

Canadian Parents for French - Manitoba



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CPF *Canadian Parents for French* **Manitoba**

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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.



Paulette Vielfaure Dupuis, Président



Is it possible that one whole year has already gone by? This time last year, I was backpacking across Spain, and unfortunately, missing the opportunity to spend time with all of you at our CPF-MB annual convention. No walking this year and I am looking forward to catching up with all of the dedicated volunteers and hearing about your activities and successes!

CPF-MB Chapters continue to work diligently at the grassroots level and do a great job at keeping FSL learning a priority of school divisions. Congratulations on your successes! Your many examples of dedication and tenacity, on behalf of all families who chose the path of linguistic duality, are truly an inspiration.

CPF-MB continues to be recognized and respected across Canada as a progressive, innovative and effective voice for Second Language Learning. It is so very gratifying to be invited by our existing numerous partners and stakeholders to bring CPF's voice to the table. This year, we also met with several new organizations wishing to partner with CPF-MB. Sharing and networking as one voice can only make us stronger and we look forward to these partnerships.

I thank the provincial staff, who continues to amaze with their energy, ideas and dedication to the mission of "promoting and creating FSL learning opportunities for young Manitobans."

"Merci!" also goes to my fellow Board members for their gifts of time, expertise and unfailing support. They have generously given to our organization as a whole and to me personally in my role as President.

May this weekend strengthen old partnerships, develop new bonds, bring opportunities to share, to learn, to encourage, and inspire each of you with refreshed enthusiasm, as you go home to your Chapters with renewed energy and vigour!

We continue to strive together, each contributing in our individual ways, with the support and means at hand, remaining committed toward the same goal, and 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."

Pam Hutcheson, Vice-President



I attended all Board meetings and Special meetings of the Board and its Executive. In September 2012, I attended the CPF-MB Annual General Meeting and workshops and in October and I represented the Board at the CPF-National AGM and Conference in Ottawa. At the provincial Concours d'art oratoire, I had quite the learning experience, as I assisted the President of CPF-MB with chairing duties for the awards ceremonies.

I was also involved in collaborative connections with partners, including a meeting with the provincial Minister of Education. It has been very interesting to witness how CPF-MB has expanded its partner base over the years and how this is encouraging a sense of community between FSL and francophone stakeholders.

I look forward to hearing from the various CPF-MB chapters, as these creative parents continue to work at the community level to keep French-Second-Language energized and appealing for our youth.

To conclude, I have to say that it is a pleasure and honour to work with such a group of dedicated, enthusiastic and hardworking Board and staff. I eagerly look forward to the coming year.





Rena Prefontaine, Director

Seriously, another year has passed already? As usual it was another busy one for CPF-MB and I was very proud to be a part of it. Our second Festival jeune artiste du Manitoba (JAM) event was a huge success, Concours went off without a hitch and we hosted the launch of "French: An Opportunity of a Lifetime!"

I have had the pleasure of meeting with many of our business partners, and I am always proud when they tell me what a great job CPF-MB does, and how much they value our relationships.

This past year, I joined the Executive of CPF-MB. This position has opened my eyes to the hard work and dedication our Executive has given our organization. As a board, we were also asked for input on proposed changes to CPF National By-laws; although it took some extra time, it was nice to know our suggestions were considered by National. It also reinforced something I already knew; CPF MB has great leadership, support staff, volunteers and members.

I look forward to seeing what this year will bring; I know that CPF-MB will likely be leading the way!



Chris Chmelowski, Director

Another year has passed and I am proud to continue to be a part of this well-oiled CPF-MB machine! There has been lots going on and I have found that having an overall provincial view is very inspiring. Working with the other Directors and with staff has given me a good understanding of CPF-MB governance and operations. At Board meetings, I continued to provide input from a rural perspective. And, as a member of the Nominations Committee, I was perpetually on the hunt for more northern force to come aboard!

This past spring, I brought greetings on behalf of CPF-MB to the Swan Valley School Division's celebration of 30 years of French Immersion. It was great to see some of the original "fighters" for French Immersion at this event! It's amazing how far FSL education has come in 30 years. It will be interesting to see where it is 30 years from now, with the continuation of hard work of the many volunteers like you, and the amazing teachers and administrators that carry it through! I can hardly wait!!

