



**CANADIAN  
PARENTS  
FOR FRENCH**  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
& YUKON

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017 RAPPORT ANNUEL



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

The 2016-2017 year began with an outstanding conference and AGM in Ottawa. We shared our accomplishments, facilitated network building, and learned much from the workshops. The National Network Strategic Plan was introduced to participants with the goal for us as Branches and Chapters to begin planning using the pillars of the Network Plan: Youth, Parents and Members, Decision-makers, Dynamic organization. Finally, in honour of the history of our members and their contributions, the Legacy Project was launched, a wonderful collection of stories of CPF's history in BC, available on our website.

Thereafter, the year was marked by building even stronger working partnerships, participating in concerted Federal, Provincial and School District meetings, overseeing sound fiscal management, as well as meeting the needs of our Chapters. Change is constant and we strove to respond pro-actively and thoughtfully, always with our Strategic Plan in mind. Here is a summary of the year:

#### 1. Youth

Thanks to our staff, volunteers and students, we had another fantastic **Concours d'art oratoire** event. Un grand merci goes to Past President *Patti*

*Holm* as Master of Ceremonies, Radio-Canada's *Céylne Gagnon* as keynote, *Dr. Bettina Cenerelli*, as chief **Concours d'art oratoire** judge, other francophone judges as well as our own *Youth Director Darian Pang*, who oversaw the event at SFU. Of our students who went on to the National **Concours**, three won prizes, including top Grade 12 Early Immersion and top Grade 12 Late Immersion. This is powerful evidence underlining the superior French Language education here in the west as well as the excellent judging at our **Concours** event. We thank Canadian Heritage and our other sponsors for their funding of **Concours d'art oratoire** and other CPF events.

**French for the Future** is another exemplary event which we support. This one-day event includes opportunities *en français* for students to explore career options in French. This year Past President *Patti Holm* and myself attended the event at SFU and *Andrea Calder (Saanich)* and *Cendra Beaton (Sooke)* attended the event in Victoria.

#### 2. Parents, members, volunteers

Our office staff hosted two online volunteer workshops for Secretaries and Treasurers. Seven

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online Chapter training modules will be offered and we welcome your participation and feedback. The BC and Yukon Branch appreciates the BC Ministry of Education's financial contributions for our socio-cultural funding. To our Chapter leaders, we thank you for your creativity as you plan and implement cultural activities for youth and members. We have had some extraordinary events honouring Canada's 150th birthday this past spring and we expect more to come this fall!

In recognition of the fabulous contributions to CPF and our mandate, we congratulate this year's Bouquet de Merci recipient, *Kristina Craig (Yukon)*. The Future Teacher Award is awarded to *Katelyn Dyck (Surrey)* and *Andrea Brown (Coquitlam)*. *Félicitations mes amies!*

### 3. Decision-makers

This has been a year of *many* stakeholder meetings. *Past President Patti Holm, Executive Director Glyn Lewis*, and myself participated in the BC Ministry of Education meetings on French Immersion programs, access and the French Teacher Shortage. As well, the Branch participated in meetings to begin the renegotiation of the Federal French Funding bilateral agreement with the provinces. These meetings included the BC government MLAs and Deputy Ministers as well as members of the French Embassy. *Executive Director Glyn Lewis* also engaged in several media events *en français* and in English, related to the FSL teacher shortage and access to French language education. Our Branch also presented to the Senate Standing Committee on Official Languages and attended the launch of its report. This Committee has also invited us to contribute to the revision and modernization of the Official Languages Act.

With the guidance from CPF National, we contributed to the updating of the CPF Branch Bylaws, to be shared at the National AGM in October and



*Having Fun at the 2017 Concours d'art oratoire.*

brought to the membership for consideration and approval at next year's AGM. CPF National's research committee will also be releasing a report at the upcoming National AGM. This report will include an overview of information on FSL students from across the country and their motivation, support, retention and successes. As Branch President, I continue to participate in the CPF Council of Presidents and communicate regularly with the National President and Board of CPF. In all these activities, I strive to make sure the BC & Yukon's voice is heard and contribute to the planning and delivering of support to our membership.

