

### Branch Board Report

Another successful year at Canadian Parents for French-SK is in the books!

CPF-SK began the year with a Support Grant from PCH (Patrimoine Canadian Heritage) and a surplus carryover from the year before, mostly due to the continued restrictions to in-person programming. PCH has been very supportive and flexible during the pandemic, in terms of how their funding has been distributed and have allowed more creativity in programming. As a result, CPF-SK continues to find creative ways to use that funding.

PCH remains committed to the mandate and work of CPF across the Network and is appreciative of our efforts and cooperation that comply with their reporting practices (that's why we require Chapter reports in a timely manner!)

For those who attended any or all the Network Virtual Conference in October 2020 entitled, *Raise Your Flag for French*, I am sure you benefitted from the rich and valuable information from the workshops to the seminars to the evening concerts. As we move further into the virtual world (for some it feels as though we are falling deeper into it) we can expect to see more hybrid events to become available to our membership across the country. And although this allows more freedom to attend or watch later, there will also be an opportunity to attend in person, as health guidelines allow.

The Branch Board began the year with three Directors and has attempted to make recruitment a priority throughout the year. By December 2020, we received no response to our Call, made available on our Social Media page and the website. We have continued to keep the Call active, but with minimal response. The request for Directors remains active, and we would love to hear from you, or someone you know, as we seek candidates who are passionate about offering French Language Learning opportunities to all children across the province. Please reach out!

As the National Network continues to direct Branch Boards in various governance-related issues, Branch leaders attended a Network-sponsored virtual Leadership Training event hosted by the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE). The workshop, entitled *Leading Together for Good Governance*, was very helpful in unpacking the various layers in Board and Organizational structures, including Board culture, personality types, ways to report minutes, and many more. As mentioned before, the value in a virtual model is that the content is usually recorded and available to 'watch later'. Those of us on the CPF-SK Board who were able, attended live, while the others watched the recording.

The hybrid Network Leadership Event/AGM was wrapping up as this report went to print. It was held in Quebec for those attending in person. One of the main themes of the event was the need to be ever-mindful of the changing landscape, not only with regards to the pandemic, but also in the areas of accessibility and diversity. Leadership and the way we do it, is changing. As we move into this next year of programming and increasing our awareness and effectuality in the community, championing the ability to learn and use French, let's think outside the box. Let's move forward with purpose and vision to reach farther.

We recognize the ongoing work and dedication and professionalism of Branch Executive Director, Karen Pozniak, and the staff in the Branch Office, Brooklyn Barré and Melissa Longworth. They do an amazing job with the Operations part of the organization. We are also especially grateful for the seemingly unending amount of creativity and energy from the summer staff at *Fête du Soleil Storytime Online*.

Thank-you, to each of you!

CPF-SK Board of Directors

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