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Mission

“We are part of a National network of volunteers who are dedicated to the promotion and creation of French second language learning opportunities for young Manitobans.”

Values

“We value commitment to our mandate, the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge, and the taking of initiative and responsibility in order to achieve credibility and effectiveness.”

Vision

“A Manitoba where French and English speaking people live together in mutual respect with an understanding and appreciation of each other’s language and culture, and where linguistic duality forms an integral part of society to support the vision of a bilingual Canada.”

Canadian Parents for French-Manitoba has been instrumental in the growth and development of French second language programs in Manitoba since its incorporation in 1981. The organization receives funding from Canadian Heritage and Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning.



Paulette Vielfaure Dupuis, President

The CPF-MB Annual General Meeting and Chapter Information Sessions provide wonderful opportunities to discuss future decision making, required protocols and how the Branch and Chapters can best address challenges related to the provision of quality and equitable access to French-Second-Language (FSL) learning opportunities throughout the province. It also allows the CPF-MB “family” to reflect upon the previous year and refocus on mutual and organizational goals. So today, we will work together to strengthen partnerships, develop new bonds, share experiences and celebrate Branch and Chapter successes! I am confident we will all return home with renewed enthusiasm and energy.

In 2013-2014, CPF-MB Chapters continued to work diligently at the grassroots level, thus keeping FSL learning a priority with school divisions. Chapters demonstrated dedication and tenacity on behalf of all families, who have chosen the path of linguistic duality for their children.

The Branch staff continued to amaze with vibrant energy, innovative ideas and dedication to the mission of “promoting and creating FSL learning opportunities for young Manitobans.”

A heartfelt “Merci!” goes to my fellow Board members for their generous gifts of time, expertise and unfailing support provided to me in my role as President and to the CPF organization as a whole.

CPF-MB also continued to be recognized and respected across Canada, as a progressive, innovative and effective voice for FSL learning. It was very gratifying to be invited by numerous partners and stakeholders to French Language forums and to bring CPF’s voice to the table. I am always honoured to represent the organization and to be part of the on-going discussions and plans for strengthening and promoting FSL learning in Manitoba. Such sharing and networking makes CPF stronger, so that it can work effectively on behalf of its members and parents.

As we look forward, the Branch and Chapters will continue to strive together, each contributing in their individual ways. We will remain committed toward the same goal, always believing in “a Manitoba where French and English speaking people live together in mutual respect with an understanding and appreciation of each other’s language and culture, and where linguistic duality forms an integral part of society to support the vision of a bilingual Canada.”



Catherine Davies, Executive Director

Canadian Parents for French-Manitoba (CPF-MB) activities were enabled by funding awarded through:

- The federal department of Canadian Heritage under the *Enhancement of Official Languages* program, *Promotion of Linguistic Duality* component
- Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning under the *French Second Language Revitalization (FSL) program*
- Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning under *The Canada-Manitoba Agreement on Minority Language Education and Second Official Language Instruction*.

All CPF-MB activities were successful due to the valuable contributions of:

- devoted volunteers from chapters across the province;
- dedicated provincial Board Directors;
- committed provincial staff;
- supportive partners such as l'Université de Saint-Boniface (USB), le Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF), la Société franco-manitobaine (SFM), les Éducatrices et éducateurs francophones du Manitoba (EFM), l'Association manitobaine des directrices et directeurs des écoles d'immersion française (AMDI), the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT), le 100 NONS, l'Association canadienne des professeurs d'immersion (ACPI), Polar Bear Productions, le Conseil jeunesse provincial (CJP), the Success Skills Centre (SSC), le Cercle Molière, the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages (OCOL) and the Conseil de développement économique des municipalités bilingues du Manitoba (CDEM).

CPF-MB continued to promote and create FSL learning opportunities for youth and encourage the growth and development of quality FSL education throughout the province. Throughout, CPF-MB served to inform, influence, support, engage and foster collaboration between various target groups, including parents, students, decision makers and FSL and francophone partners/stakeholders. Related activities included:

- sharing research-based FSL information through a variety of mediums including websites, social media, printed materials, CPF-MB newsletters, media communications and public displays;
- providing information regarding official language learning options that are available in Manitoba;
- increasing support for FSL education through new and existing partnership development;
- facilitating French language and French socio-cultural activities;
- recognizing the efforts of outstanding participants within the FSL community.

