

### 12.02 Term of Office

The term of a Chapter Director is (normally) two years. A Chapter Director may be re-elected to additional terms to a maximum of six years, ~~with the exception of the Chapter President and Vice-President who are (normally) limited to one term in each office. The terms of Chapter President and Vice-President may exceed the normal maximum of six year, but under no circumstances will the total term of service on the Chapter Board exceed ten consecutive years. A person may be nominated and re-elected to any Chapter Directors' office after two years following the last term during which the person previously served as a Chapter Director, with the exception of the Chapter President who may (normally) occupy the office only one time.~~

The term of a Chapter Director shall be from the end of the AGM at which the Chapter Director was elected to the end of the AGM at which the successor is elected.

### 12.04 Role of Chapter Board

The Chapter Board of Directors carries out the objects of ~~the Organization~~ CPF in accordance with the mission of Canadian Parents for French, and serves as a link between ~~the Organization~~ CPF and its members, and the public. More particularly, and without restricting its powers under the Saskatchewan Non-Profit Corporations Act, the Board of Directors of a Chapter:

- a) may establish governing policies that at the broadest levels, address:
  - i) ~~Ends which comprise the mission statement, operating philosophy and focus statements, and ends policy statements for the Chapter;~~
  - ii) Executive Limitations: which comprise constraints on executive authority establishing the prudent and ethical boundaries within which all executive activity and decisions must take place;
  - iii) Governance Process: which specifies how the Chapter Board of Directors conceives, carries out and monitors its own role; and
- b) shall monitor performance at all levels of the Chapter to ensure compliance with governing policy;
- c) shall approve the financial statements of the Chapter

**\*\*\*Only the National Board can set the Mission statement or level 1 Ends policies.**

### 12.07 Notice of Meetings

Notice of a meeting of the Chapter Board of Directors shall be conveyed or delivered at least ~~21~~ 15 days before the day of the meeting. Notice of the meeting need not specify the business of the meeting except when it is intended:

(No other changes to this Article.)

### 12.11 Cessation of Directorship

An individual shall cease to be a Chapter Director:

- a) if the Chapter Director resigns from office by delivering a written resignation to the President in care of the Chapter Contact Person;
- b) if the Chapter Director is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be mentally ~~incompetent~~ incapacitated;

(No other changes to this article.)

### 12.12 Filling of Vacancies

A majority of Chapter Directors may fill a vacancy among the Chapter Directors, except a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number or minimum number of Chapter Directors, or from a failure by the Chapter Annual General Meeting to elect ~~the number or minimum number of Chapter Directors required by the relevant provincial/territorial legislation. the minimum three Directors.~~

### 12.13 Chapter Members' Representation

Chapters will conduct meetings at a frequency that will satisfy their members. The members will be given every opportunity to be informed of the activities of the Association, Branch, or Chapter through which they enjoy the benefits of membership.

~~Provision will be made by each Chapter Board of Directors to identify Voting Members of Chapters who may be nominated to fulfil the positions of Chapter Directors.~~

## Financial

### 15.01 Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration shall be paid to any elected officer, or to any member or any volunteer, for services rendered to or on behalf of ~~the Organization~~ CPF Saskatchewan or its chapters. However, reasonable out-of-pocket expenses may be paid in accordance with Organization CPF Saskatchewan policy to elected officers, members, and volunteers performing duties or attending meetings of ~~the Organization~~ CPF Saskatchewan as authorized by the Branch Board of Directors or its delegate. This provision shall not be construed to prevent paid employees and contract workers of ~~the Organization~~ CPF from becoming members of ~~the Association~~ Canadian Parents for French.

### ~~15.05~~ 15.05 Delegation to Executive Director

~~Within limits set by the Board of Directors, the Executive Director may borrow money upon the credit of the Branch and authorize others to borrow, without the prior approval of the Board of Directors.~~

### ~~15.06~~ 15.05 Auditor (Renumbering only)

# ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORTS

## April 2002 - March 2003

### Melville

*April:* Mini Rendez-vous was held at St. Henry's Junior School. 23 children attended, 8 were pre-kindergarten.

*September:* Regular chapter meeting to discuss year planning.

*November:* Mini Rendez-vous was held at St. Henry's Junior School, 15 children participated.

*March:* Kindergarten Information Night was held at St. Henry's Junior School. Five families attended the evening. At present there are 2 children registered for French immersion Kindergarten for the 2003 - 2004 school year.

