



# CPF *Canadian Parents for French*

British Columbia & Yukon | Colombie-Britannique et Yukon

## ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014 RAPPORT ANNUEL



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT | RAPPORT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

#### Focus On The Future

2013-2014 began with a very successful conference and AGM in November 2013 where we celebrated the 35th year anniversary of CPF BC & Yukon. Several of our francophone partners and representatives from the BC Ministry of Education were represented at our opening reception and banquet. It was a wonderful celebration of our collective accomplishments and a strong start to a year of building on our past successes and strategically planning for our organization's future!



CPF BC & YK 2013 AGM Delegates [left to right]: Marc Fryer (CPF Port Alberni), Andrea Calder and Kim Currie (CPF Saanich).

#### Governance

The Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon Branch Board has worked very hard this year developing relationships with our two new Board members, mentoring them, and enjoying all that these two new Board members and our continuing Board members bring to our organization. Together, the Board has created a new format for ongoing Board self-evaluation with the goal of working together as a harmonious team. The Branch Board has had a very collaborative, positive and productive year of work.

At the 2013 National AGM, new bylaws were proposed for National, Branch and Chapter Boards. The Branch Board worked on refining our current Branch bylaws to work in tandem with the new National bylaws. Our Branch Board has also begun revising CPF BC & Yukon policy documents. Part of our Branch Board work included reviewing the excellent policy documents from CPF Alberta and using these documents to assist our BC & Yukon review. Merci infiniment to Diane Tijman, CPF BC & YK Vice President, for her leadership in the policy and bylaw review.

Another role of Branch Board members is to facilitate new teacher awards, *Bouquet de merci* recognition and nominations to the Branch Board. Congratulations to the teacher candidate, who will receive the CPF BC & Yukon Teacher Award of \$2000, and to the two prospective Board members who have been nominated to join the BC & Yukon Branch Board. Unfortunately, the Branch did not receive any

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*Bouquet de merci* nominations this year. Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon has more than 7000 members who volunteer in so many varied ways! Please remember to nominate those volunteers who go above and beyond. It will be a pleasure to hear more about these superb volunteers next year when Chapters nominate them for a *Bouquet de merci* award.

### Partnerships and Outreach

Partnerships with francophone groups and emerging financial partnerships continue to be a focus for our Branch. Chapters are also continuing partnerships.

In a CPF partnership with a professor and researcher in French programs at the University of BC, The Vancouver Sun published a joint letter (CPF/UBC) strongly requesting improved Core French programs. This is an early step in our quest to improve Core French programs in BC & Yukon.

The CPF BC & Yukon Board and staff held our fourth regional conference on Feb. 21, 2014 to meet with Metro Vancouver/Fraser Valley CPF Chapter representatives. One of the workshops included several francophone partners from this region sharing French opportunities and describing how our organizations could work together. Other workshops provided opportunities for growth in capacity of our Chapters. Thank you to our staff who planned and implemented this regional conference.

The BC Government Minister of Education recommended the CPF BC & Yukon Board initiate a partnership with the BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA); this was already on our to do list and in progress. Our Executive Director met with BCSTA and was able to secure a time at the BCSTA April 2014 conference to make a presentation, in collaboration with the BC *Conseil Jeunesse*, about French programs for school board trustees. These contacts continued to develop our partnership with the BCSTA; our Board and staff will work to further this relationship.

### Member Support and Socio-Cultural Events

February 21, 2014 our fourth Branch regional conference took place for Metro Vancouver/Fraser Valley Chapters. Response to these regional conferences has been very supportive and full of gratitude from CPF members as our board and staff has reached out to members in locations around the BC & Yukon. Thank



Branch Board Vice-President Diane Tijman (left) and Office Chapter Support Officer Kirsty Peterson (right) at the BC School Trustee Association Conference, Spring 2014.

you to our very capable staff who has implemented these regional conferences, while also doing the other work of advocacy, member support and special events that we continue to do at CPF BC & Yukon.