In the coming year, I am looking forward to connecting with Chapters everywhere and to working together to instill a love of learning *en français!*



Connie Lucian, Director

I came back on to the Board of Directors in October 2012 at the provincial AGM. I participated in all Board meetings and Special meetings of the Board. I also represented CPF-MB at a number of meetings of CPF-The Pas.



Jayme Menzies, Director

Over three years have passed since I was employed by Canadian Parents for French, Manitoba, in a role which allowed me to contribute to a mandate I hold near and dear: promoting French language and culture to parents and students across the province. Subsequently, while attending the University of Manitoba's Law school, I was able to maintain my proud ties to CPF-MB as the Youth Director. I am pleased to announce that I have since graduated, not only from Law school, but also from a Youth designation into the position of a full-fledged Director on CPF-MB's board. In both positions, the passion, ingenuity and efficiency of my fellow Board Directors has instilled in me an unwavering confidence in the future of French-second-language education in our province. What is more: we have FUN!

I am fully committed to the organization's mission and whole-heartedly respect those in charge of fulfilling it - the employees and parent volunteers who have substantially less time to spare than I, and yet donate it freely for the sake of a multilingual province. Onward and upward, fellow cultural advocates!



Derrek Bentley, Youth Director

What an interesting, crazy, and exciting year with CPF-MB! As my first year of Board involvement, I must admit that I could not have asked for a better experience. The other Board members and CPF-MB staff have been incredible in all respects. Whether it was helping me to learn about motions of a meeting, or pulling me into the world of Festival jeune artiste du Manitoba (JAM), every moment was insightful and demonstrated the passion CPF-MB has for le français.

As a student who completed his education in both French Immersion and francophone schools, and now is in an English university while working in French, I believe I was able to

successfully contribute a unique perspective and I hope to continue this as I begin my second year as Youth Director.

A big thanks to everyone who supports CPF-MB, especially the volunteers! Merci beaucoup à tous ceux qui nous supportent, spécialement les bénévoles!





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 Language* program, *Promotion of Linguistic Duality* component
- The provincial department of Manitoba Education under the *French Second Language Revitalization (FSL) program*
- The provincial department of Manitoba Education 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 Université de Saint-Boniface (USB), Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF), Société franco-manitobaine (SFM), Éducatrices et éducateurs francophones du Manitoba (EFM), L'Association manitobaine des directrices et directeurs d'immersion française (AMDI), Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT), 100 NONS, L'Association canadienne des professeurs d'immersion (ACPI), Polar Bear Productions, Foolish Wit, Le Conseil jeunesse provincial (CJP), Success Skills Centre (SSC), Le Cercle Molière, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages (OCOL) and 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;
- students (approximately 10,000) participated in CPF-MB French language and socio-cultural activities/events;
- Manitobans (approximately 7,000) 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 activities;
- 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 Ministers of Education to highlight FSL issues throughout the province;
- provided input and encouraged CPF-MB members to provide input pertaining to the Canadian Heritage roundtable consultations regarding the expiration of the *Roadmap for Canada's Linguistic Duality 2008-2013: Acting for the Future*;
- served on the *Comité consultative pour le français langue seconde* of the BEF;
- participated in FSL forums, which focused on topics such as *French Immersion and Struggling Learners, Academically Challenged Students, Perspectives on Quality Education and French Immersion Enhancement*,

During 2012-2013 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. Most resulted from factors such as the shortage of qualified Basic (Core) French home room teachers province-wide, and the need for qualified, linguistically competent French Immersion teachers. Also of note, was low enrolment (151 students) in Intensive French; indicating that much remains to be done in raising the profile of this FSL option.

Despite the challenges, the overall view of FSL education remained quite positive, in that:

- French Immersion enrolment reached an all-time high (with over 21,214 students);
- a new Basic French curriculum with a focus on French Communication and Culture was developed;
- the increased demand for an internationally-recognized assessment tool, resulted in four school divisions collaborating and establishing a Centre DELF des divisions scolaires du Manitoba;
- use of videoconferencing technology in more remote areas enabled greater access to FSL courses/support for students and to professional development opportunities for FSL teachers, which resulted in an increase in the number of high school students graduating with a French Immersion Diploma;
- acknowledgement by decision makers that there is a need for more French Immersion entry points, as a result of the significant growth of Manitoba's new immigrant population (in 2012 MB welcomed approximately 15,000 immigrants, compared to 4,584 in 2000).

