

## President's Report

Rose-Marie Bouvier

CPF-Saskatchewan has many reasons to celebrate in this Centennial year. One of our greatest accomplishments is the establishment of two new chapters, in Saskatoon and in LaRonge. We are very excited about developments in LaRonge as this is a unique northern community with a trilingual program. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome these new chapters and to thank the CPF members whose dedication and hard work brought this to fruition.

We also had a very productive provincial meeting (Chapter Planning Meeting) that was held in Saskatoon in February. On this occasion chapter and provincial board members celebrated the presentation of Saskatchewan Centennial awards to two CPF volunteers, Georgette Chrispen and Mathew Conley. We were pleased to have so many governmental representatives in attendance, along with representatives from some school boards, school councils, both universities, Francophone associations and many other partners and supporters of CPF-SK.

The Provincial Board and the CPF-SK office have been extremely busy with many initiatives that have helped raise CPF's profile and make our organization one to which parents, educators and decision-makers increasingly turn for information and advice on French-second-language programs and opportunities. In the past few months we have met with Lieutenant Governor Dr. Linda Haverstock and the Honourable Len Taylor, Minister of Government Relations, which includes the Office of French-Language Coordination. We have met regularly with representatives from the Official Minority Language Office in the Department of Learning to discuss the French-language curriculum, special project funding and the intensive French program, late immersion, and a number of other issues that affect our school programs. We have also had discussions with Hubert Lussier of Canadian Heritage and I am pleased to say that our negotiations have produced funding approval for this and the next two fiscal years. I also attended a consultation with the Francophone associations organized by Canadian Heritage regarding community development.

The Provincial Board has met four times and has had four conference call meetings in the past year. On a National basis, I've also participated in three Presidents' and Vice-Presidents' meetings including the the Annual General Meeting in Quebec City in the fall. Again I would like to thank all the chapter representatives who were able to attend the conference in Quebec.

I am also pleased to see that many chapters are hosting and supporting activities in their communities that offer the young people in our province opportunities to learn and use their French outside of the classroom. The branch and chapters have been very active supporting programs that have benefited many students: Grades 6-9 grant program, Rendez-vous, Fête du soleil, Jeux de la francophonie, bursaries, Concours d'art oratoire, and the list goes on. The support provided to the schools, parents and children is crucial for the maintenance and future success of French as a second-language in our province.

We are also very proud of the many liaisons we've created and strengthened with our Francophone partners and supporters. This continues to bear results and we will continue the regular communication.

In the next year we will continue to build on these and other past successes. But, we will also focus on issues such as the school board amalgamations, core and immersion programs, and the future of the intensive French programme. We appreciate the concerns within various communities and we will endeavour to provide as much assistance and direction as possible.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success and development of CPF-SK. I would like to acknowledge our dedicated CPF-SK office staff, all our partners, chapter executives, and CPF members. It is your ongoing commitment and dedication that is ensuring the future of French education for our youth.

*Merci milles fois.*

# Executive Director's Report

Chris D. Guérette

The past year has been a year of transition for CPF-SK. With an almost completely new team of personnel, the work and results normally undertaken in the areas of advocacy and liaison, governance, information and youth programming was also adapting to a different wave of energy. Moreover, CPF-SK and the Department of Canadian Heritage also signed a funding agreement for the next three years, which builds on CPF's positive partnership with the Government of Canada and the constructive and vibrant efforts of CPF in Saskatchewan.

The review of programs and finances that appear in this report are very brief. Information, documents and publications can be made available by request by contacting the CPF-SK office or visiting the CPF-SK website at [www.cpf-sask.com](http://www.cpf-sask.com).

## **Advocacy and Liaison**

CPF-SK has continued its liaisons with several of its friends and partners and has dedicated much energy to this category in 2004-2005. We have continued to be involved with the University of Regina by having a representation on the Institut français's Advisory Committee and the Dean's Advisory Committee for the Baccalauréat en Éducation. CPF-SK has also met with the Honourable Len Taylor, Minister of Intergovernmental Relations which includes the Office of French-Language Coordination (OFLC) while also meeting the Director of this office. This has been a positive step, especially with the recent launch of the Government of Saskatchewan's French-Language Services Policy. This will indeed prove that bilingualism is truly an asset for employment in Saskatchewan. We have also discussed with several other elected officials in Saskatchewan on several occasions, reminding them that CPF-SK is a key player in the promotion of French-second language and linguistic duality in Saskatchewan. We have also helped schools and parents to receive further information about the intensive French program, in hopes that this program can be made available to more students. We have also responded to many calls concerning the amalgamation process in Saskatchewan. Our partnerships with the various Francophone organizations have been instrumental in promoting French in Saskatchewan, such as with the Association des parents francsaskois, the Association jeunesse francsaskoise and the Assemblée communautaire francsaskoise just to name a few. Some of our chapters have also had the opportunity to link up with their local Francophone associations, which have proven beneficial. We have also maintained ties with the Saskatchewan Teachers of French Association and have created important ties with the Saskatchewan Association of School Councils in working together for parents when concerned about the amalgamation process, while also maintaining a link with the French-Language Marketing Committee which is advancing nicely, with a wonderful diversity of partners around the table. The Commissioner of Official Languages in Saskatchewan also continues to be supportive of our work towards the Federal Action Plan on Official Languages. Our ties with OMLO have also strengthened with the arrival of a new Policy Analyst for Post-Secondary Opportunities in French in the province and increased consultations with their team. CPF-SK has concentrated much energy in this area, to insure decision makers are made aware of issues and recommendations for improvements in FSL programs in Saskatchewan.