Although there were challenges for socio-cultural grants this year because of the delay in signing the bilateral agreement for French funding, our staff supported our chapters to implement events totalling almost the entire \$95,000 the BC Ministry of Education. The Yukon Dept of Education also provides funding for the Yukon. Our Executive Director had the opportunity to meet with Yukon Dept. of Education staff during the latter part of 2013 to explore areas where we could collaborate.

### Advocacy

The Branch maintained its tradition of supporting. Our branch has spent considerable time in advocacy for increased spaces in early French immersion. Some Vancouver area school districts have wait lists of up to 200 Kindergarten students wanting to enter the program. Our staff has shown excellence in media advocacy in having articles published in multiple newspapers, television and radio coverage, and in encouraging chapters and individual parents to use social media to garner support. These strategies



CPF BC & YK representatives meeting with key elected officials at the BC Legislature. From left to right: MLA Marc Dalton, CPF BC & YK President Patti Holm, Director Greer Cummings, Executive Director Glyn Lewis.

worked effectively for CPF last year when we were successful in supporting Chilliwack members to initiate a new EFI program after the Chilliwack school district had voted no. Members' and branch's effective strategies successfully pressured the school district to reverse its decision. This year enrolment challenges continued around the province, both in the Lower Mainland and around BC.

Using additional advocacy strategies, on March 24, our Executive Director was successful in organizing effective meetings with the Minister of Education, the Deputy Minister of Education, several other MLAs, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs staff to hear CPF's message regarding inadequate French immersion capacity in many school districts. CPF research shows that in 23 school districts, there is inadequate capacity to meet the need of French immersion Kindergarten enrolment.

Our CPF delegation of ED, Board President and another Board Director was well received at the Legislature in private meetings and during question period in the Legislature where we were introduced as representing CPF. The MLA introducing our delegation shared a quick synopsis of CPF membership numbers and

activities with members and guests in the Legislature. Kudos to our ED for successfully arranging this red carpet treatment for our CPF BC & Yukon delegation. We believe we were listened to and that improvement, albeit slow, is in the future. We also raised questions of adequate number of teachers being prepared to teach in FSL programs and our concerns about the quality of Core French programs.

Our branch advocacy for increased spaces in early French immersion, improved Core French programs and full availability of French speaking teachers will continue. Our Branch continues to receive emails from parents and grandparents looking for CPF support so that children can be registered in French immersion.

#### **Fiscal Oversight**

The Branch remains in good financial health. The finance committee continues to meet quarterly to review and approve quarterly financial reports in addition to taking part in an annual face-to-face budget design exercise with the Executive Director, the Office & Financial Administrator, and our bookkeeper.

Merci beaucoup to the volunteers on our Branch Board, Chapters around BC and Yukon, and our Branch Office staff for all we accomplish as we focus on our Canadian Parents for French mandate of dedication "to the promotion and creation of French second language learning opportunities for young Canadians." Let's keep this vision in mind as we strategically plan and work to further our mandate as catalysts in creating French learning opportunities.

*Allons-y ensemble!*

**Patti Holm**  
**President**

**Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon**

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT | RAPPORT DU DIRECTEUR GÉNÉRAL

2013 – 2014 was a year marked by a renewed focus on making our presence and impact felt in communities across British Columbia and the Yukon.