As a result of the above activities:

- parents were able to make fully informed decisions about FSL education;
- parents felt more confident in supporting the FSL learning journeys of their children;
- several thousands of students participated in CPF-MB French language and socio-cultural activities/events;
- several thousands of Manitobans learned more about the benefits and significance of FSL learning and linguistic duality, through informational presentations and educational tools;
- decision-makers were informed of policies, procedures and services that enable equitable access to quality FSL education;
- CPF-MB and FSL and francophone partners/stakeholders worked in cohesion to provide French language opportunities;
- the general public has an enhanced appreciation of the French language and its cultural context in Canada;
- CPF-MB operations and governance were strengthened by a solid foundation of engaged volunteers, members and staff.

CPF-MB continued with endeavours to support and promote access to a broad range of quality FSL programs for all students in Manitoba. To this end, CPF-MB:

- met with the Minister, Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister of Education to highlight FSL issues throughout the province;
- served on the *Comité consultative pour le français langue seconde* of the BEF and attended meetings of Divisional language Coordinators;
- orchestrated a meeting of representatives of CPF-Flin Flon Chapter, CPF-MB and CPF-SK to determine strategies to address issues pertaining to the French Immersion program in the Flin Flon School Division;
- provided guidance and information to assist St. John's Ravenscourt School in its efforts to establish a Late Immersion program;
- participated in forums, which focused on topics such as challenges and conditions for success surrounding post-secondary education in French, French education in minority contexts and in French Immersion.

To assist FSL advocacy endeavours at the grass roots level and to inform FSL decision-makers, stakeholders partners and chapters, CPF-MB distributed and circulated research and publications pertaining to language related issues. These included:

- *Newcomers to Canada Enrolling Children in French Immersion* (Manitoba CBC News);
- *Parents in 12 BC Communities Call for Additional French Immersion Programs* (Canadian Parents for French-British Columbia);
- *Help Save French-Language Post-Secondary Opportunities in Alberta* (Canadian Parents for French-Alberta);
- *Importance of Creating Opportunities to Use French* (USB/Kelvin High School, Manitoba)
- *The Languages of Business* (Bloomberg Rankings);

- *The Evolution of English-French Bilingualism in Canada from 1961-2011* (Statistics Canada Report);
- *Mais Oui!* (Winnipeg Free Press)
- *Canada Bilingualism and Trade* (Industry Canada);
- *Language Training for Immigrants* (Debates of the Senate of Canada);
- *Learning a New Language Alters Brain Development* (McGill Reporter);
- *Official Languages and Financial Accountability* (Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages);
- *Brains Crave Bilingualism* (Montreal Gazette);
- *Oral Communication: At the Heart of Learning* (Seine River School Division);
- *French Immersion Education in Canada* (Canadian Council on Learning).

Once again, CPF-MB's FSL Initiative Incentive Fund served as a tangible incentive that enabled Chapters to initiate and facilitate new and innovative FSL activities in their communities. These drew attention to, and highlighted FSL learning programs, increased reinforcement of positive public attitudes toward linguistic duality and provided young Manitobans with opportunities to experience the French language and culture outside of regular classroom settings. Chapter initiatives included:

- *French Immersion 30th Anniversary Celebration* (Flin Flon);
- *Family Crepe Night* (Swan River);
- *First Annual Concours d'art oratoire* (Stonewall);
- *French Immersion Lake Day* (The Pas);
- *Santa Claus Parade Float* (Portage-la-Prairie);
- *Soiree de Bingo* (Dauphin)
- *Dance Class en francais*; (Beausejour)
- *Petit Café* (Powerview).

During 2013-2014, challenges regarding FSL access and quality continued to vary from community to community, and more significantly, between urban and rural locations, as well as between single track (milieu) and dual track schools. Many of these challenges are ongoing and to date have not been fully addressed and include, but are not limited to the:

- limited access to a variety of quality FSL programs and options in rural and northern MB;
- need for more French Immersion entry points i.e. Middle and Late Immersion, particularly due to increased immigration of children of all ages;
- shortage of qualified Basic (Core) French home room teachers province-wide;
- need for qualified, linguistically competent French Immersion teachers;
- transferability of students within a FI program from one jurisdiction to another, which is particularly difficult when entry points for the program differ across the country.