## **Governance and Parent Support**

The provincial Board met four times in person and held four conference calls. A Chapter Planning Meeting was held on February 25th and 26th, where most chapter representatives were present and had the opportunity to discuss local and provincial successes and challenges. Many guest speakers were present at the wine and cheese event the evening before. This provided a wonderful opportunity for members, friends, partners, leaders and volunteers to informally meet and liaise. Two Saskatchewan Centennial Volunteer awards were presented that evening by the Honourable Pat Atkinson, to two deserving CPF-SK volunteers. The 2004-2005 year was an exciting one in this area of programming as CPF-SK saw the creation of two new chapters: Saskatoon Catholic and LaRonge. Chapter and membership development activities have also included the development and distribution of Chapter Chat and Newsletter Nuggets, the distribution of Multi-Media Kits (and the creation of a third one) and two Paul & Suzanne Kits, and the visit of several chapters. Although Individual/Family membership has decreased slightly, Associate Membership has increased significantly, so that our overall membership numbers have increased over last year's.

### Information Programming

Information programming was a very important part of the 2004-2005 year. A newly redesigned website allowed our number of hits and visitors to significantly increase. With approximately 400 hits per month last year, we are now receiving over 30,000 hits per month since the launch of our new website, which has been increasing monthly. An increase in press releases has allowed CPF-SK to be seen on Shaw Cable, CTV, Global, CBC and Radio-Canada over the past year. Three Newsletters were printed and distributed to members, educational authorities, MLAs, MPs and other partners and friends of CPF-SK. The State of FSL Report prepared by CPF National was also distributed as well as the new "I'm Teaching in French" and "I'm Teaching French" campaign of pamphlets and posters developed by CPF National. A newly designed CPF-SK pamphlet has also been distributed widely and is used on a daily basis, as well as a variety of other resources and publications available at the CPF-SK office. CPF-SK attended many events and meetings where our publications were made available. The broadcast of two popular CPF-SK publicity announcements were also aired on television across the province.

### Youth Programming

CPF-SK has added a Youth Programming Officer to the CPF-SK team in order to better assist in the delivery of its many youth projects:

**Camp ultime** continues to be increasingly popular with 175 registrants over two weeks. The 'Monitor in Training' program was successful again this year with six high school students who assisted the experienced Monitors at Camp. Evaluations and reporting from participants, monitors and parents were very positive.

**Fête du soleil** was held in eight communities with over 180 participants. This project would not be so successful without the time and effort provided by chapters. The Saskatoon Fête unexpectedly had a waiting list due to its popularity.

**Grade 6-9 Grants** were provided for three projects touching approximately 750 participants. Although fewer projects were approved this year, the ones chosen were larger and allowed the AMOs or Chapters to open it up to the larger community as well. The approved events are now also required to make CPF-SK partnership visible in all publications and during the event.

**Mini Rendez-vous** also continue to be very popular events and would not be so successful without the time and effort provided by chapters. Ten Mini Rendez-vous were held in eight different communities with approximately 275 children. Although the total number of children decreased from last year, participation in new communities contributed to an overall successful year.

**Concours d'art oratoire** provincial final for Grades 6-12 was held in Saskatoon in April 2004 where 80 students competed. Three provincial winners represented Saskatchewan in the National competition in Edmonton. Over 4000 students in 19 school divisions across the province participated at the local and divisional competitions, a significant increase from last year of just over 3000 participants. The project is gaining much popularity with teachers and school divisions.

**Rendez-vous** was held at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon and involved 41 participants from across the province. The participation has been consistently low at this event, even with extra publicity done. Although evaluations and comments were positive, the project must be revisited.

CPF-SK works with other organizations to provide **Opportunities for Secondary School Students** such as with French for the Future which was held in Saskatoon, at St. Thomas More College. New for this year, CPF-SK advocated to include another Saskatchewan city. French for future Regina was held at the Institut français. Together, approximately 200 grade 11 and 12 students participated. Foire des carrières 2005 (Career Fair 2005), held every two years and rotating between Saskatoon and Regina, is currently being organized and will be held at the Institut français in fall 2005. Several liaisons with other organizations have made information of other opportunities, increasingly available to secondary school students.