### Socio-Cultural Programming – Reaching More Students

The year began with a major bilingual touring musical and performing arts proposal being approved by Canadian Heritage. The tour, called *O Canada!*, was built upon the successful *Bilingualism Rocks!* model and focused on key nation-building moments in the development of Canada. The tour, which was supported through the Youth Take Charge Program, reached 12,000 FSL and FFL students in 21 BC & YK communities including: Vancouver, Richmond, North Vancouver, Victoria, Salt Spring Island, Parksville, Port Alberni, Tofino, Comox, Delta, Coquitlam, New Westminster, Kamloops, Golden, Dawson Creek, Prince George, Chetwynd, Williams Lake, Fort St. John, Whitehorse and Dawson City. Feedback from student participants, educators and CPF Chapters was incredible:

*On behalf of CPF, Oceanside, wow! Thank you so much for such a fantastic production. Not only was it high quality and engaging but the message was very important. I only wish we could show it to all ages. It epitomizes what CPF is all about and the pride all students should have in their second language. I look forward to the opportunity of more shows in the future. Thanks again and it was a pleasure meeting you. Good luck with the rest of the tour.*

**Susie Cross**, President,  
CPF Oceanside BC, Jan 9th, 2014

*Not only did we learn a lot about the country's history and the sacrifices of so many soldiers who died in wars, we also had a lot of fun learning new singing and dancing routines as part of the show.*

**Cassandra Timmins**, Grade 7 Student at  
Quarterway School in Nanaimo BC,  
Jan 11th, 2014

The *O Canada!* tour generated significant media coverage including: CBC's George Strombo Show, Alaska Highway News, L'aurore Boréale (Whitehorse), Williams Lake Tribune, Everything Fort



*O Canada!* performers Paul Cournoyer & Léandre Bérubé (third and fourth from the back left) post launch performance at McRoberts Secondary in Richmond, January 14th, 2014.

St. John, Penticton Western News, Tri-Cities News, CFJC Kamloops, Comox Valley Record, Parksville Qualicum News, CBC Vancouver, CBC Radio-Canada, Nanaimo Daily News, Le Huffington Post, TéléJournal, and many more. Most importantly, the *O Canada!* project reached middle school students, one of the groups chapters find the most difficult to reach.

2013 – 2014 also marked the end of the Branch's five (5) year socio-cultural grant funding agreement with the BC Ministry of Education. Fortunately after a number of meetings with BC MOE representatives a funding agreement was renewed and CPF BC & Yukon will be able to continue to support local Chapters through the annual grant application process, as well as Branch-lead pan-provincial socio-cultural programming and activities.

Finally, the Branch hosted the 30th annual *Concours d'art oratoire* at SFU Surrey on May 4th 2013. Over 10,000 students participated in local and regional competitions, and of these 267 joined us for the provincial finals. Senator Maria Chaput, former chair of the Senate sub-committee on Official Languages, attended the provincial finals and offered welcome remarks to the student participants on

behalf of the Senate of Canada.

Chapter-lead socio-cultural partnerships with Francophone associations took place in the following communities: Nelson, Castlegar, Terrace, Kitimat, Hazelton, Quesnel, Williams Lake, Kamloops, Maple Ridge, Coquitlam, Mission, Oceanside, Chetwynd, Fort St. John, Pacific Rim, and Port Alberni.

In total, 3,623 volunteer hours were dedicated to planning and hosting 81 local extra-curricular French youth activities.

### Advocacy & Research – Building Our Capacity To Influence

There were advocacy efforts for quality and accessible French immersion programming in 13 communities: Tri-Cities (along with Société de Mallardville), Chilliwack (along with local Francophone association), Rossland, Yukon, Penticton, Kelowna, Surrey, Vancouver, Salmon Arm, Richmond, Tofino, Gibsons, and Revelstoke.

French immersion Program Capping (in some way shape or form) has been reported in 23 school communities: Vancouver, Surrey, New Westminster, Richmond, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Delta, Maple-Ridge, Abbotsford, Langley, Kamloops, Penticton, Vernon, Salmon Arm, Cranbrook, Nelson, Kelowna, Nanaimo, and Victoria.