Despite the challenges, the overall view of FSL education remains positive. Participation in French Immersion in Manitoba increased again with enrolment at 22,115, compared to 21,214 in 2012-2013. This is an all-time high in the history of the program. The number of French Immersion graduates in communities outside of Winnipeg has also increased slightly. Based on feedback from parents, students and stakeholders, it has been ascertained that to some degree this is a result of CPF-MB FSL promotional and advocacy endeavours. To a greater degree it is attributed to the ongoing impact of Manitoba's FSL Revitalization Program. This serves to support the province in its endeavours to achieve the goals for second official language education, as outlined in the 2009-2013 and 2014-2017 Canada - Manitoba Agreements on Minority Language Education and Second Official Language Instruction and Manitoba's respective Action Plans. Indeed, this program continues to enable improvements to FSL learning programs and to ensure the provision of engaging and motivational FSL opportunities for youth. It also fosters community partnerships by encouraging FSL stakeholders to collaborate on mutual projects, share responsibility and make the best and most economic use of joint resources to advance and promote FSL learning.



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CPF-MB 2013-2014 statistics:	
8,837	Attendees at FSL promotional presentations
11,877	Page views on www.frenchforlife.ca
1,014	Copies of CPF-MB News distributed
1,000	Users of the French Multi Media Kits
8,009	Participants in Concours d'art oratoire
77,500	Page views on and visits to mb.cpf.ca
315	Certificates of Merit awarded
4,000	Participants in French Cultural Tours
177	Participants in French Theatre Workshops
84	Participants in Camp Soleil
8,307	FSL promotional materials distributed
16	Kindergarten Information Sessions/Community Events
1,806	Members of CPF-MB
16	Joint initiatives with chapters and FSL and francophone partners
2,000	French: An Opportunity of a Lifetime DVD/Magazine packages distributed
12	Forums attended/contributed to
4,320	LIFE (Linking Immigrants to French and English) in MB booklets and posters distributed

CPF-Beausejour

Andrea Swain, President

Sherry Swain-Pelletier, Vice-President

Debbi Bargenda, Secretary

Lisa Carmichael, Treasurer

For over two decades CPF-Beausejour has kept true to its mission of supporting students, parents, teachers and school administrators. We have all worked together to provide opportunities to learn the French language in our community. The past year was no exception. With over 40 active members, and many other students and parents who took part in CPF initiatives the Chapter connected with a lot of families. In addition to the amazing French language opportunities offered to students of all grade levels at both École Beausejour Early Years School and École Edward Schreyer School, the Chapter coordinated a number of exciting activities this year.

For the first time and thanks to the dedicated work of a CPF member-at-large, a ten-week, extra-curricular art course was provided to students ages 6-12 years. This was held in the art room at École Beausejour Early Years School and there were thirty-four (34) participants. The Chapter secured a grant from the provincial government, which together with registration fees, enabled the class to be offered at the very reasonable rate of \$50/student.

The Chapter was also fortunate to be chosen as a host for the French for FSL Parents course; ten (10) parents attended the program.

Another major initiative was the Chapter's hosting of Camp Soleil; sixteen (16) campers enjoyed this 4-day camp.

For the second year in a row, the Chapter hosted a French Christmas Caroling Event in conjunction with the community's Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Despite frigid temperatures, a good number of parents and students participated by singing three French carols. The Chamber of Commerce very kindly provided hot chocolate, goodies, and gifts to all involved.

Additionally, the Chapter provided financial support to:

- offset the cost for approximately 200 students to attend the Festival du Voyageur;
- assist a team of five French Immersion students to attend the Destination Imagination championships;
- a retired French Immersion teacher who traveled to Open Doorways Orphanage in Haiti to teach music.

Other Chapter initiatives included:

- working with the high-school to develop a feature page in the yearbook, which highlighted the French Immersion program and the CPF-Beausejour scholarship winner;
- awarding the Chapter's annual scholarship;
- recognizing teacher and administrative assistant appreciation days;
- hosting a booth at the Four Year Old Readiness Clinic;
- attending Kindergarten orientation to meet new families joining the French Immersion program.