### Regina

*July:* Fête du Soleil was held at Wilfred Walker School with 34 students in attendance. Feedback from parents and students was excellent.

*October:* Sent an extra Chapter member to the National Conference in Ottawa.

*November:* First attempt at AGM.

*March:* Assisted with Divisional Concours d'art oratoire.

The Chapter donated money to the Catholic and Public school boards for use towards resources, programming and the sponsoring of events for French immersion students.

### Battlefords

*May:* Mini Rendez-vous

*August:* Fête du soleil. 28 attended

*December:* Mini Rendez-vous/Bowling. 30 attended

*March:* French Immersion Week.

Kindergarten promotion.

Radio advertising.

Book prizes for students in elementary classes and presentation of pins from the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages to teachers.

### Nipawin

*December:* Hot dog sale at L.P. Miller deemed unsuccessful, would want a tournament weekend rather than a dance.

*January:* Mini and Micro Rendez-vous. 23 Attended Micro Rendez-vous, 9 attended the Mini Rendez-vous. It was deemed a success. Numbers are up.

*February:* Hot dog sale at Alex Wright School, a big success as usual.

*March:* Winter Carnival was postponed three times due to the weather. \$25 was awarded to the person with the best performance in another language during the Music Festival.

*April:* Hot dog sale at Wagner School was a big success. All profits from these sales go into the French Cultural Fund at Nipawin School Division.

We are currently "fighting" for French Immersion's life. We are losing three of our teachers due to several reasons. As well, the division is currently trying to cut off French Immersion Kindergarten for the second time (even though we have 12 registered in Kindergarten).

### Prince Albert

*April:* Mini Rendez-vous

Hosted Concours d'art oratoire Northern Finals

*May:* Decided on winners of Awards

Board meeting

*June:* Presented awards at Carlton Collegiate and St Mary's

*September:* Board Meeting

*October:* Attended National AGM in Ottawa

*November:* Mini Rendez-vous

*January:* Micro Rendez-vous

Board meeting

Attended Chapter and Advocacy Meeting meeting in Saskatoon

*February:* Attended information nights

Parent Advisory meeting

Wrote to City Council asking to Proclaim FI week

Attended City Council Meeting

Promoted Rendez-vous & Summer Camp

*March:* Grade 2 Early Immersion information night

Luncheon at Amy's on 2nd to recognize French teachers

Rally for French Immersion students at City Hall

Assisted with Concours d'art oratoire School Division Finals.

Board meeting

### Yorkton

*April:* Co-hosted with the local FI Schools a night of song, poetry, prose and oratory with Bouquinerie Gravel Bookstore in attendance.

Hosted the Southern Regional finals of Concours d'art oratoire Primary fundraiser – French Cuisine Night

*May:* Executive meeting

Set up displays for St. Michael's Kindergarten Orientation Day

Micro Rendez-vous

Hot dog and Hamburger sale fundraiser at Home Hardware

Teachers from FI/Core French programs in both school divisions met with Lindsay Matheson.

Lindsay attended the local Executive meeting in the evening

Display at the Dr. Brass Elementary School Kindergarten information day.

*June:* Dr. Karen Taylor-Browne spoke on the topic "The State of Intensive French as a Second Language Programs in Saskatchewan."

First attempt at Annual General Meeting

*July:* Annual General Meeting

Fête du soleil for children going into Kindergarten to Grade 5

Executive meeting

*September:* Donated \$100 towards the cost of the Yorkton

Regional High School's presentation of a French Drama

workshop called Animagination Impro-Performance

*December:* Executive meeting

*March:* Mini Rendez-vous

## Lloydminster

Spring and Fall fundraisers: raised \$3000 in the fall  
This year French programs were helped out in the following areas:  
Holy Rosary - \$1500 for French resources  
St Thomas – Library - \$1000  
St Thomas – Large Screen in Gym - \$1926  
St Thomas – Spectacles/French entertainers - \$675  
November: \$500 scholarship to Katie Oracheski  
Helped out a Grade 11 French Immersion student who attended Encounters Canada in Ontario.  
*July:* Fête du soleil was a great success with many students taking part. Parents helped with snacks, noon hour supervision and clean up.  
*October:* Sue Wagner and Gladys Oracheski attended the National AGM in Ottawa.  
*March:* Mini Rendez-vous – 43 students participated, Rendez-vous – Chapter sent 14 students who really enjoyed the weekend.  
*Other activities:* Invited preschools into the school where the children were paired with Immersion students for an activity.  
Rented a table at a Mother Care Trade Show – CPF members and teachers answered questions regarding FI.