CPF BC & YK launched a comprehensive media strategy to build support for **increased access**



Parents in Salmon Arm camping out for French Immersion registration. Photo courtesy @shanmac66 via Instagram.

to French immersion programs, the strategy included open editorials to major newspapers and interviews. French immersion access media mentions included: CBC TV (II), Radio-Canada (III), Chilliwack Progress (VII), Vancouver Sun (I), Metro Vancouver News (I), Global TV (I), Fair Child News, CKNW Bill Good (II), La Source (I), Oak Bay News, Victoria News, Globe and Mail (front page), CTV BC, CBC DayBreak, CBC Kamloops, Kelowna Now, La Tribune (Paris), and the Tyee. *Our Letters To The Editors* in support of equitable access was met with strong success. Six (6) letters were printed including: Surrey Leader, North Delta Leader, BC Parent Magazine, Vancouver Sun, The Province, Times Colonist.

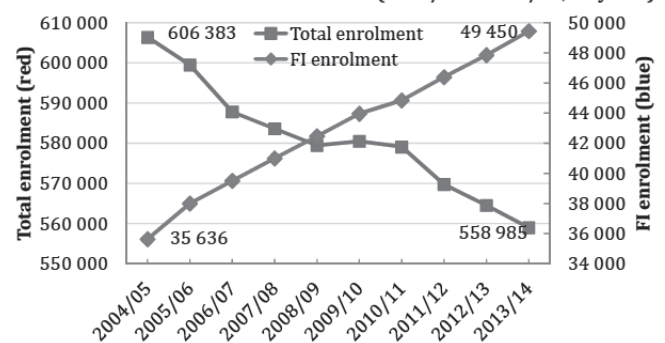
One innovative initiative stemmed from the parents in Salmon Arm who camped out overnight to register their children in the local French immersion program (K/1). A number of social media savvy parents took and shared pictures of the camp-out through Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, this enabled the Branch to further share and highlight the stories virtually in real-time. One parent's Instagrammed photo ended up in the Vancouver Sun and on the CBC's website.

To assist the Branch with its advocacy objectives the Branch office developed two inaugural reports: *2013 – 2018 Building On Success, Looking To The Future*; and *2013 State of French Second Language In BC & YK*. The reports' key findings included:

### French Immersion

- In the 2012-2013 school year 58 of 60 BC school districts offered Core French in public schools, and 46 of those school districts also offered French immersion;
- Since 2003, French immersion enrolment has grown by 42.8%, while total enrolment has fallen by 8.2%;

FI and Total Enrolment in BC Public Schools (2004/05 – 2013/14, 10 years)



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- The French immersion attrition rate between Grade 1 to 5 has dropped by less than 3% since 2008 (17.3% to 14.6%), while the Grade 7 to 12 attrition rate has remained constant (42.1% to 42.0%);
- Some school districts have developed specific strategies to mitigate student attrition, those school districts include the following:

**BC SDs with Five Lowest Grade 1-5 FI Attrition Rates (2012/13 — 2013/14)<sup>1</sup>**

SD	District Name	Total FI enrolment	% Change in FI enrolment	% of students in FI	Gr 1-5 attrition %
45	West Vancouver	938	3.42%	13.15%	7.59%
42	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	1 474	3.00%	10.08%	9.66%
69	Qualicum	379	0.53%	8.95%	10.26%
73	Kamloops/Thompson	1 132	3.57%	7.83%	10.42%
36	Surrey	3 295	3.94%	4.56%	10.74%

Source: Author's calculations using British Columbia Ministry of Education data.

Note: Actual FI enrolment numbers may be higher than reported due to possible missing data.

**BC SDs with Five Lowest Grade 7-12 FI Attrition Rates (2012/13 — 2013/14)**

SD	District Name	Total FI enrolment	% Change in FI enrolment	% of students in FI	Gr 7-12 attrition %
71	Comox Valley	1 157	3.58%	13.35%	0.00% <sup>2</sup>
73	Kamloops/Thompson	379	0.53%	8.95%	10.26%
52	Prince Rupert	176	9.32%	8.37%	20.00%
28	Quesnel	194	-2.02%	5.75%	21.43%
23	Central Okanagan	2 191	1.58%	10.29%	22.02%

Source: Author's calculations using British Columbia Ministry of Education data.