In 2014-2015, the Chapter hopes to continue offering additional opportunities to students and parents to speak French outside of the classroom. Such activities may include:

- offering a hip-hop dance class;
- providing another art class;
- working with middle-years and high-school French Immersion teachers to coordinate a Destination Imagination team, which would train and compete in French;
- hosting MAGO the Magician at École Beausejour Early Years School at the discounted rate offered by CPF-MB.

The Chapter is excited to send its representatives to the CPF-MB provincial and CPF-National AGMs. It will be very beneficial to learn from other CPF Chapters in Manitoba and beyond.

Thanks to CPF-MB for its continued support as we strive to fulfill the CPF mandate of "recognizing the value of learning French and actively promoting opportunities for young Canadians to learn and use French."

CPF-Brandon

Kerri-Lynn Gudz, President

Kami-Rae Caswell, Vice-President

Terri-Lynne Hlady, Secretary/Treasurer

After a few years of volunteer burnout, an active CPF Chapter has been reestablished in Brandon!

In keeping with the national trend, French Immersion programming in Brandon School Division has seen an increase in demand. It now supports two French Immersion dual-track schools (New Era and O’Kelly) and has established a single-track French Immersion school (Harrison).

To give an idea of how successful the French Immersion program in our city continues to be, since its inception year, École Harrison has had to cap its registrations due to physical space restrictions. Meanwhile, the French Immersion population at École New Era School has grown from 150 students in September 2010 to 250 students for the 2014-2015 school year. In addition, École O’Kelly School’s French Immersion population has grown by 25% in the last four years.

In an effort to enhance the French cultural experience for students, all three schools have hosted French cultural performers, have taken field trips to Festival du Voyageur, and have organized Mardi Gras celebrations, Festival du Voyageur days at school, le réveillon, la guignolée, as well as numerous other activities. These “hands-on” learning experiences have expanded students’ awareness and knowledge of the French culture and language and reinforced their French Immersion education.

As a group, CPF-Brandon is advocating, communicating, building community partnerships, and collaborating to extend what is offered to French Immersion students through high school. With the growth and success of French Immersion programming through K-8, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in numbers; potentially close to double that of current French Immersion students continuing their French Immersion education right through to graduation. With a 100% graduation rate since 2007, French Immersion students continue to strive for educational excellence, fulfilling Brandon School Division’s mission “to enable each student to achieve maximum intellectual, emotional, social and physical growth. We accomplish this through the provision of programs and services which facilitate the development of students as healthy contributing members of society.” The growing French Immersion community looks forward to continuing this trend.

Brandon School Division’s vision is “to be a centre of educational excellence, built on community partnerships, effective leadership and exemplary practices.” CPF-Brandon supports and wants to be a part of this vision and work cooperatively and creatively together as a strong French Immersion educational voice.

To date, we have introduced ourselves to the Parent Councils and Administrators of BSD’s French Immersion schools, met with the Superintendent, made a formal presentation to the

Board of Trustees and have been included in articles of the Winnipeg Free Press and the Brandon Sun.

We encourage all parents to become CPF members and to stay up-to-date on French Immersion education across Canada as well as here in Brandon. Show your active support in your child's education. There is strength in numbers, and as a united voice, we can work together in having a positive influence on the education of our children.



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CPF-Dauphin

Phil Fafard, President

Jenny Andrews, Vice-President

Cathy Fafard, Treasurer

Lisa Kristjansen, Secretary

The CPF-Dauphin Chapter had a busy and successful year. There was continued growth in French Immersion enrollment numbers. To complement the language learning experience of students, the Chapter hosted and/or supported various activities including Camp Soleil, Concours d'art oratoire, and school trips to Festival du Voyageur and to Québec City. The Chapter is also supporting a 2016 trip to France/Spain.

Once again, the Chapter hosted a 'Soiree de Bingo' fund-raising activity. French Immersion and Basic French students enjoyed a Bingo activity that incorporated their use of French. This involved games using words, numbers, objects and pictures. The audience watched in admiration as students demonstrated their knowledge of the French language. Free popcorn and refreshments were given to CPF members. Overall, it proved to be a fun and interactive activity that involved extended families including grandparents, relatives and friends.