## Moose Jaw

*April:* Negotiations took place with school boards to locate Bonjour House Preschool within the FI elementary schools.  
Advertising for 2002-2003 preschool year began.  
Advertising for La Fête du soleil began.  
Kara Pilon came to our FI schools to promote La Fête du soleil and to hand out registration forms to the students.  
*May:* Continued advertising for 2002-2003 preschool year.  
Continued advertising for La Fête du soleil.  
CPF-MJ AGM took place May 28, new board took over.  
*June:* Continued advertising for 2002-2003 preschool year.  
Continued advertising for La Fête du soleil.  
*July:* Continued advertising for La Fête du soleil.  
La Fête du soleil took place at École St. Margaret July 15-19.  
*August:* Continued advertising for 2002-2003 preschool year.  
CPF-MJ office established at École St. Margaret.  
2 steak night fundraisers are booked for the fall.  
Began planning for a French Spectacle for both FI Elementary schools.  
*September:* Continued advertising for 2002-2003 preschool year.  
Preschool Meet and Greet took place, classes began.  
Pasta Night Fundraiser took place, making \$964.  
*October:* Marc Tardif le magicien performed for all Bonjour House, Ross and St. Margaret students at École St. Margaret, completely organized and funded by CPF-MJ.  
Continued advertising for 2002-2003 preschool year.  
Applied for City of Moose Jaw/SK Lotteries Grant for next Mini Rendezvous and Fête.  
Nicole attended CPF National conference and AGM in Ottawa  
*November:* Continued advertising for 2002-2003 preschool year  
Jacquot CD fundraiser took place and was successful, earning \$214.  
CPF displays set up at École St. Margaret interview night and for three days at book fair at École Ross.  
Planned for CPF/Bonjour House entry in Santa Claus Parade.  
Made contacts with Welcome Wagon and community associa-

tion.

Quarterly guide to advertise our organizations through them.  
Steak night fundraiser held.  
*December:* Continued advertising for 2002-2003 preschool year.  
Santa Claus parade took place with our CPF banner and preschoolers on a float.  
*January:* Continued advertising for 2002-2003 preschool year.  
Nicole attended CPF-SK Planning Meeting and Advocacy workshop in Saskatoon.  
Advertising for Mini Rendez-vous and Micro Rendezvous began  
Began planning poster contest for French week in March.  
Contacts made with FI school re: Concours d'art oratoire.  
CPF-SK grant info passed on to FI schools.  
CPF-MJ newsletter done and sent out via preschool.  
*February:* Continued advertising for 2002-2003 preschool year.  
Continued advertising & prep work for Mini/Micro Rendez-vous.  
Mini and Micro Rendez-vous took place on Feb 16.  
*March:* Parent/Teacher survey sent out for the purpose of evaluating and making positive changes to our program.  
French Week – several activities took place in all FI schools; poster contest was unsuccessful this year.  
CPF display set up at Kindergarten registration at École St. Margaret and CPF pamphlets, FI and FI Maternelle info provided to École Ross for their ongoing kindergarten registration.  
Began advertising for 2003-2004 preschool year.  
CPF-MJ applied for CPF-SK grant to help fund activities for our hosting exchange students.  
CPF-MJ made donation of sports bottles, pencils and tote bags to the exchange students and hosts for prizes planned for another pasta night fundraiser to take place in April.  
Booked and began planning for La Fête du soleil in July.  
City of MJ grant of \$200 approved for Fête – will use for advertising, etc.

## Estevan

October: Mini Rendez-vous with 25 attending  
August: Fête du soleil with 18 attending  
Elected new Executive and Karen Taylor-Browne was in attendance.  
March: Table at Kindergarten Information Night

*Chapters are the local expression of the work of Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan. You know best what programs and ideas will make a difference in in your own community. You are aware of the challenges that you face locally, and the resources that are available in your area.*

*Thank you to all the Chapters for your creativity and hard work in supporting local FSL programs, encouraging and sponsoring extracurricular events and generally spreading the word. It couldn't be done without you. Your commitment and hard work are making a difference!*