Note: Actual FI enrolment numbers may be higher than reported due to possible missing data.

**Core French**

Between 2003 and 2011, Core French enrolment has declined by 16.3%, while total enrolment has declined by 5.8%:

- The Grade 8 to 9 transition is where the program loses the majority of its students, as 14,755 Grade 8 (45.5%) students did not continue on to Grade 9 French in 2010-2011.

The reports were shared with hundreds of key decision makers and partners including: the BC Minister of Education, the Yukon Minister of

Education, the Minister of Canadian Heritage,

Council of Ministers of Education Canada (CMEC), BC School Trustees Association, School District Board of Education Chairs, post secondary teacher accreditation department chairs, BC Modern Language Coordinators Association (BCLCA), and many more.

**Chapter Development – Building From The Ground Up**

CPF BC & YK increased its membership to 7,200 active members, and 46 active Chapters, including

<sup>1</sup> This ranking excludes SD 5 Southeast Kootenay, SD 54 Bulke Valley, and SD 83 North Okanagan-Shuswap due to their negative or null attrition caused by unusual intake.

<sup>2</sup> Due to eight additional students in grade 7, cancelling out the attrition of eight students.

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new Chapters in Squamish, Victoria, and Langley. This past year 360 CPF BC & YK volunteers contributed over 27,000 volunteer hours.

Chapter development and training meetings were hosted with 39 chapters, including: Abbotsford, Revelstoke, Ridge Meadows (II), Chilliwack, Richmond (II), Pacific Rim, Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, Gibson, Delta, Yukon (II), Nelson, Victoria, Sooke, Comox Valley, Oceanside, Prince Rupert, Terrace, Vanderhoof, Bulkley Valley, Prince George, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Kamloops, Nanaimo Ladysmith, Langley (II), North Vancouver (II), Surrey (II), Mission, and Victoria (II).

#### **Partnership Development – Stronger Together**

In the Spring of 2014, the Branch developed and co-delivered a 70 minute presentation at the BC School Trustees Association Conference, with a focus on quality, CEFR, access, and best practices. 25 school trustees attended our presentation, including many past CPF Chapter Presidents. Rémi Marien from le Conseil Jeunesse was our co-presenter.

The Branch also participated in two (2) BAFF / OFFA roundtable meetings. We advanced the priorities identified in our CPF BC & YK Roadmap Moving Forward, including: Creating a French Immersion Growth Grant, increasing the accessibility of FI for students with learning challenges, and addressing the shortage of qualified FSL teachers in BC & YK.

#### *Meetings with the following partners:*

TV5 President, Suzanne Gouin (February 4th)  
 CBC Radio-Canada Regional Director at Jeune Info event (February 26th)  
 BCLCA Conference (April 3rd)  
 BCSTA Executive Director, Stephen Hansen (March 26th)  
 French Consul General, Jean-Christophe Fleury (May 3rd)  
 Deputy Senate Leader, Senator Yonah Martin, O Canada Launch (Jan 14th) & Concours (May 3rd)  
 Rémi Marien, ED CJFCB (multiple meetings)  
 AFY (Association franco-yukonnaise).

#### **Fundraising – A Top Priority**

CPF BC & YK relies on the Federal and Provincial government for a substantial amount of our core and special project funding. As good stewards of the organization we must continuously evaluate

our long-term sustainability; most importantly with respect to funding. As our funders have pointed out, we need to diversify our funding base if we are to remain resilient and sustainable.

The Branch submitted special funding applications developed and submitted to BC Gaming, Telus, Bombardier, Royal Bank, Bank of Montreal, *Banque Nationale*, Young Canada Works (OC II), Service Canada, Canada Summer Jobs. We were successful in securing a BC Gaming Grant for the first time. This coming year the Branch will develop a comprehensive and multi-year fundraising strategy.