Many aspects of such progress can be attributed to the impact of Manitoba's FSL Revitalization Program, which served to support the province in its endeavours to achieve the goals for second official language education, as outlined in the 2009-2013 Canada - Manitoba Agreement on Minority Language Education and Second Official Language Instruction and Manitoba's respective Action Plan. Indeed, this program enabled improvements to FSL learning programs and an increase in the provision of engaging and motivational FSL opportunities for youth. Additionally, the program fostered 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.

To conclude, here are a few interesting **CPF-MB 2012-2013 statistics**:

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| 7,458 | Attendees at FSL promotional presentations |
| 55,000 | Hits on www.frenchforlife.ca |
| 1,500 | Copies of CPF-MB News distributed |
| 1,000 | Users of the French Multi Media Kits |
| 6,415 | Participants in Concours d'art oratoire |
| 27,000 | Hits on www.cpfmb.com |
| 22 | Participants in QC/MB Exchange Program students |
| 342 | Certificates of Merit awarded |
| 1,500 | Participants in French Cultural Tours |
| 123 | Participants in French Theatre Workshops |
| 118 | Participants in Camp Soleil |
| 5,949 | FSL promotional materials distributed |
| 13 | Kindergarten Information Sessions |
| 1, 517 | Members of CPF-MB |
| 67 | FSL displays at community events |
| 16 | Joint initiatives with chapters and FSL and francophone partners |

CPF-Beausejour

Tamara Strecker, President
Andrea Swain, Vice-President
Debbi Bargenda, Secretary
Lisa Carmichael, Treasurer

Summer of 2012:

- held a successful Camp Soleil with 15 campers;
- went to the (French) Goldeyes game.

September:

- promoted CPF at the Kindergarten orientation and registration;
- provided CPF Welcome packages to the Kindergarten families, offering either a free 1 year CPF membership or \$25 towards a 3 year membership;
- purchased books (one for each school) re: *“Struggling Learners and Immersion Education: All Children can Succeed”*.

October:

- held its Chapter AGM, with guest Brent Stokes, a French Immersion teacher at ÉBEYS, who did not have French Immersion as an option as a student, but later specialized in French language instruction;
- attended the CPF-MB provincial AGM and CPF-National AGM and Conference;
- acknowledged the contribution to the school newsletter of the Grade 8 class at École Edward Schreyer School.

November:

- held a French movie night at the Early Years School;
- rejuvenate its “why not” and Kindergarten information packages;
- manned a table with FI and CPF information at the local nursery school;
- acknowledged the Grade 4 students who recited their official enrolment in Girl Guides in French.

December:

- organized French Christmas carols at the Christmas tree lighting ceremony for the town of Beausejour.

January:

- held a meeting that was attended by Catherine Davies, CPF-MB Executive Director and Wayne Leckie, Superintendent of the Sunrise School Division (SSD);
- promoted the French Immersion program in SSD, through an advertisement in the local newspaper;
- orchestrated rotational attendance of CPF members at the Kindergarten Registration Session, to answer questions of new parents about CPF or FI;
- handed out FI information at the Happy Time Nursery School.

February:

- donated \$2 towards the expense of every student (Basic French and FI) who went to Festival du Voyageur;
- sent candy/nut trays to the schools for Teacher Appreciation.

March:

- attended the Readiness Clinic (for 3 year olds);
- sent notice to English Kindergarten students/parents at both the Beausejour Early Years School and the Gillis School, to let them know that they could still transfer their children into the French Immersion program;
- learned that SSD FI students in the senior years, now have more options that enable them to graduate with a French Immersion Diploma.

April:

- showed appreciation to all school secretaries by taking them out for lunch and out arranging for school trustees to cover their shifts;
- held a French Bingo for students from ÉBEYS, with students from ÉESS helping out.

May:

- donated to the Beausejour Early Years School tea;
- attended Kindergarten orientation with FI information;
- determined that the CPF-MB FSL Initiative Incentive Fund would be used to initiate/promote *French Destination Imagination*.

June:

- awarded its Grade 12 \$100 scholarship to a student who is continuing education in French;
- attended Goldeyes game.

July:

- hosted a successful Camp Soleil.