The Chapter provided financial awards to students at the middle and high school levels for excellence and to those continuing their French education.

The Chapter has many more fresh ideas planned for the coming year!



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CPF-Flin Flon

Leslie Fernandes, President

Dori Sapergia, Vice-President

Debbie Sapergia, Secretary

Kristi Schaerer, Treasurer

The year began with the Creighton School Board's decision to no longer fund its students to attend French Immersion programming at Hapnot Collegiate in Flin Flon. From there on, the Chapter devoted its time to address this concerning decision. While the Chapter cannot take full responsibility for this decision eventually being overturned, the Chapter meetings and communications with the Hapnot administration, Creighton School Board, Flin Flon School Division, teaching staff, media and the CPF-Manitoba Executive, were very beneficial to our cause and something we are proud of.

Community involvement was also something to be proud of this year. The French Immersion students participated in a parade float for the Trout Festival on Canada Day and the "*Petite Café*" booth on Culture Days.

The Chapter was also part of the Under One Roof community registration night in September. Here the public could sign up for various organizations. While our presence did not result in any new memberships, community promotion was our main goal.

In October, the Chapter President attended the CPF-MB provincial AGM in Winnipeg. This was very informative and provided a great platform for networking with other CPF Executives.

The Chapter Executive completed several projects over the course of the year. Complementary CPF memberships were offered to the families of kindergarten students. It is hoped that these new memberships can be retained. The French Immersion bursary decision grid was developed and will help streamline the process of awarding the CPF-Flin Flon \$1,000 bursary to a graduating student. The Executive also created a *Dropbox* file, where we can all access documents and work on various projects together. This has been extremely helpful in organizing and coordinating Chapter goals.

Thanks to the hard work of our promotion coordinator Kristi Schaerer, three seasonal newsletters went home with students and French Immersion Program information packages were sent home with the Kindergarten children. The junior high parents also received a newsletter on the benefits of *Continuing French Immersion in High School*.

The social convenor, Carrie Alexander, was also hard at work. In September, a parent networking event was held. Parents were greeted and welcomed, while the children played together. Other events included a book fair, a hot dog lunch for the entire school, the Chapter AGM and the French day camp.

The Chapter facilitated a new fund-raising initiative this year through a contract with the City of Flin Flon for the purpose of providing event staff for home Bomber games. Parent volunteers donated roughly 250 hours of their time. This enabled the Chapter to offer monetary support to the *Grade 7/8 Festival du Voyageur* school trip and the Hapnot French club's trip to France.

The Chapter made a concerted effort to include Hapnot Collegiate under its vision and goals. A Hapnot report was added to meetings to keep the lines of communication open with the high school program. The Chapter was also part of the *Northern Parent Information Night*, where parents were able to see how the consortium and ITV technology works and had questions answered by the high school administration.

Looking to the future, CPF-Flin Flon is in the planning stages of its *30th Anniversary Celebration*; this is a great milestone for our community. The Chapter is also in the initial stages of setting strategic goals to be accomplished in the years to come. To this end, the Chapter will also follow-up with the FFSD Board of Trustees for the purpose of aligning goals for the future of the French Immersion program at both the elementary and high school level.

It was a busy year for CPF-Flin Flon and all of its dedicated members and parents. Sincere thanks go to Dori, Fran, Kristi and Carrie for the many hours they contributed. Special thanks go to Debbie for being such a great resource; everything we accomplished was a result of Debbie keeping us organized and on track. Finally, thanks go to all of the parent volunteers who understand that time given is just as important as monetary donations.

The collective goal of CPF-Flin Flon will continue to be the provision of the best possible opportunities for our children; we want each and every child to shine in their individual and unique ways.



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CPF-Morden

Chapter is dormant and may be rejuvenated during the 2014-2015 school year.

CPF-Pembina Trails

Genevieve Atnip, President

Lisa Wolinski, Vice-President

Krzysztof Widla, Secretary/Treasurer

In October, CPF-Pembina Trails had its annual Family Halloween Dance and once again it was a huge success! There was a lot of positive feedback from the many families that attended, as well as from the teachers who came out to enjoy the evening.

In February, the Chapter contributed to a pancake breakfast that celebrated the voyageurs and Louis Riel week.