### 4. Dynamic Organization

We continue to be a dynamic, strong, and effective network and through the leadership and guidance of our *Executive Director Glyn Lewis*, the Board and staff plan, implement and improve our Strategic Plan activities. Policy review is an on-going important part of our work as a Board, with the goal of streamlining and clarifying processes within a governance model. Led by Director *Shawna Larade*, the Policy Committee has worked diligently on reviewing bylaws and policies and completed an update to the CPF BC-Yukon Human Resources Policy Manual.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT | RAPPORT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE (suite)

**Fiscal Oversight**

Co-chaired by *Treasurer Darian Pang* and *Vice-President Greer Cummings*, the Finance committee met regularly, engaging in fiscal oversight as well as in the exploration of funding diversification strategies. Expenses are well controlled, with a modest surplus this year. For additional financial information, please see Treasurer Darian Pang's financial report.

**Your Board at Work**

The BC and Yukon Branch board has been an exemplary team and I am grateful to everyone for their time, dedication and commitment. Each Board member has shared their perspective, bringing their diverse skill sets to better inform our work as a Board. This year, we welcomed a new board member, Director Shawna Larade. Her insights on governance and policy have been greatly valued. I also want to express my appreciation to Past President Patti Holm for her mentoring. As a long time Canadian Parents for French member and former French Immersion principal, Patti shared a wealth of knowledge and expertise in our discussions.

For the coming year, the Nominations Committee has prepared the following slate:

- *Diane Tijman (Richmond)* will continue in her role as President.
- *Greer Cummings (Qualicum)* will continue in her role as Vice-President.
- *Shawna Larade (Cranbrook)* will take on the role as Secretary.
- *Marguerite Kuiuack (Yukon)* will continue as Yukon Director.

- *Darian Pang (Surrey)* will continue as Youth Director.
- *Andrea Calder (Saanich)* has put her name forward as Treasurer.
- *Cendra Beaton (Sooke)* has put her name forward as Director.

**Advocacy**

Our Branch Board is working constantly on advocacy issues. We continue to support Chapters in advocating for improved access to French programs, including Immersion, Intensive and Core French. This is turning out to be a challenging year in BC with school districts like Vancouver recently making deep cuts to their French Immersion program. Nevertheless, as we move into another year, the Board will continue to meet with government and our partners to advocate on your behalf. We encourage you all to get involved. Visit your School Trustees, MLAs and MPS and talk about your issues. Consult with us, attend meetings, and write letters to your local papers. Join the CPF Leadership page on Facebook. Yes you can make a difference and we can help you! I want to thank my fellow Directors, our hardworking staff, and the hundreds of Chapter volunteers for everything you do to support the French language and culture in your community. It is because of members like you that CPF is able to make a positive difference to French language programs in British Columbia and Yukon.

**Avec toute ma gratitude et mes remerciements,**

**Diane Tijman**

**President**

**Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon**

### Introduction

This year we felt the full weight of increased advocacy challenges and found some unique opportunities to influence public policy discussions.

While a simmering issue in the past, the **French Teacher Shortage** has now reached critical levels. As a result school districts are limiting growth or cutting back programs. We are also hearing from more and more parents concerned about standards of instruction slipping where French speaking TOCs – or maternity leave – replacements are unavailable. This is a huge complex challenge that will, unfortunately, get worse before it gets better.

In the wake of the **Supreme Court Ruling** which reinstated class size and class composition a number of school districts restricted and cut French immersion programs. The elimination of one quarter of its French immersion program by the Vancouver School Board has been shocking and heartbreaking. We have been very outspoken against the VSB cuts. They are, after all, some of the worst we've seen in the 39 year history of the Branch.

Finally, we leveraged three key opportunities to engage the Provincial and Federal Government in public policy solutions. Our objective in these discussions is always to promote and support quality and accessible French second language opportunities for all students in British Columbia and the Yukon. Past Branch President Patti Holm and current President Diane Tijman participated in three roundtable discussions hosted by the **BC Ministry of Education**. I presented a detailed action plan to the **Senate Standing Committee on Official Languages** as part of their study on First and Second Language Education in Canada. Finally, we presented a comprehensive brief to the **Department of Canadian Heritage** as they prepare

a new Action Plan on Official Languages. The new action plan should be released early in 2018, if not sooner.

Here in the office we underwent a number of changes as staff members moved on to further studies, or to be closer to loved ones. The restructuring provided us an opportunity to create new positions to better support and empower our Chapters and Members. Namely, we brought on Lisa Birrell as our part-time Digital Communications Coordinator and we extended an arrangement with Zoe Welch to stay on to assist us with the development and hosting of the Online Volunteer & Leadership Training Modules.

