

President's Report

Rose-Marie Bouvier

As my third and final year of presidency draws to a close, I reflect upon the changes that have occurred and the advances we have made. The change in federal government and the appointments of a new Minister of Learning, Lieutenant Governor and Commissioner of Official Languages resulted in various meetings to re-introduce ourselves and to assert FSL needs across the province. Changes also occurred in the provincial government offices including the Office of French-Language Coordination and the French Education and Languages Branch and also with representatives from Canadian Heritage and the Official Languages Support Program.

Another significant change has been the amalgamation of the school divisions and the creation of new boards. These boards have now been in place for over a year and are dealing with issues such as funding, enrolment, and school and program closures.

There has also been continuous progress for our organization and for FSL education in SK. Particular reason to celebrate this past year is the newly-formed chapter in Meadow Lake and the fall 2007 start of a new French immersion program. It has been nearly a decade since the last FI program was put into place. And, prior to that were the establishments of the Saskatoon Catholic and LaRonge chapters. I hope this is a sign of more to come! Also new to Saskatchewan is the intensive French program that is now offered in various schools across the province.

A few years ago we worked independently of the francophone organizations. Three years ago we started working closer with some and now we enjoy close partnerships with many organizations in our common goal of offering activities in French for our youth and ensuring the continuation of French education in our province. The stakeholders meeting in March 2004 regarding the Federal action Plan for Official Languages was also an impetus for some of this dialogue. These partnerships bring greater force to our advocacy and new opportunities to French immersion and core French students.

We've also had so many successful activities throughout the years such as mini-rencontres, fêtes du soleil, summer camps, provincial rendez-vous, concours, and recently the very successful Francofièvre. We've reached tens of thousands of students and I am very pleased to see that many chapters are continuing to host and support activities in their communities that offer the young people in our province opportunities to learn and use their French outside of the classroom.

I've had the pleasure of attending many student events. It is gratifying for me to not only hear the quality of French, particularly at Concours, but also to hear the power of ideas expressed by the students. I do thank all the teachers, parents and students for all your hard work.

The support of the CPF-SK Board of Directors and the fantastic office staff these

past three years has been greatly appreciated. I am grateful to the members for having given me the opportunity to act in the role of president and the rewards it has offered. I'd also like to express my appreciation to all the past and present executive members of the chapters. Thank you all for working tirelessly in your communities and for your dedication and commitment to the objectives of CPF. Thanks also to all the membership for the hard work you do in your chapters. I am fully aware of the hours it takes to organize events and advocate for educational changes. You are making a difference and providing a better future for your children.

I am pleased to be a part of CPF-SK and I encourage everyone to play an active role in the organization. Merci et à la prochaine.

Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting AGENDA

Saturday June 9, 2007
Venice Room
Radisson Hotel
Saskatoon

11:00 AM

- 1) Call to Order and Welcome
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of the 2006 AGM Minutes
- 4) President's Report
- 5) Executive Director's Report
- 6) Chapter Development Officer's Report
- 7) Presentation of 2006-2007 Financial Statement
- 8) Approval of 2006-2007 Audited Financial Statement
- 9) Presentation of 2007-2008 Budget
- 10) Appointment of Auditor for 2007-2008
- 11) Nomination Committee Report
- 12) Election of Officers
- 13) Bylaw Committee Report
- 14) New Business:
 - a) Date and Location of 2008 AGM
 - b) Other

12:00 PM

- 15) Adjournment

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH - SASKATCHEWAN INC

March 31, 2007

	2007	2006
Assets		
Current	\$55,966	\$51,391
Current Assets and Lending Library	<u>8,852</u>	<u>3,309</u>
	\$64,818	\$54,700
Liabilities		
Current	\$2,257	\$28,355
Deferred Contributions	24,873	0
Revenue Received in Advance	<u>5,800</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$32,930	\$28,355
Net Assets		
Internally Restricted Net Assets	\$4,271	\$4,271
Equipment Fund	8,440	2,897
Unrestricted Assets	<u>19,177</u>	<u>19,177</u>
	<u>\$31,888</u>	<u>\$26,345</u>
	\$64,818	\$54,700