CPF BC & YK Chapters raised \$170,000 through membership fees, grant applications, local donations, and local fundraising efforts.

#### **Operations – An Innovative, Strategic, and Dynamic Branch Office**

The majority of the CPF BC & YK staff, Heather Bartlett – Projects Coordinator, Ben Wong – Office and Financial Administrator (PT), Kirsty Peterson – Outreach Officer, and Alicia Rooney – Office Support (PT), are entering their second or third year of employment with the Branch.

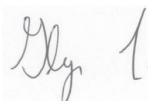
Our staff have been instrumental in proposing new ideas, implementing efficiencies, adopting new technologies and tools, and taking our organization to the next level. Their level of care and attention to enabling the work of the chapters and the volunteers is truly commendable and greatly appreciated.

#### **Summary**

Many of our partners, colleagues, and funders have consistently commended CPF BC & Yukon, and all of the volunteers and staff, for its collective vision and its collective strength.

I thank each and every individual who has helped make a real impact in the lives of tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of French second language learners across BC and the Yukon. We are making a real difference.

Sincerely,



**Glyn Lewis**  
**Executive Director**  
**Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon**

## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT

**CPF BC & Yukon Branch** Last year there were many exciting things that happened at a Branch Level! Glyn Lewis, Kirsty Peterson and Heather Bartlett all had the opportunity to tour and meet with Chapters on the *O Canada!* tour, as well as Kirsty ventured out and toured Vancouver Island and Chapters from Prince Rupert all the way back down into the Interior. We also celebrated our 35th anniversary of incorporation and hosted the Greater Vancouver Regional Conference. We want to thank every single volunteer for all of your hard work last year, we couldn't have done it without you!

**Abbotsford Chapter** After a long struggle with trying to recruit new volunteers, this Chapter went dormant last year. If you live in Abbotsford and would like to get involved, let us know!

**Campbell River Chapter** made the news, fundraising for the Grade 8 Quebec Trip.

**Comox Valley Chapter** This was one of the Chapters Kirsty had the pleasure of visiting on her Northern Outreach Tour last year. Comox Valley

Chapter had many ideas about how the Branch can support capacity building in chapters.

**Golden Chapter** The *O Canada!* tour visited two schools in Golden last year, and Kirsty had the opportunity to sit down with Chapter President, Julie, and her daughter to discuss CPF Golden.

**Howe Sound/Squamish Chapter** The new Squamish Chapter was founded last year, and their school board responded quickly, and favourably to their call for EFI in Squamish. Bravo!

**Kamloops Chapter** had lots of activity last year, from being on the schedule for both *O Canada!* and Kirsty's Northern Outreach Tour, as well as having a video made of their Summer Camp.

**Langley Chapter** held an AGM to regain 'active' status last year with a new executive. Kirsty was invited out to meet with them and train them on proper governance and chapter operations.

**Ridge Meadows Chapter** hosted their highly successful film festival and parent survival night.



CPF Pacific Rim Chapter Crêpes Breakfast.



## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT (CONTINUED)

**New Westminster Chapter** celebrated a double anniversary with their 25 years of Late French Immersion and 10 years of Early French Immersion! They celebrated with a pancake breakfast and some entertaining performances. Their volunteers for this fun event included some of the people who fought for both programs and still support CPF through the years!

**North Vancouver Chapter** has been very active over the past year, with their Parent Survival Nights, Annual Film Festival and their 2 day long district Concours among other things.

**Richmond Chapter** made local news when they won an advocacy battle over the merger of two Grade 7 classes, one EFI and one LFI. Parents, teachers and CPF each had an opportunity to voice their opinion but it was Grade 6 student James Chen that was the final voice that won over the school board with his plea to let his classmates stay together for their final year before high school.

**Salmon Arm Chapter** has had issues with not enough spaces for all of the students who wish to register in EFI and once again made the media. The Chapter has been consulting with the local school district to try and ensure greater access.