Finally, we increased our **Chapter Support & Outreach** through visits, online resources, conference accessibility, and leadership training. Rowan Burdge, our new Outreach Officer, has been logging incredible travel miles **visiting 21 Chapters** since joining us in February 2017. Our organization is only as strong as the grassroots. That is why we have invested heavily in the 2017 AGM & Conference, and continue to look for the most effective ways to support and empower our 350+ chapter volunteers all across BC and the Yukon.

### Advocacy

In May of 2016 Canadian Parents for French received the **Award of Excellence in the Promotion of Linguistic Duality** by outgoing Commissioner of Official Languages Graham Fraser. This was a great honour for the entire network and one of the highest recognitions we can receive as an organization. Privately, I was informed by a senior staffer at the Office of the Commissioner that our BC & YK Branch helped precipitate the recognition. Specifically, our research and advocacy on the *French Teacher Shortage* and our *Where Are They Now?* project



*Senate Committee on Official Languages Report Launch in Vancouver.*

was widely heralded as a exemplarily leadership. The Award of Excellence was one of the highlights of the year for the network, and our Branch.

In the Fall of 2016 the **Senate Standing Committee on Official Languages** launched a study on the state of French First and French Second Language Education in Canada. For reasons that are not entirely clear, they focused their study on British Columbia. The committee held a number of hearings here in Vancouver where Branch and Chapter representatives made presentations.

We also prepared a detailed brief that focused on three key recommendations:

**(1) Increase Access**

**(2) Improve Quality**

**(3) Address the French Teacher Shortage**

CPF Sook Chapter President Cendra Beaton, CPF Surrey Chapter President Mary-Em Waddington, and myself all made in-person presentations. Diane Tijman and I followed-up with private

in-person meetings with the two Committee Chairs, the Honourable Claudette Tardif (Alberta) and the Honourable Raymonde Gagne (Manitoba) at the Hotel Vancouver in March 2017. The report was released here in Vancouver in the early summer of 2017.

As mentioned, the Department of Canadian Heritage launched a pan-Canadian consultation this past year to help solicit feedback from various communities as it prepares to present its **new Action Plan on Official Languages**. This action plan is incredibly important for Canadian Parents for French as it will outline funding priorities, programs, and strategies for the next four or five years. The past Roadmap allocated \$1.1 billion each year to the various aspects of Official Language policy across Canada including the main pillars: Education, Justice, Health, and Community Vitality. Education, which includes French First Language and French Second Language, is the largest line-item in this funding envelope. The \$10.1 million the BC Provincial Government receives annually for Federal French Funding stems from this larger pot; of which roughly \$8 million is distributed to school districts based on student enrolment in French immersion, Core French, and Intensive French programs.

**CPF BC & YK drafted and submitted an eight page brief to the consultation committee**, and followed-up with an in-person presentation October 2016 at SFU Woodward. We have since followed-up with a personalized **letter to the Minister of Canadian Heritage Melanie Joly** reiterating our call for increased funding for FSL programs as well as the critical need to address the French Teacher Shortage.

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The Minister responded to our letter indicating our recommendations are under consideration. Moreover the Minister applauded our Branch for our tireless leadership and advocacy.

*"I commend your efforts [Canadian Parents for French BC & YK] to promote and enhance French immersion as well as to ensure that students have access to a quality education in their second language."*

Canadian Heritage Minister Melanie Joly,  
July 2017

### French Teacher Shortage

This issue, more than any other, has consumed our office for the past few years. We see it as the largest threat to quality and accessible French second language education. The Branch received **37 media requests** for comment on the subject during the year, including a front-page high-profile story in the Globe & Mail.

Here are the recommendations we have co-developed for the Federal Government with academic researchers, educators, and partners since 2015:

1. Further invest to subsidize travel costs involved in French Teacher Bursaries and French Teacher Exchange programs.
2. Expand immigration policies and recruitment programs to attract teachers and student teachers from French-speaking regions of the world.
3. Invest in teacher mentoring programs that focus on supporting and retaining teachers working in French.
4. Provide Student Loan Forgiveness to new teachers working in French.
5. Provide bursaries for less confident Core French teachers to develop their French language proficiency and become French Immersion teachers.

We are eagerly awaiting for the details of the next Federal Action Plan on Official Languages. Our hope is that our research and advocacy will have helped shape the strategies and funding priorities.