CPF-SK created **Opportunities for Post-Secondary Students** by hiring five FSL students over the summer on a full-time basis, and four by contract over the same period. Three FSL teachers were also hired and all monitors for programs during the school year are also post-secondary students. CPF-SK, in partnership with the University of Regina has also given a bursary to a student entering French studies.

# Summarized Statement of Financial Position

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH-SASKATCHEWAN INC

March 31, 2005

	2005	2004
<b>Assets</b>		
Current	\$38,736	\$49,266
Current assets and lending library	<u>4,109</u>	<u>867</u>
	\$42,845	\$50,133
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current	\$3,811	\$9,778
Deferred Contributions	<u>8,981</u>	<u>2,931</u>
	\$12,792	\$12,709
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Net assets internally restricted	\$4,271	\$15,715
Net assets invested in capital assets	3,697	455
Unrestricted net assets	<u>22,085</u>	<u>21,254</u>
	<u>\$30,053</u>	<u>\$37,424</u>
	<b>\$42,845</b>	<b>\$50,133</b>

## Summarized Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Unrestricted Net Assets

	2005	2004
<b>Revenue</b>		
Grants	\$203,255	\$209,344
Memberships and chapter fees	14,152	14,682
Registration fees	50,749	49,433
Other revenue sources	2,510	4,487
Deferred contributions from prior year	2,931	0
Deferred contributions from end of year	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,931)</u>
	\$273,597	\$275,015
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Youth Programs	\$156,410	\$149,931
Information Programs	33,581	34,171
Liaison and Advocacy	23,611	21,758
Administrators and Trustees Conference	0	0
Action Plan	0	7,843
Peer Tutoring	0	1,019
Parent Support Programs and Governance	<u>61,627</u>	<u>55,144</u>
	\$275,229	\$269,866
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year</b>	<b><u>(1,632)</u></b>	<b><u>5,149</u></b>
<b>Appropriations to internally restricted net assets</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>(4,198)</b>
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$831</b>	<b>\$951</b>
<b>Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>21,254</b>	<b>20,303</b>
<b>Unrestricted net assets, end of year</b>	<b>22,085</b>	<b>21,254</b>

# Summarized Statement of Cash Flow

## Cash provided by (used for)

	2005	2004
Operations		
Changes in non-cash working capital	(\$1,632)	\$5,149
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>	<u>17,864</u>	<u>(26,671)</u>
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<b>\$16,232</b>	<b>(\$21,522)</b>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b><u>(4,134)</u></b>	<b><u>17,388</u></b>
	<b>\$12,098</b>	<b>(\$4,134)</b>

## Auditor's Report

**To: The Members of the Board**  
*Canadian Parents for French Saskatchewan Inc.*

We have audited the balance sheet of **Canadian Parents for French Saskatchewan Inc.** as at **March 31, 2005**, and the statements of revenue, expenditures, fund balances, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financials 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 our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2005, and the results of its operations and the changes in cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.



**CERTIFIED GENERAL ACCOUNTANTS**  
**SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN**  
**MAY 16, 2005**

# Chapter Reports

## Battlefords

A Mini Rendez-vous was hosted in May and October for 25 children each time. The Battlefords chapter hosted a "Back to School Blast" Fête du soleil at the end of August with 24 students participating. Younger children attended during the day. Older children stayed overnight at a local camp.

## Estevan

In the summer of 2004 the Estevan chapter of CPF-SK hosted a Fête du soleil. 18 children attended along with an additional three children who came for half days. In the fall the chapter offered a French cooking and movie night. French for Parents classes were a tremendous success with 12 students enrolled and requests received for more classes. The chapter supported a group of grade 7 and 8 students who attended Festival du Voyageur in Winnipeg by helping with the transportation costs. The chapter also offered a gift of \$100 per classroom at the elementary and High Schools for the purpose of purchasing resource materials. At the end of the fiscal year the chapter was busy planning for a Carmen Campagne concert in early April sponsored by CPF-Estevan chapter. Invitations were sent to all core French students as well as French immersion children and their families.

## Lloydminster

It's been another great year for the Lloydminster chapter of CPF-SK. Kindergarten enrolment has remained high, ensuring FSL's future in the border city. 2004 brought with it a new executive and an eager group of volunteers. They have had good success with some new fundraisers and have managed to raise enough money for a new scoreboard for the school gymnasium. Events such as Fête du soleil, Spectacle and Concours have been well attended and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. The President would like to thank all the volunteers and teachers who helped to make this year such a success and looks forward to 2005-2006.