In May, the Chapter participated in École St. Avila's 50th Anniversary Community Celebration. Here, members of the community came together for a BBQ, a tree planting ceremony and historical displays, while the children enjoyed bouncers and other fun activities!



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CPF-Portage la Prairie

Rhonda McCutcheon, President

Tricia Bott, Vice-President

Diane Wing, Treasurer

Helen Dreger, Secretary

With the help of a great Executive, the CPF-Portage-la-Prairie Chapter had a wonderful year! It started with the Chapter's second annual Halloween Soirée for French Immersion students in Grades K-4. Students were able to visit different stations, where there was cookie decorating, face painting, pumpkin carving, bingo, a music/games area and a fantastic photo booth. Four (4) middle school and six (6) high school students helped out and this turned out to be a great way for these older students to showcase and practice their French language skills.

In November, the Chapter tackled a new project using funds provided by the CPF-MB FSL Initiative Incentive Fund. High school students helped younger children to decorate a float for the Santa Clause Parade, using the "French for Life" logo and colours. On the night of the parade, the children accompanied the float, while wishing everyone "Joyeux Noël" as they walked through the town. It was a huge hit, even though it was a super cold night!

In February, eleven families took a school bus to the Festival Du Voyageur. The Chapter also facilitated a Hotdog Fundraiser, with forty (40) dozen hotdogs being served to primary school age children.

On St. Patrick's Day, the Chapter held its annual Café. Middle school students enjoyed making and serving the food with a little help from the parents/staff. This was also a great kickoff for the school French Week.

In April, the Chapter helped to organize the Grade 8 French Immersion Tour; this served to encourage students to stay in French Immersion all the way through high school.

Once again students participated in Concours and the Chapter awarded small monetary gifts to the top contestants.

In June, the Chapter was able to donate \$700 to one very deserving graduate student; \$500 came from the Chapter and an additional \$200 from an anonymous donor. Also that month, water, watermelon and a huge cake were donated to the Middle School BBQ and this also provided an opportunity to say farewell to the Grade 8 students.

In July, the Chapter hosted Camp Soleil. There were 25 campers, so a very competent high school student was hired to help facilitate. In keeping with the camp theme of “Around the World”, a tour of Southport Aerospace was taken. Here, the children met a future astronaut. The astronaut’s main message was “Believe in Yourself” and for many this was the highlight of the week.

The activities and events of the CPF-Portage-la-Prairie Chapter would not be possible without the helping hands of parents, teaching staff and outstanding Principals. Merci!!!



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CPF-Powerview

Report not submitted at time of printing.

CPF-River East Transcona

Report not submitted at time of printing

CPF-Seine River

Philip Fenez, President

Leanne Fenez, Vice-President

This year the CPF-Seine River Chapter had the good fortune to be able to host a French for FSL Parents course. This provided parents with an opportunity to participate in a French learning experience, which challenged their abilities and introduced them to new ways of communicating with their children and also their peers.

The Chapter also hosted Camp Soleil. While the initial interest seemed high, there were fewer participants than expected.

Once again a Seine River student participated in the Québec Student Exchange Program. Past experience has shown that this program provides a valuable experience for FSL students; it has a long term impact with regards to language gains, self-confidence and cultural awareness.

This year, it was very challenging to find volunteers who were willing to take an active part in running the Chapter. It was hoped that the Chapter could be split, so that there was one in St. Norbert and one in Lorette. However, this did not materialize. Unfortunately, this lack of interest reflects the view of some parents of French Immersion students, who believe it is not an issue if their children do not speak French at school.

The Chapter plans to keep working with the Seine River School Division, to ensure that many French language learning opportunities remain available for the students. Chapter meetings are planned for late October/early November in St. Norbert and Lorette. Here it will be determined if there is enough interest to keep the Chapter active.

CPF-Selkirk

Carmen Pedersen, President

Sherilyn Arndt, Treasurer

Heather Kelly, Secretary

In 2013-2014, Sherilyn Arndt, the CPF-Selkirk Chapter Vice-President was pro-active in meeting with French Immersion and Basic French teachers to create stronger relationships and collaboration. The Chapter also actively promoted the importance of the French language outside the classroom and in the community.

In March, the Lord Selkirk School Division took out 3-year CPF memberships for all of its fifteen (15) schools.

