

President's Report

Rose-Marie Bouvier

The past year has been one of considerable change. There was an amalgamation of school boards across the province, a shuffle in the provincial cabinet and a complete change in the Federal government. The signing of the Protocol for Agreements between Canadian Heritage and the Council of Ministers of Education has also demanded significant attention.

In January of this year, the re-organized school boards were put into effect. CPF-SK will be meeting with the regions and all the new boards to communicate our goals and any concerns regarding French-second-language education and resources. The possibility of school closures (not necessarily related to the change in structure) and the effect on FSL programs are dangers that we will have to address in many areas.

The change in the Federal government has meant that we must reinforce the importance of and the need for quality FSL education with all our Federal and Provincial representatives. The signing of the four-year funding agreement for Minority-Language Education and Second-Language Instruction between the Government of Canada and the provinces (CMEC) will hopefully provide impetus for enhancement of FSL education.

This year has also seen the launch of the Coalition for the Promotion of the French Language and the Francophone Culture in Saskatchewan. We are one of many partners in this provincial alliance. The goal of the Coalition is to further the learning and appreciation of the French language. This is vital for the future of French in Saskatchewan.

CPF's accomplishments could not be possible without the contributions of my fellow board members and that of the office staff. I would like to extend a special thank you to Chris Guérette who did a wonderful job as Executive Director, and, again, I welcome Karen Pozniak who took over this position in January. The support from board members and the staff has been invaluable. Merci beaucoup.

We are grateful for the ongoing assistance from all our supporters and partners. Special mention must go to Canadian Heritage; French Education and Languages Branch of Saskatchewan Learning (previously Official Minority Language Office), and in particular René Archambault; Institut français; HRSDC; Assemblée communautaire francosaskoise, and Association jeunesse francosaskoise. Thank you to all our members and volunteers who make it possible to realize our goals – your efforts make all the difference. Our continued work is crucial to our children's future and that of linguistic duality in Saskatchewan and Canada.

Canadian Parents for French-Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting AGENDA

Saturday June 10, 2006
Hilton Garden Inn
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

11:00 am

- 1) Call to order and welcome
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of the 2005 AGM minutes
- 4) President's Remarks
- 5) Executive Director's Report
- 6) Presentation of 2005-2006 Financial Statements
- 7) Approval of 2005-2006 Audited Financial Statements
- 8) Presentation of 2006-2007 Budget
- 9) Appointment of Auditor for 2006-2007
- 10) Nomination Committee Report
- 11) Election of Officers
- 12) Bylaw Committee Report
- 13) New Business:
 - Date and location of 2007 AGM
 - Other

12:00 pm

- 14) Adjournment

Please see the CPF-SK website at
www.cpf-sask.com for proposed bylaw changes
and nomination committee report

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH-SASKATCHEWAN INC

March 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Assets		
Current	\$51,391	\$38,736
Current assets and lending library	<u>3,309</u>	<u>4,109</u>
	\$54,700	\$42,845
Liabilities		
Current	\$28,355	\$3,811
Deferred Contributions	<u>0</u>	<u>8,981</u>
	\$28,355	\$12,792
Net Assets		
Net assets internally restricted	\$4,271	\$4,271
Net assets invested in capital assets	2,897	3,697
Unrestricted net assets	<u>19,177</u>	<u>22,085</u>
	<u>\$26,345</u>	<u>\$30,053</u>
	\$54,700	\$42,845

Summarized Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Unrestricted Net Assets

	2006	2005
Revenue		
Grants	\$215,726	\$203,255
Memberships and chapter fees	19,239	14,152
Registration fees	40,743	50,749
Other revenue sources	2,169	2,510
Deferred contributions from prior year	8,981	0
Deferred contributions from end of year	<u>0</u>	<u>2,931</u>
	\$286,858	\$273,597
Expenditures		
Youth Programs	\$163,594	\$156,410
Information Programs	33,240	33,581
Liaison and Advocacy	20,724	23,611
Administrators and Trustees Conference	0	0
Action Plan	0	0
Peer Tutoring	8,981	0
Parent Support Programs and Governance	<u>63,227</u>	<u>61,627</u>
	\$289,766	\$275,229
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	<u>(2,908)</u>	<u>(1,632)</u>
Appropriations to internally restricted net assets	0	2,463
Net surplus (deficit)	\$(2,908)	\$831
Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year	22,085	21,254
Unrestricted net assets, end of year	19,177	22,085

Summarized Statement of Cash Flow

Cash provided by (used for)	2006	2005
Operations	\$(2,908)	(\$1,632)
Changes in non-cash working capital	(2,890)	17,864
Increase (decrease) in cash	\$(5,798)	\$16,232
Cash, beginning of year	12,098	(4,134)
Cash, end of year	\$6,300	\$12,098

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, 2006**, 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, 2006, 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
APRIL 25, 2006**

Executive Director's Report

Karen Pozniak

With my arrival at the end of January 2006, I started with Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan at a very busy time. I hit the ground running! In the following report, I want to give you a brief summary of the past year.