CPF -Beausejour and the French Immersion program at the two FI schools in Beausejour had another very successful year. This year, there were 8 students who graduated with a French Immersion Diploma! Don Mazur and Al Tymko continued to attend Chapter meetings. Chapter meeting minutes were shared with the schools' PACs and were available on both school websites and the Beausejour/Brokenhead website. The Chapter is continuing its endeavours to promote and develop after-school activities en français; this is an on-going, work-in-progress type of project. We are also very proud of the French Immersion students who took part in the *French Destination Imagination* event. French Immersion was very well represented and we hope to be participating in French next year!

Thank you, very much to CPF MB for all of its support to CPF-Beausejour Chapter throughout the years!

CPF-Dauphin

Aaron Miner, President

Jenny Andrews, Vice-President

Cathy Fafard, Treasurer

Secretary, Lisa Kristjansen

Phil Fafard, Past-President

Highlights:

- 1st ever French movie night for families!
- Continued growth of the FI program in K-6 with 225 students, up from 212 in 2011-12!
- Successful Camp Soleil and Concours d'art oratoire!
- Grade 8 FI class annual trip to Québec!
- 32 years of the FI program and counting!
- Bursaries awarded to students at the middle school and high school levels!

This year the new Executive became familiar with its role in the organization and its focus was Concours d'art oratoire and Camp Soleil. Membership numbers remained stable, however the plan is to do more work to engage members and encourage them to become a little more active within the chapter.

The Chapter joined with *Dauphin's Countryfest* as one of its volunteer groups. This enabled the raising money to support French language opportunities in the community. It was also a great way for families attending the Québec trip to do a little fundraising.

For the second year, CPF-Dauphin awarded a Grade 8 student and a Grade 12 student with a monetary award for continuing their French language education. These were presented by a Chapter representative at the graduation ceremonies.

The Dauphin Chapter received \$200 through the by CPF-MB FSL Initiative Incentive Fund. This was used to host a French movie night at the Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School. The evening started with two short films, which starred local Grade 5 and Grade 6 students; these films had also been edited by high school students. The following feature film was *Alvin and the Chipmunks*. During the intermission the Grade 5 class facilitated a wonderful rainbow auction; resulting funds started off the fundraising for next year's *Festival du voyageur* trip. Free popcorn and drinks were given to existing CPF members and to those who signed up for membership that night. With over 60 attendees, this was an enjoyable evening to remember!

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

CPF-Flin Flon

Leslie Fernandes, President

Dori Sapergia, Vice-President

Fran Whitbread, Treasurer

Debbie Sapergia, Secretary

Carrie Alexander, Social Convenor

Kristi Schaerer, Promotion

It was a very busy and exciting year for CPF-Flin Flon and included a modest increase in local CPF memberships. Meeting, publication and communication strategies were established and will continue throughout the coming year. A CPF-Flin Flon Dropbox was created to increase communication and coordination among the Executive Committee members and has resulted in more timely collaboration on events and reports. The selection criterion was renewed for the CPF-Flin Flon \$1,000 annual bursary, which is available to a Grade 12 graduate.

In September, CPF-Flin Flon kicked off the year by again purchasing memberships for families of French Immersion kindergarten students who were interested in joining CPF.

In December, CPF-Flin Flon organized *Le Party du Noel*, which was a fun evening of student performances and video presentations of the family trees of Kindergarten and Grade 1 French Immersion students. Families brought samples of holiday baking for the pot luck table and a silver collection was taken at the door. December also saw the wrap up of the *Regal Christmas* fundraising campaign.

In January, the focus turned to developing a French Immersion Program information sheet; which was distributed to families of pre-Kindergarten children in the Flin Flon French Immersion catchment area. A French Immersion Program update was also prepared for the Flin Flon School Division website and the École McIsaac School website.

The 2013 Boreal Forest Film Festival was held in February. This annual weekend event brought French language films to Flin Flon and continues to be a favourite among French Immersion students.

In March, the annual French Immersion Skiing/Sliding afternoon event was held at the Flin Flon Ski Chalet and everyone had a great time along with cooperation from the weather.

In April, CPF partnered with the Flin Flon School Division to host *La Course Stupéfiante!* (The Amazing Race) for Basic French and French Immersion students. Students raced through seventeen activity stations, which tested their French language and voyager skills.

The Chapter AGM was held in May and a new Executive was elected. The Executive Committee is looking forward to continuing the promotion of French language education for Flin Flon and the surrounding area.