### Chapter Support

The year began with Zoe Welch as our part-time Outreach Officer, then we transitioned back to a full-time Outreach Officer in February 2017 as Rowan Burdge came on board. Unfortunately there was a bit of a coverage gap in the Fall/Winter of 2016. Thankfully Zoe remained available and did an excellent job training Rowan for her new role. To help make up for the gap in service coverage we charted out a number of initiatives that would help amplify and extend our Chapter Outreach & Chapter Support. Including:

1. Rowan hit the road and **visited 21 Chapters** in her first three months with the Branch including visits to: Langley, Surrey, Yukon, Penticton, Vernon, Cranbrook, Revelstoke, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Comox, Parksville, Saanich, Sooke, Victoria, Richmond, Tri-Cities, Burnaby, North Vancouver, & Surrey.
2. We invested in developing and hosting **Online Training Modules for Chapter Volunteers**. The training modules currently include: Welcome to CPF, Secretary, Treasurer, President/VP, Socio Cultural Grants, Communication, & Succession Planning. We aim to also add modules on Fundraising & Advocacy. The plan is for Zoe Welch to continue to develop and host these online modules through 2018. These are free online sessions for all CPF Chapter Volunteers.

3. We doubled our **AGM & Conference subsidy** to support and enable participation at the 2017 Branch AGM & Conference. We hired Alicia Rooney, who normally helps us with office support, to organize and execute our largest AGM & Conference in over 15 years!
4. We developed dozens of **new digital resources**, branding packages, and tools for Chapters to use throughout the year. New materials include: improved Membership Drive packages, benefits of Membership, new CPF Membership Brochures, and much more that can be found under our new and improved website ([www.cpf.bc.ca](http://www.cpf.bc.ca))



*Journee de la Francophonie in Victoria.*

### Communication

Early last year we brought on Lisa Birrell as our part-time Digital Communications Coordinator. Lisa has done a superb job updating our website, creating new digital resources, finding and sharing new and exciting opportunities through social media, and updating our branding assets. **Our email database is now over 13,000 strong**, including media contacts, members, partners, decision-makers, and allies. Lisa helps develop and distribute our monthly Chapter Update emails, as well as the quarterly All Member emails. We now have over 2,000 Facebook and 680 Twitter

followers, up 18% from the previous year. In addition, we print and mail 3,200 extra copies of the CPF National Magazine each Spring for our BC & YK members.

Finally, we developed, printed and mailed **stand-up banners** to 33 active CPF Chapters to help increase visibility and recognition and local Chapter events and activities.

### Summary

This has been a challenging year for our office, but I believe we continued to work hard and intelligently to meet the challenges and pave a strong path forward. The cuts to French immersion in places like Vancouver and Haida Gwaii is a powerful reminder that we must always remain prepared and ready to launch into action to defend a program. When we are called to action different strategies and tactics will be necessary, however our objective will always remain the same: To defend and expand French second language opportunities for all students. I find it simply unacceptable for any child to be turned away from this life changing educational experience. Where there is a will, there is a way.

Moreover, I would like to extend my warmest regards and appreciation to the entire CPF BC & YK Staff. Rowan Burdge (Outreach Officer) joined us late in the fiscal year and has excelled marvelously. She is thoughtful, a great listener, and deeply committed to this cause. Lisa Birrell (Digital Communications) continues to go above and beyond for this organization, and for our local Chapters. Three different Branch Executive Directors have inquired about her services. Clearly everyone is taking note of the quality of her work. Benjamin Wong (Office & Financial) continues to be an incredibly pleasant and hard-working presence here in our office. In addition to being very helpful and supportive, Ben is also one of the happiest and



CPF BC & Yukon Board & Staff Lunch at our Maison de la francophonie office building.

kindest employees you'll ever meet. We are deeply fortunate to have him here in our office. Finally, we must thank Heather Bartlett (Project Coordinator) and Alicia Rooney (Office Support). Although they are not in the office as much, they both add greatly to our operations and are a pleasure to work alongside with.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who make this organization tick. This includes all the volunteers on both the Branch Board and local Chapters. The true strength of Canadian Parents for French rests with all the parents and allies who dedicate so many hours to hosting events, planning meeting, advocating for children, and building our networks and capacity. We will only ever be as strong as our grassroots.