In the area of Advocacy and Liaison, CPF-SK has continued to dedicate time and effort in strengthening relationships with partner organizations. We met with the French Education and Languages Branch of Saskatchewan Learning, Canadian Heritage, the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, the Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy, Institut français at the University of Regina, and many French organizations such as Association des parents francsaskois, Assemblée communautaire francsaskoise, Association jeunesse francsaskoise, and la Fédération des francophones de Saskatoon.

In the near future, meetings will be set up with all 28 newly amalgamated school boards, now known as school community councils. We also look forward to meeting with Deb Higgins, the new Minister of Learning.

We are currently organizing the Chapter Planning Meeting and AGM happening the weekend of June 9th and 10th. A Wine & Cheese Party is planned for the evening of June 9th, at which time one outstanding volunteer will be awarded the Elmer Hynes Award.

Chapter activity continues to be strong. We want to congratulate Swift Current for establishing a chapter this past year. Welcome! It should also be noted that both individual/family and associate memberships are up over last year, a very positive trend. So in the area of Governance and Parent Support, there is much excitement and renewal.

CPF-SK has continued to provide press releases to various media outlets such as CBC, Radio-Canada, CTV and Shaw Cable. We have continued to develop a newsletter which is sent to members, educational organizations, MLAs, MPs and other partners and friends of CPF. The State of FSL Report, prepared by CPF National, was also distributed. Our Information Programming continues to place our name and mandate in high profile.

The year was also a busy one for Youth Programming. Concours d'art oratoire took place on April 29th in Saskatoon. Rendez-vous occurred in Regina in February, and Mini Rendez-vous events will continue to happen throughout the province until the end of this school year. Registrations for Camp ultime and Fête du soleil are coming into the office at a steady pace. Soon we will be hiring staff, both students and teachers, to run all the camps.

CPF-SK has had a productive and busy year. Our future plans are to introduce new initiatives as well as build on the programmes we are already doing. We are excited and very optimistic about the coming year!

Chapter Development Report

Lindsay Matheson

CPF chapters provide the link between the provincial organization and local communities. With the re-formation of a chapter in Swift Current this year, the total number of chapters has reached 12. Chapters have been busy with youth programs, supporting local parents, students and teachers, researching and distributing information about French-second-language education in their area.

Fête du soleil was held in nine communities with 200 children from kindergarten to grade 5 participating. A highlight was the creation of a banner. Each child painted a square while reflecting on bilingualism in Saskatchewan's multicultural milieu. The 188 pieces were sewn together and photographed for a poster which is currently available from CPF-SK. Mini Rendez-vous was a popular activity with parents and children. 13 Mini Rendez-vous were held around the province and newer chapters were well represented. These events are popular with both parents and children and ranged in size up to a maximum attendance of 52 in Prince Albert. There were a total of 322 registrants province-wide. Several chapters have been offering Micro Rendez-vous at the same time. The Moose Jaw chapter launched a new initiative by showing a movie at a local theatre. Chapters have supported other CPF-SK programs, particularly Concours d'art oratoire. Lloydminster, Regina and Prince Albert chapters have assisted with distributing information, and planning and running divisional finals. CPF-SK is grateful for all the support that chapters offer for this event.

Local support for students, parents, teachers and administrators is an important facet of chapter activity. Prince Albert hosted its annual appreciation event for teachers and administrators. Several chapters purchased gifts for secretaries or teachers. French for Parents classes have been held this year in Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Lloydminster, and La Ronge. The Prince Albert chapter offers an annual bursary to high school students in grades 9-12. Yorkton chapter has provided financial support for field trips both within and outside the province, and made a donation to the school library. La Ronge chapter won a French-language cultural event as a result of its efforts in the membership recruitment drive. Annette Campagne visited the local elementary school in March.

In the area of advocacy and information, the Nipawin chapter has been active in gathering information and attending school board meetings in an effort to reinstate kindergarten French immersion. Melville has introduced a French-language component to an existing preschool. New preschools are being developed in a number of centres and require local and branch support. Information nights and pamphlet distribution have been undertaken by Prince Albert, Yorkton and Melville. The Estevan chapter made use of funds from the Grades 6-9 grant program for a French cuisine night.

Thank you to all the chapter volunteers for their tireless efforts through a busy year of promoting French-second-language learning opportunities for the youth of Saskatchewan. Next year promises to be just as exciting!

Provincial Board of Directors

President - Rose-Marie Bouvier, Regina
Vice-President - Amy Hadley, Prince Albert
Treasurer/Secretary - Georgette Chrispen, La Ronge
Director - Gerri Barber, Battlefords
Director - Valerie Miller, Yorkton
Director - Suzanne Rollo, Regina
Youth Advisory Director - Natasha Vetter, Prince Albert

Local Chapters

Battlefords	Nipawin
Estevan	Prince Albert
La Ronge	Regina
Lloydminster	Saskatoon
Melville	Swift Current
Moose Jaw	Yorkton