**Surrey Chapter** won the SEVEC ambassador award for their involvement this this amazing exchange program last year. Not only that but longtime active member and Surrey Board of Education trustee Charlene Dobie was personally awarded as well for her service and dedication to SEVEC.

**Terrace Chapter** President Carolyn DeFreitas met with Kirsty on her Northern Outreach Tour and gave her a tour of the local library, where CPF has advocated to create a French Corner. As well, Terrace has a French Summer book club. This chapter's annual calendar of events is fantastique!

**Tri-Cities Chapter** maintained a solid community and online presence last year. They could be found at the Festival du Bois, hosting French Camps with la Societe de Maillardville, and sharing and tweeting relevant CPF and FI related posts all over social media. Great marketing!

**Victoria Chapter** was re-established this year on the same day that the CPF National AGM's President's Banquet was also held in our province's capital. Kirsty, Glyn and Diane had the honour of meeting CPF Victoria's first founding President, who went on to serve on the National Board.

**Williams Lake Chapter** students performed *O Canada en francais* in front of their local city hall to celebrate French Immersion Celebration Week.

**Whitehorse Chapter** was one of the stops on the *O Canada!* tour. Heather Bartlett had the opportunity to meet with the Yukon Minister of Education and the local Chapter reps on her tour with the performance.

**Kirsty Peterson**  
**Chapter Support and Outreach Officer**  
**Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon**

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT | RAPPORT DU COMITÉ DES CANDIDATURES

Dear Members,

CPF BC-Yukon Board Directors, Diane Tijman, Greer Cummings and Patti Holm (ex-officio), along with two Chapter Presidents, Angela Pinette (Kamloops) and Mona Smyth (Penticton), had the opportunity to interview candidates for nomination to the CPF BC & Yukon Board on June 24th, 2014 by teleconference.

We are pleased to report the results of the Nominations Committee's efforts to prepare a slate of candidates for the 2014 Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon Board of Directors elections.

The Nominations Committee recommends the following nominations to the CPF BC & Yukon Board:

**For a (first) two-year term:**

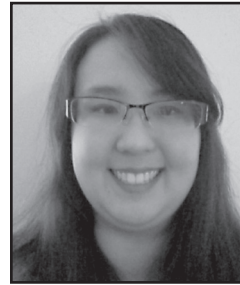


**Marguerite Kuiack**  
– *Yukon Director*

Marguerite has been a member of CPF for about ten years and on the board of the Yukon chapter for two years. She feels passionate about the value of second language education and accessibility for everyone and

her four children have all become bilingual. As a developmental therapist and previously community education program coordinator, Marguerite brings experience in working with non-profit organizations, including hiring and supervision, coordinating support and teaching a broad age range from children to adults in cross-cultural settings.

Marguerite's hope is to share the northern rural perspective. She really appreciates the work that CPF has done to provide accessibility, exposure and opportunities for young Canadians to learn French second language and is particularly excited about the focus on support and advocacy for students with learning disabilities.



**Darian Pang** – *Youth Director*  
*Metro Vancouver (Surrey)*

For such a young person, Darian brings us a wide range of experience in French language studies and community involvement in French. She began to learn French in Grade Six as a Late Immer-

sion student and now is studying at Simon Fraser University in the Bureau des affaires francophones et francophiles (BAFF) program, pursuing a double major in French language and Political Science. Upon graduation from high school, she received a bursary from the Surrey CPF Chapter and since that time, has served as the Youth Liaison for Surrey. She has also been the Français pour l'Avenir / French for the Future Youth Committee President for three years and participated in Concours d'art oratoire as a winner and a volunteer. Darian brings experience with chairing various youth committees, fundraising, youth marketing and working with not for profit groups in BC. Her wish is to inspire students to continue their French studies after graduation in some manner, as well as to make learning the language a fun, out-of-the-classroom experience.