*Merci mille fois.*

Sincerely,

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



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- **Bulkley Valley:**

Worked tirelessly advocating for increasing Kindergarten FI spots at Muheim Elementary School in Smithers. They also coordinated a 'Meet the Teacher Night', 'Maple Syrup Carnaval', and 'Lunchskin' fundraisers. They hosted a 'One-Woman Circus' performance with great reviews from students, as well as participating in the Canada 150 film day event with 2 film screenings.

- **Burnaby:**

Hosted four screenings, with over 1100 attendees for the Canada 150 film day event. They held a volunteer appreciation tea, CPF Burnaby French Summer Camp, and 'La Fête des arts' as well!

- **Burns Lake:**

Held a pancake breakfast, a Carnaval, and a French Immersion information night. They also had 'CréaSon' do a performance workshop combining re-use and recycling concepts with original instruments for an interactive show.

- **Chetwynd:**

Showed two films as part of the Canada 150 film day event, and hosted a Saint-Jean-Baptiste day event. They held a 'Welcome to Kindergarten', and advocated against cuts to K-entry to their local FI program. They held a French book fair, Storytime en français, and a French Immersion Open House.

- **Comox-Courtenay:**

Showed four films as part of the Canada 150 film day event. They also held a Cabane à sucre event for 400 participants (including 3 French Immersion schools), a talent show, and had students participate in the Concours locally and regionally. In fact the winner of the Grade 8 district event, Sarah Collins, won first prize at the

provincial level. The chapter also provided \$250 bursaries to two French Immersion Graduates.

- **Cowichan Valley:**

Held musical events for students, as well as organized 'Concours' and 'Carnaval' Events. They also provided bursaries and awards to students from grade 7-12. They further held a 'Verbathon' event in July.

- **Cranbrook:**

Had a 'Carnaval', complete with *Maple Man* and *Bonhomme*. They also participated in Concours. Cranbrook also offers scholarships, participates in a Santa Claus Parade, and hosts Buddy Day. They held a pizza lunch at Mount Baker Secondary, and hosted open houses at all three Cranbrook schools.



Winter Carnaval With Bonhomme.

- **Dawson Creek:**

Held successful 'Tombola' fundraiser, and 'Les Bûcherons' events. They also hosted a successful 'Verbathon', winning 1st and 3rd nationally. They further offered several scholarships, held a graduation tea, and fundraised to send students and chaperone to the Provincial Concours.

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- **Delta:**

Held a volunteer appreciation meet and greet, as well as preschool musical concerts. Delta chapter also purchased 10 iPads for primary French immersion schools! They had 2 students place in the provincial Concours, as well as holding a very successful AGM and Open House this year.

- **Fort St. John:**

Is a relatively new chapter, and is focused mainly on increasing awareness, membership, and social media presence. They held a French film night, and did some fundraising for a student trip to Quebec. They are also working to compile a list of local French tutors to share with parents.

- **Hazelton:**

Held a Carnaval, local Concours contests, and a year-end party for volunteers, in addition to their incredible advocacy efforts to preserve local French Immersion programs alongside other Northwestern chapters. They also hosting a film screening as part of the Canada 150 film day event.

- **Kamloops:**

Was busy this year with Carnaval, Concours d'art d'oratoire, and their first-ever French conversation night. They also gave out a \$1000 scholarship to a local student. They also supported the Come-Read-With-Me program at Lloyd George Elementary School by purchasing books for grade 1 students.

- **Kelowna (Central Okanagan):**

Hosted a popular day French Immersion Wilderness day camp this year. They also hosted four French film screenings as part of the Canada 150 event.



*Bonjour Bonne Nuit 2016.*



*CPF Delta Charlotte Diamond Concert.*

- **Kitimat:**

Was busy this year strongly advocating for their French Immersion program to stay intact, including hosting an information night, writing letters, speaking at trustee meetings, and collaborating with other chapters. They held a year-end BBQ, and hosted a French Conservation summer camp too.

- **Langley:**

Partnered up with the Fort Langley Historical Site for a 'Vive les Voyageurs' festival. They also held a film festival this year with more than 600 participating students, and held French club. They also hosted a volunteer appreciation event with prizes.

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Best Friends.



North Vancouver French Immersion Graduates.

- **Nanaimo-Ladysmith:**

Held a 'festival du sucre d'érable', French circus workshops, and held local Concours contests!

- **Nelson:**

Had a Carnival d'Hiver, a French community treasure hunt, Project Cinema, and Vazzy in New France performance. They also hosted a screening for over 75 people as part of the Canada 150 film day event.