June brought a new challenge when the Creighton School Board announced that it would no longer support Saskatchewan students attending Flin Flon School Division beyond Grade 8, unless they were enrolled in a full on-site French Immersion Program through high school. In the past, Hapnot Collegiate has offered French Immersion credits through a combination of on-site classroom, video conferencing and correspondence courses. The decision may impact future enrollment in French Immersion, as Saskatchewan parents will be considering that their children will have to change schools and leave their friends and supports behind after completing Grade 8 in the French Immersion Program.

However, June ended on a rewarding and fun note when the \$1,000 bursary was awarded to a deserving graduate and a CPF float was entered in the annual July 1st Trout Festival Parade.

CPF-Flin Flon was also involved with the delivery of a French summer day program, Camp d'été c'est pour jouer, being held from July 22 to August 2 at the Flin Flon Ski Chalet.

CPF-Flin Flon is looking forward to the next year of promoting French language education in the area, meeting new challenges and offering exciting and supportive activities and events. Preparations will also begin for the 30th Anniversary of French Immersion in Flin Flon, which is in September 2014.



CPF-Morden

Chapter is dormant and may be rejuvenated during the 2013-2014 school year.

CPF-Pembina Trails

Report not submitted at time of printing.

CPF-Portage la Prairie

Rhonda McCutcheon, President

Tricia Bott, Vice-President

Diane Wing, Treasurer

Helen Dreger, Secretary

The CPF-Portage la Prairie Chapter held a *Halloween Soirée* in October for the children in Grades K-4. A few older children from Grades 5 and 6 came to assist with activities. It was a great night with games, dancing and a few non-candy treats. Everyone enjoyed cupcakes and Witch's brew. It was a fantastic event, made possible by parent volunteers, some creativity and a little help from the dollar store.

The Chapter AGM was held in November and was attended by Catherine Davies, CPF-MB Executive Director and a mostly new Executive was elected.

In February, the Chapter held its annual "Café" at École Arthur Meighen School. This year's theme was "Italian" and the tasty food and great entertainment made it an enjoyable evening for all involved. The children had fun either making, or serving the food. Once again, the high school students assisted in ensuring that the focus of the event was practicing and using French outside of the classroom setting.

In March, Concours d'art Oratoire was held at École Arthur Meighen. The Chapter gave a monetary award to the top three students in each category, in recognition for their hard work. One student went on to place 3rd in the provincial finals at Université de Saint-Boniface (USB).

In April, the Chapter used the CPF-MB FSL Initiative Incentive Fund to bring "*Lulu and Tomcat*" to École Crescentview School, to entertain the children in Grades K-2. The students played out various roles in story-form through songs, puppetry and actions. Students were prepared by thoughtful and considerate teachers, who helped them practice songs in class before the show.

Once again, the Chapter awarded a plaque and \$300 to a student graduating with a French Immersion Diploma.

Camp Soleil was well attended, with 32 participants. The camp counselors did an amazing job once again.

It was another year of high French Immersion enrollment in Kindergarten; this complemented the existing great program.

Thanks to the hard work and determination of CPF members and volunteers, and the valued support from the schools and faculty, it's been another very successful year for CPF-Portage la Prairie. For that we say a huge "Thank You" and look forward to being bigger and better next year!

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

The Seine River School Division (SRSD) is very supportive of FSL learning and has gone to great lengths to encourage students to foster and use their French in many situations. Consequently, parents have not had to actively advocate for quality FSL education for their children. As a result, CPF-Seine River has never been a strong chapter. Nevertheless, in the past year, concerted efforts were made to reenergize CPF-Seine River.

Chapter activities included searching for new CPF members. This led to many interesting conversations regarding the differing viewpoints of parents. For many, learning French is the primary reason for enrolling their children in the FI program. However, there are others who choose the FI program for reasons of transport, closeness to home, location of their workplace etc. And, not all parents push their children to use their French in school. This can be problematic, particularly when the school is encouraging students to embrace the French language and culture, both in school and through extra-curricular activities

In response to the interest of parents in Lorette, CPF-Seine River hosted Camp Soleil for the second time this year. This was a success, despite a tough start with a flooded school causing an emergency relocation of the camp.

CPF-Seine River currently serves to involve parents from St. Norbert, Lorette and St. Anne, However, it is difficult to get all of these groups together to meet. In light of this, CPF-Seine River may explore the possibility of establishing a separate chapter for the parents in St. Anne.