**For a (third) two-year term and continuing in the role of Branch President:**

**Patti Holm** [Current President]  
Thompson Okanagan (Kamloops)  
– *first year, third term*

**The following members remain on the Board for the 2nd year of their terms:**

**Diane Tijman** [Current Vice-President]  
Metro Vancouver (Richmond)  
– *second year, second term*

**Greer Cummings** [Current Treasurer]  
Vancouver Island (Parksville - Qualicum)  
– *second year, first term*

**Rebecca Beuschel** [Current Secretary]  
Cariboo (Quesnel)  
– *second year, first term*

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT | RAPPORT DU COMITÉ DES CANDIDATURES (SUITE)

Au revoir et bonne chance to **Daphne Lu**, (Youth Director - Metro Vancouver) who is, sadly, retiring from the Board as she will be entering UBC medical school this fall. Daphne has been a dedicated board member, participating actively with Canadian Parents for French for several years, first as a Concours d'arts oratoire *National* winner and four years as a BC & Yukon Board Youth Director. She brought incredible insight and analysis to our board discussions, reporting on her participation in meetings with French for the Future, Fédération des Francophones de la Colombie-Britannique, as well

as giving insightful advice to them. Merci mille fois, Daphne for all you have done for Canadian Parents for French. We appreciate your leadership with youth in French and your representation of the youth perspective on the CPF BC & Yukon Board. We wish you much success in your continued studies at UBC!

Respectfully submitted,  
**Diane Tijman**  
**Greer Cummings**  
**Nominations Committee Co-Chairs,**  
**Board Directors, Nominations Committee**

## FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee of Canadian Parents for French-BC & Yukon is pleased to report for the 01 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 fiscal year that Canadian Parents for French British Columbia & Yukon remains in a sound financial position. Accounting policy changes resulted in timing differences for certain major contributions (I.e from core funding sources), giving the appearance of reduced cash flow year over year; however, actually reflecting the practice of redirecting retained earnings into operations. The 2013/14 statement of operations highlights a reduced operational deficit in the amount of approx. (\$11,884) vs. (\$39,803) the prior year. The balance sheet reflects a retained earnings of \$47,754 in addition to \$146,594 in special purpose funds. Net Assets at Mar 31st, 2014 were \$245,799. We are pleased to report the renewal of our funding arrangement with the Ministry of Education through 2016.

The Finance Committee and Branch continue to work to ensure optimal utilization of core funding to support chapters and membership, as well as to realize the Branch strategic plan. 2013-14 was the second year in which a portion of retained earnings were moved into operational funds in order to facilitate additional regional conferences and chapter support (banners). The Branch made progress by securing additional funding for a very successful "O Canada!" tour, as well as to support the important contributions of our summer students to our ongoing advocacy efforts.

The Branch also continues to ensure complete, accurate, and timely reporting to secure funding and to provide consistent, predictable cash flow.

We continue to fine-tune accounting procedures to ensure consistency, transparency, and alignment with our NFP peers, funders and strategic objectives. These important measures enhance the Branch's ability to focus operations in meaningful and sustainable ways.

CPF BC & Yukon branch continues to seek ways of diversifying funding sources from individual and corporate donations, membership fees, programming, special projects, advertising, commercial partnerships and other activities. In the 2013/2014 fiscal year these sources generated approximately \$112,505.

- **Motion:** Be it resolved that the audited financial statements of Canadian Parents for French British Columbia and Yukon in the date of 2013/2014 fiscal year prepared by the Raber Mattuck Group of Chartered Accountants be approved
- **Motion:** Be it resolved further that the 2013/2014 Financial Report be approved

We look forward to another successful year serving you.

Respectfully submitted,  
**CPF BC & Yukon Finance Committee**  
**Chair, Greer Cummings – Director, Island Region**  
**Patti Holm – Board President**  
**Rebecca Beuschel – Director, Northern Region**  
**Glyn Lewis – Executive Director**  
**Benjamin Wong – Office administrator**  
**& Bookkeeper**

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