- **New Westminster:**

Held African Dance and drama workshops, as well as a 'Yoga in French' event. They also held a French Immersion information night, Young Actor's Project, and also raised over \$1500

at their Queen's Park Garage Sale! They participated in the Canada 150 film day event with a French film screening.

- **North Vancouver:**

Hosted 2 films as part of the Canada 150 film day event, presented a district-wide French Film Festival, organized FI Survival and Staying in French info sessions, actively participated in SD44's French Immersion Curriculum Review, held Carnival-style events at 2 elementary schools, gave out Grade 7 and Grade 12 FI grad certificates and hosted French Immersion Graduation events at North Van's 3 FI secondary schools.

- **Okanagan Skaha:**

Hosted a 'Carnaval d'Hiver' in partnership with a local francophone school. They also hosted a grad luncheon, and distributed bursaries to students. The chapter also facilitates ordering French books for students.

- **Parksville-Oceanside:**

Had a Noel Sur-Glace event, had Theatre de la Seizieme come out, and held 'French-Canadian Dacultural' immersion celebrations. They also participated in the Canada 150 film day event.

- **Port Alberni:**

Held a Maple Sugar Festival, and a grad ceremony for FI graduates. They also host a Concours, and ran a French summer camp. They also donated \$100 to every FI teacher this year to offset resource costs.

- **Prince Rupert:**

Had a screening for 50 participants as part of the Canada 150 film day event. Prince Rupert also helped advocate on behalf of several Northern chapters to continue the French Immersion program offerings. They host a graduation tea party that brings together grade 1 and grade 12 students.

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They also give out \$1000 worth of scholarships, host a large French Canadian dinner for 150 people, and hosted a 3-day artist in resident with La Giroandole (Edmonton) with each class worker with a dancer to create a creative dance!

- **Quesnel:**

Hosted “French Around the World”, a French movie night, and a Halloween dance/funfair. They also run a hot lunch program, and a French summer camp. They also showed a film as part of the Canada 150 film day event.

- **Revelstoke:**

Is a relatively recently re-established chapter. However, they are working hard, and received the Revelstoke Community Grant this year which will be going towards the *Revelstoke*

*French Initiative*. The chapter is working hard to push for a French immersion program in Revelstoke.

- **Richmond:**

Held a membership kick-off event, a French movie night, and hosted Marion Rose’s community dance project to perform this year. They offered student scholarships, and participated in Concours too!

- **Ridge Meadows:**

Held a film festival that was attended by over 800 students this year. The chapter also planned a crêpe day, French camp, and had Théâtre la Seizième presentations. They participate in their local FAC too.

- **Saanich:**

Held a K-12 gift exchange event, had French reading at the library, and have started up a new French cooking class program at Deep Cove. They also offer student scholarships to French Immersion graduates each year.



*More Amazing Concours Participants.*

- **Salmon Arm:**

Held a French immersion cultural movie week, Concours contests, and fundraised through Coop gas card points. They also participate in local FAC meetings, and hosted a grad FI and volunteer appreciation event for students, teachers and parent volunteers.

- **Sooke:**

Ran another successful French Nature Camp in the spring. They also ran a great membership drive, advocated strongly on local issues, and helped their district receive a French Immersion growth grant from federal French funding.

- **South Cariboo:**

Held a spring plant fundraiser, and a Christmas FUNdraiser this year. They also held a Family Free Skate event as part of French Week, which included skating with Bonhomme, and they held a big membership drive last fall!

- **Surrey:**

Had a busy year for advocacy and activities. They hosted a Winter Carnival, gave out awards to 8 Surrey grade 12 graduates, and hosted a film festival attended by 2700 students! They also participated in the local FAC, attended school

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2017 Vernon Concours Winners.

board meetings, and hosted advocacy 101 nights in partnership with Surrey Students Now.

- **Terrace:**

Chapter hosted their popular annual Grad luncheon, gave out grad awards, and held a French summer camp. They worked tirelessly to advocate against the elimination of FI programming in their district, forging strong partnerships with other chapters to do so.

- **Tri-Cities:**

Hosted a Verbathon tournament on May 12th, and a Gregg LeRock performance at their middle school. Tri-Cities also hosted a Festival du Bois, French Family Movies, and celebrations for their FI grads. They also had a volunteer appreciation breakfast.