Summarized Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Unrestricted Net Assets

	2007	2006
Revenue		
Grants	\$248,189	\$215,726
Memberships Rebates	19,780	19,239
Registration Fees	41,432	40,743
Other Revenue Sources	2,484	2,169
Deferred Contributions From Prior Year	0	8,981
Deferred Contributions End of Year	<u>(24,873)</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$287,012	\$286,858
Expenditures		
Youth Programs	\$144,570	\$163,594
Information	43,545	33,240
Advocacy and Liaison	28,189	20,724
Peer Tutoring	0	8,981
Governance	<u>70,708</u>	<u>63,227</u>
	\$287,012	\$289,766
	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,908)</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	0	0
Appropriations to internally restricted net assets		
	\$0	\$(2,908)
Net surplus (deficit)		
	19,177	22,085
Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year	19,177	19,177
Unrestricted net assets, end of year		

Summarized Statement of Cash Flow

	2007	2006
Cash provided by (used for)		
Operations		
Changes in non-cash working capital	\$0	\$(2,908)
	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,890)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	\$22,553	\$(5,798)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>6,300</u>	<u>12,098</u>
Cash, end of year	\$28,853	\$6,300

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, 2007**, 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, 2007, and the results of its operations and the changes in cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.



SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN
APRIL 24, 2007

CERTIFIED GENERAL ACCOUNTANTS

Chapter Development Officer's Report

Lindsay Matheson

CPF chapters are the local expression of Canadian Parents for French across Saskatchewan. The founding of the Meadow Lake chapter brings the total number of chapters to 13.

Advocacy has been an important activity this year. The Nipawin chapter has worked tirelessly in an effort to ensure longer term support for the French immersion program and to inform parents about the benefits of learning French. This included a half-hour radio show featuring CPF-National Board member Mary Reeves. The Meadow Lake chapter worked to successfully establish a French immersion program beginning September 2007. Both these endeavours have involved distribution of information about CPF and about the benefits of learning French. Other chapters including Prince Albert, Regina, Moose Jaw and Lloydminster have set up displays or distributed promotional materials widely.

Chapters have supported parents and teachers through a variety of means. Several chapters including Regina, Saskatoon, and Swift Current have offered French for Parents classes. Prince Albert held its first ever winter carnival where parents and students were welcomed to an afternoon of winter fun. In addition the chapter held a member appreciation event and a teacher/administrator appreciation event. Both the Regina and Prince Albert chapters have offered bursaries for high school students. The Melville chapter offered support to a group of students participating in a trip to Québec. Yorkton provided financial support to both high school and elementary schools for travel, and fundraised to provide financial assistance to school libraries.

Chapters have been involved with youth programming over the past year. Eight chapters hosted Fêtes du soleil in the summer and nine chapters hosted Mini Rendez-vous throughout the winter. The Regina and Lloydminster chapters were both involved with hosting divisional finals of Concours d'art oratoire, while Battlefords and Lloydminster were busy arranging transportation in February for the Rendez-vous which was cancelled due to poor travelling conditions. The La Ronge chapter has supported the establishment of a new Peer Tutoring Literacy Program in their school.

Chapter representatives from ten chapters had the opportunity to gather in Ottawa in October 2006 for the CPF-National AGM. They benefited from the information offered as well as from the opportunity to network with other CPF chapter members from Saskatchewan and across the country.

While there are often challenges around recruiting new leadership and relating to newly established school community councils, many chapters have experienced revitalization through the influx of new members and new ideas this year. We look forward to working with all chapters during the next year.

Provincial Board of Directors

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Local Chapters

Battlefords	Nipawin
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Lloydminster	Saskatoon
Melville	Swift Current
Meadow Lake	Yorkton
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Executive Director's Report

Karen Pozniak

The 2006-2007 fiscal year has seen many positive changes happen at Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan. With a generous increase in funding by the French Education and Languages Branch of Saskatchewan Learning, CPF-SK was able to hire a permanent Youth Programming Officer, rent more much-needed office space and make changes to programs. Highlights of the year included:

Youth Programs

The provincial **Concours d'art oratoire** was held in April 2006 with 64 participants. Four provincial winners represented Saskatchewan at the national competition in Ottawa in May 2006. Approximately 4750 French immersion students participated at the school level competition. With 8662 students registered in French immersion in the province, participation reached 55%. **Camp ultime 2006** was attended by 143 students, an increase of 20% over last year. The proportion of return participants was high. **Fête du soleil** continued to be a very popular project. Participation increased to 206 children (an increase of 19% over 2005). Because of stormy weather conditions, **Rendez-vous** had to be cancelled and was rescheduled to May. Fourteen **Mini Rendez-vous** were held with approximately 380 children participating. A Mini Rendez-vous was held for Intensive French students in Saskatoon, the first time that this has occurred. Approximately 60 grade six students from three schools participated. **French for the Future** was attended by twenty-five students from six Saskatoon French immersion high schools and 80 students from four Regina French immersion and Francophone schools. The Saskatoon group spent the day at Champêtre County, a French family-run ranch/event centre just north of St. Denis. The Regina group spent the day at the Institut français on the University of Regina campus. Two **\$500.00 Bursaries** were provided to the University of Regina for students in the Baccalauréat en éducation program who were willing to undertake an internship in a smaller center which is not their home community. Bursary amounts were matched by the University of Regina. Two **Peer Tutoring Literacy Program Grants** were provided, one to Pre-Cam Community School in La Ronge and the other to École Lakeview School in Saskatoon. The program remained operational in the seven schools which received funding last year: three schools in Regina and four schools in Saskatoon. The **6-9 Grant** was awarded to five schools with a total of 964 students benefiting from funds granted by CPF-SK.

Information Programs

Press releases continued to be issued regularly and were released in both French and English. Three news letters and one Annual Report were mailed out to the CPF-SK membership. Several media interviews were conducted, covering a wider range of locations in the province. According to CPF-National media statistics, CPF-SK had significant exposure, appeared more than ten times in national/provincial newspaper/magazine articles, internet and radio/TV programs. An information

booth was set up at Congrès 2006, a conference where almost 900 French teachers and administrators (Canadian Association of Immersion Teachers, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers, and the Saskatchewan Association of Teachers of French) from across Canada met. Exposure for CPF-SK was enormous. More than 550 *The State of French-Second-Language Education in Canada 2006* Annual Reports were handed out. Our website continued to be updated on a frequent basis. The number of hits, visitors and pageviews continued to increase. A minimum of 25 inquiries/requests were made to the branch office each week.

Advocacy & Liaison

Much effort was expended to increase CPF-SK's profile in the community-at-large. Meetings were held with the Advisory Council at the Institut français, University of Regina; the Minister of Learning, the Honourable Deb Higgins; the new Lieutenant Governor, His Honour the Honourable Dr. Gordon Barnhart; Graham Fraser, the Commissioner of Official Languages; The Coalition for the Promotion of the French Language and the Francophone Culture in Saskatchewan, and representatives from the French Education and Languages Branch, Canadian Heritage and HRSDC. Many events were attended: lectures by Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy and Institut français; the provincial Throne Speech; several community and partner events; many provincial and federal government functions, and Francophone gatherings such as those occurring during Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie.

Governance

The Board filled all positions at the Annual General Meeting in June 2006. Three face-to-face and two conference call board meetings were held. CPF-SK was also well represented by staff, provincial board members and chapter representatives at the National AGM/Conference in Ottawa in the fall.

CPF-SK membership remained stable at over 1700 members. Traditionally, membership numbers tended to drop after the busy summer youth programming season ended, but this never happened this year.

The Meadow Lake community officially requested chapter status at the end of October, 2006 and Board approval was granted. This brought the number of Saskatchewan chapters to 13. The Meadow Lake chapter also gained approval for a French immersion program to begin in Meadow Lake in 2007-2008. French for Parents classes were very popular. In Saskatoon, a record amount of parents registered for the Level 1 class, and enough parents were interested in Level 2 for a class to be developed and offered.

We have had many successes to celebrate in the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Much collaboration and hard work occurred between CPF-SK staff, board members, chapter volunteers and partners to make this happen. Thanks everyone. We have a great deal to look forward to in 2007-2008, so let's get started!

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