## Melville

A Mini Rendez-vous was held in early April after which planning began for the float in the parade in June. In November the chapter held a Mini Rendez-vous with 18 children attending. The chapter found that having a junior helper was a great morale boost for the student as well as for the younger children. Posters were sent to all three schools in celebration of French Immersion/Core French week. Later in February the chapter donated funds towards a trip to Festival du Voyageur in Winnipeg for students in grades 6-9. A Kindergarten information night was advertised and the Kindergarten teacher invited to speak. Local high school students developed information pamphlets for the event.

## Moose Jaw

The chapter celebrated French Immersion/Core French week by renting the community booth at the local mall to promote awareness of the benefits of learning French. The week concluded with a Mini and Micro Rendez-vous that attracted 36 participants.

## Saskatoon Catholic

In the fall a Mini Rendez-vous was held at École St Paul in Saskatoon as a way to promote CPF and give some impetus to chapter formation. A chapter was subsequently formed in March for parents of children in Saskatoon Catholic schools which immediately began planning for several new events.

## LaRonge

A new CPF chapter was formed in LaRonge at the end of March. An enthusiastic executive is planning events for the next year such a Fête du soleil, Mini Rendez-vous and French for Parents classes.

# Chapter Reports

## Nipawin

The Nipawin chapter hosted a Mini Rendez-vous with 12 youth attending, average for Nipawin. They are planning for a Fête du soleil this summer. A significant amount of fundraising was undertaken and the chapter raised over \$1000 for cultural activities for youth. The chapter worked to promote French immersion in order to have a Kindergarten entry class and were able to recruit 9 students. However, the school division required 12 students in order to hold a Kindergarten immersion class. They will consider a grade 1-2 split class for next year.

## Prince Albert

CPF-Prince Albert chapter has been busy with old projects as well as taking on new ones with the direction of the executive. In June a chapter representative attended the awards ceremonies at the high schools to present CPF-Prince Albert awards to deserving French immersion students. Representatives also attended Kindergarten information nights. A Mini Rendez-vous and AGM was hosted in October 2004. The children's after school reading program, Lire avec moi, is growing in popularity, creating strong readers as well as good students. In order to recognize the work and dedication of FSL teachers and administrators, the chapter successfully hosted another "Luncheon at Amy's on Second" early in 2005. Special guests were students from the local High Schools speaking about the benefits of bilingualism. A second Mini Rendez-vous was hosted in February 2005 for children in Preschool to Grade 5. Needless to say a great deal is happening in Prince Albert with the continued support of members and school staff and administrators. *"Merci à tous nos membres! Thank you to all our members!"*

## Regina

The year began with the Regina Public School Division Concours d'art oratoire that was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Regina chapter sponsors this local event and presents ribbons and certificates to the finalists, goody bags and drinks for all the participants and refreshments for the adjudicators and officials. The AGM was held on April 25, 2004. Mini Rendez-vous was held on May 1, a first for the current executive. 16 children attended. Fête du soleil was held in July with 25 children participating, many for the second or third year. Outings were taken at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum and on the tourist trolley car around Wascana Park. The chapter participated in Kindergarten information events in both school divisions in Regina. In March the chapter president and Vice President visited all ten French immersion elementary schools in Regina and spoke with the principals about CPF-SK. They are encouraging one parent from each school's parent council to become a member of the CPF chapter board to enlarge their parent base and broaden representation throughout the city.

## Yorkton

The chapter held its annual Fête du soleil in July with 12 attending. The new executive elected in September produced a newsletter and were active in the community with a fundraising family bowling night in February. The chapter supported a school play called "Via Le Net" at the high school. Funds were donated towards a class trip to the cabane à sucre at St Pierre de Jolie, Manitoba. Due to the efforts of one of the chapter members the chapter was able to donate 207 French-language books to local immersion schools and libraries. The books were received free of charge. In addition, funds were donated to libraries at the French immersion elementary and high schools. The chapter also made a donation towards the cost of manuals for adult French classes at the local regional college.

# Agenda

## Canadian Parents for French-Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting

Sunday August 7, 2005

Arlington Beach Camp Auditorium  
Last Mountain Lake, Saskatchewan

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|--------|---|--|
| 3:30pm | 1) Call to order and welcome            |  |
|        | 2) Approval of Agenda                   |  |
|        | 3) Approval of the 2004 AGM minutes     |  |
|        | 4) President's Report                   |  |
|        | 5) Executive Director's Report          |  |
|        | 6) Presentation of Financial Report     |  |
|        | 7) Approval of Audit                    |  |
|        | 8) Appointment of Auditor for 2005-2006 |  |
|        | 9) Nomination Committee Report          |  |
|        | 10) Election of Officers                |  |
|        | 11) New Business:                       | Date and location of 2006 AGM<br>Other |
| 4:30pm | 12) Adjournment                         |  |

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### Provincial Board of Directors

President - Rose-Marie Bouvier, Regina  
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