In September 2013, a CPF membership drive was facilitated; this will be repeated in September 2014, using new strategies.

Thirty-five (35) students are enrolled for the September 2014 French Immersion Program at École Bonaventure and the Chapter is looking forward to meeting the new families.

In October, Carmen Pedersen, Chapter President, and Sherilyn Arndt are attending the CPF-MB provincial AGM. Carmen will also attend the CPF-National AGM.



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CPF-Springfield

Report not submitted at time of printing.

CPF-Stonewall

Corinne Lothian, President

Shawna Legault, Secretary

Rhena Harold, Treasurer

Canadian Parents for French- Stonewall Chapter has had a great year! The Chapter was featured in local newspapers over 15 times!

In September, the local middle school was renamed "École Stonewall Centennial School" to support the new Grade 5 French Immersion students, who transitioned from the local elementary school.

In October, Corinne Lothian and Shawna Legault were added to the Executive after the former CPF-Stonewall President, Vice-President, and Secretary stepped down.

In February, CPF-Stonewall purchased over \$500 worth of books and magazine subscriptions to supplement the French sections of the libraries in both the elementary and middle school. The reading material includes fiction and non-fiction titles. The distributor was kind enough to provide complementary books, which were shared with all local CPF members.

In March, the very first *Concours d'art oratoire* was held and had Basic French and French Immersion participants. The winner in each category received a plaque with their name engraved on it. At the provincial competition in May, one of the Stonewall students was awarded 1st place! The Chapter plans to continue offering the *Concours* with the support of second language teachers in the division and it's hoped that even more schools will participate next year!

Also in March, a French Family movie night was held. Many families enjoyed movie and popcorn. The evening was a lot of fun!

In April, CPF-Stonewall offered *Le français pour les petits*; a ten week French Immersion Pre-School program. By creating a partnership between the Interlake School Division, the Stonewall South Interlake Regional Library and CPF Stonewall, the pre-school program has been able to thrive! CPF-Stonewall has been awarded an increased grant to continue and expand the program into the fall and winter of 2015.

As a result of the success of the pre-school program, the local library has been considering a French library club for students in Grades 1-4 in the fall. The Chapter looks forward to supporting the library in another joint effort to encourage students to read and use the French language whenever possible.



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CPF-Swan River

Kelli Riehl, President

Kelli Riehl, Vice President

Rose Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

The Chapter had a very challenging year, in that we were not able to find enough people to volunteer, help out with activities and attend meetings. All Executive members have resigned, or are out of contact. Unfortunately, if the Executive positions aren't filled, the Chapter will have to become dormant. The lack of support has been very discouraging and it is hoped that this fall will bring a new batch of interested parents who want the work of CPF-Swan River to continue.

Despite the challenges, the Chapter did a wonderful job this year of fundraising through special lunches. Some of the funds raised were used to support the school speech contest, provide a teacher's Christmas present, chili and a bun to all students and faculty for festival du voyageur and hot cocoa and cookies for skating.



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CPF-The Pas

Melanie Young, President (Interim)

Melanie Young, Secretary

Sheryl Bernstrom, Treasurer

It was a busy year for the CPF-The Pas Chapter. In September, a membership drive was started and was completed in November with a Family Fun Night. Here, there were games, music, dancing, computer games, face-painting and a canteen.

In March, the Chapter participated in a Northern Public Information Night. This showcased the use of the ITV system in French Labs. It was not as well attended in The Pas as it was in other northern communities; however those that did attend reported that they found it to be very informative.

In October, two Chapter representatives attended the CPF-MB provincial AGM and Chapter Appreciation Event.

Funding for the French Education Assistant was re-allocated for the 2013-2014 school year by the Kelsey School Division. However, it is understood that funds for this position will be restored for the 2014-2015 school year.

The Chapter donated funds to the group attending *Festival Du Voyageur, Concours d'art oratoire, The Pas Music Festival*, additional *Sam Amuse* game development and to a bursary recipient. The \$250 *FSL Initiative Incentive Fund* was used to pay for bus transportation for the French Immersion Lake Day.

In June 2014, three students graduated with French Immersion Diplomas and eight CPF-MB *Certificates of Merit* were awarded.

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