CPF-Selkirk

Carmen Pedersen, Président

Chrystal O'Brien, Treasurer

Heather Kelly, Secretary

In February 2013, the Chapter used the CPF-MB FSL Initiative Incentive Fund to support approximately 30 high school students and teachers to attend Festival du Voyager.

In June 2013, the Chapter provided French Immersion Welcome Bags to the 45 Kindergarten students who were registered for the 2013-2014 school year. The bags included CPF information for the families of the new students.

The goals of the Selkirk Chapter for 2013-2014 include:

- increase membership numbers;
- develop a newsletter to communicate with parents and members;
- develop a stronger relationship with French Immersion and Basic French students and teachers.

CPF-Springfield

Report not submitted at time of printing, due to relocation of Chapter President



CPF-Stonewall

Monica Conger-Morrison, President

Karen Hunter, Vice-President

Krista Lambert, Secretary

It was a calm year for CPF-Stonewall, as the Chapter Executive scaled back on activities.

An informational booth was set up for Kindergarten registration week. A Family Movie Night was hosted where *Madagascar 3* (en français) was shown and popcorn was served courtesy of CPF Stonewall; a fun time was had by all!

In March, the CPF-MB FSL Initiative Fund was used to buy copies of the book *Ours Brun Dis-Moi* for each of the French Immersion Kindergarten students; this had been studied previously in class.

At the end of the school year, the Grade 4 FI class met at the local laser tag facility and the students were treated to cake provided by a CPF-Stonewall Executive member. They were celebrating the past five years that they have enjoyed in École RW Bobby Bend School. They are now very much looking forward to moving and thereby expanding the French Immersion Program into École Stonewall Centennial School. The Grade 5 FI teacher has been hired and the students are eagerly excited about the new school and new teacher! CPF-Stonewall is looking forward to another school name unveiling ceremony in the fall!!



CPF-Swan River

Kelli Riehl, President

At our last meeting of the school year, all Executive members of the Chapter resigned, with the exception of the Vice-President who decided to hold their decision until the fall. At this time, a final call to fill vacant Executive positions will be made. In the event that these positions are not filled, the Chapter will become dormant.

It was a difficult time in the sense that attendance at meetings was low and it was a struggle to find volunteers to help with events. In spite of these challenges, CPF-Swan River was still able to fundraise by having hot lunches supplied to the school twice a month, every second month. Additionally, gifts to welcome teachers and gifts for Teacher Appreciation Day were purchased. The chapter also gave each FI teacher funds to purchase special resources for their respective classrooms.

This year, monies awarded through the CPF-MB FSL Initiative Incentive Fund, were used to help support the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of French Immersion in the Swan Valley Region. Here, special tributes were paid to those parents who fought so hard in the beginning, to give our children the opportunity of a bilingual education today.

CPF-Swan River has also been assisting with the preparation of a major trip to France for the High School students. Also of note, is that it is now possible to get a French Immersion Diploma in Swan River - very exciting!

We are hoping that we can bring in a new batch of young and interested parents, who want to get involved with the Chapter, as it would be truly sad to see it go dormant.



CPF-The Pas

Melanie Young, President (Interim)

Melanie Young, Secretary

Sheryl Bernstrom, Treasurer

This year the Chapter funded several events including *Festival Du Voyageur*, *Carnival*, *French Rally*, *The Pas' Music Festival*, *Concours d'art Oratoire* and *Help Mr. Loucks Bring Technology to Opasquia Campaign*. The CPF-The Pas Bursary was also awarded.

There is a very dedicated group of French Immersion Teachers in the Kelsey School Division and CPF-The Pas supported their events whenever possible and/or when funds were needed. CPF-The Pas hosted several events including a family dance, Camp Soleil and the Kindergarten Information Night.

Also and for the first time, there was a French Immersion open house. All French Immersion families were invited to the local French lab to see what was new in French Immersion in the community. The turnout was quite low, however several families (particularly those with children about to start high school) later indicated that they would be interested in such an event again.

The Chapter also purchased some French language items for the school resource department. The CPF-MB FSL Initiative Incentive Fund was matched to facilitate the development of French computer games, suitable for young French Immersion students in the early years program at Opasquia School. Students had been struggling with the French games they had access to because the narrators spoke too fast. The games should all be completed and ready for use by the fall.

CPF-The Pas is pleased to report that 2012-2013 was the first year of two Kindergarten classes in the Kelsey School Division.