- **Vernon:**

Hosted a Skate with Bonhomme Winter Carnaval with over 200 skaters and a dozen volunteers, a French holiday card workshop, and held Le Club in partnership with their local library. They also advocated strongly on local FSL issues, and participated in their FAC, and hosted a film screening with the Canada 150 film day event.



See? It can be fun to be in French!

- **Victoria:**

Held four French family movie events, as well as hosting Anne Glover for storytelling performances and workshops.

- **Yukon Chapter:**

Held its annual Chante-le ta chanson event, attended FSL advisory committee meetings, and held a French film night! They hosted a francophone dinner, a 'Café rencontre', and maintained a good working relationship with the Department of Education.

- **Williams Lake:**

Held French Day Camp, and hosted Barefoot Caravan as a performing and workshop event. They participated in Concours, and hosted a screening for 600 students as part of the Canada 150 film day event. They also hosted volunteer appreciation dinner.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT | RAPPORT DU COMITÉ DES CANDIDATURES

Dear Members,

Canadian Parents for French BC-Yukon Board Directors, Darian Pang, Patti Holm and Diane Tijman (ex-officio), had the opportunity to review nominations to the CPF BC-Yukon Board and, in the first week of July 2017, interview two Canadian Parents for French BC and Yukon members for Board of Directors positions.

We are pleased to report the results of the Nominations Committee's efforts to prepare a slate of candidates for the 2017 Canadian Parents for French BC & Yukon Board of Directors elections.

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

**Diane Tijman**

[Current President]

Richmond – third term, second year

**Marguerite Kuiack**

[Current Yukon Representative]

Yukon – second term, second year

**Shawna Larade**

[Current Director]

Cranbrook-Fernie – first term, second year

**Darian Pang**

[Current Youth Director & Treasurer\*]

Metro Vancouver (Surrey) – second term, second year

\* Darian will not be continuing as Treasurer in the upcoming year.

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

**New Board Member, Andrea Calder** – [Treasurer]  
Saanich – first year, first term

**New Board Member, Cendra Beaton** – [Director]  
Sooke – first year, first term

**Greer Cummings** [Current Vice-President]  
Vancouver Island (Parksville – Qualicum)  
– third term, first year

The Nominations Committee and the CPF BC Yukon Branch would like to thank Patti Holm for completing her 1-year term as Past President.

Please support a motion to elect the proposed candidates to the Canadian Parents for French BC and Yukon Board of Directors for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

**Darian Pang**

**Diane Tijman**

**Nominations Committee,**

**Board of Directors**

## FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee of Canadian Parents for French-BC & Yukon is pleased to present our report for the **01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017** fiscal year. This year saw a permanent addition to our staff and a recommitment to our strategic plan. Our staff made efficient use of core funding in the Branch's operations with programs such as our expanded chapter training modules for increased financial literacy and planning, our funding diversification strategy which saw an increase in donations and sponsorships to over \$18,000, and roughly \$180,000 in socio cultural programming funding facilitated to our chapters.

We are still working on aligning our reporting timelines with those of our funder. This year there is a surplus of almost \$10,000.. The 2016 | 17 statement of operations highlights an operational surplus in the amount of approx. \$11,600. The balance sheet reflects net assets at Mar. 31st, 2017 of **\$360,727**.

To keep consistency with the CPF Strategic Plan, we are continuing the policy of expensing assets with a market value of less than \$500, and depreciating those with a value of greater than \$500, consistent with generally accepted accounting standards for not-for-profits with operational budgets more than \$500,000 CAD. It is the opinion of the Board and Finance Committee that the Branch continues to operate in a fiscally sound and resilient fashion, while working to sustainable programming consistent with our funding parameters, inclusive of complete, accurate, and timely reporting. 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.

- **Motion:** Be it resolved that the audited financial statements of Canadian Parents for French British Columbia and Yukon in the date of **2017 | 18** fiscal year reviewed by the Manning Elliot Group of Chartered Accountants be approved.
- **Motion:** Be it resolved further that the **2016 | 17** Financial Report be approved.

We look forward to another successful year serving you.

Respectfully,

**CPF BC & Yukon Finance Committee**  
**Chair, Darian Pang – Youth Director, Treasurer**  
**Greer Cummings – Director, Island Region**  
**Glyn Lewis – Executive Director**  
**Benjamin Wong – Office Manager | Bookkeeper**

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