



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Williams says only one petition was presented

The following letter was sent to Jack Huisman, and a copy filed with *The Canadian Champion* for publication.

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the article in *The Canadian Champion* on Wednesday, Jan. 15 in which you are quoted as claiming that "the board refused the additional petition when it was offered during

the review committee process" concerning the novel *Foxfire*. This does not coincide with the information given by those involved in the review process.

As you know, following your complaint last September about use of *Foxfire*, plans to use it in the fall program at Milton District were postponed, and an in-school review committee of Milton District High teachers and parents was established to review this learning resource.

You were invited to make a presentation to that committee. During your presentation, you referred to the "ballots" you had received opposing the novel's use, and showed the committee a folder.

One of the committee members asked to look at the folder, glanced at it for a few seconds to see what it contained, and handed it back to you.

At no time did you ask the committee to receive the folder and at no time were you refused. This is the only occasion on which any board employee has seen such material, nor have trustees received it.

At this time, the only petition opposing *Foxfire* which the board has received reached us last spring. It contained 887 signatures, mostly from people who do not live in Halton, and only seven from Milton, the only place where the novel has been used as a teaching text.

In addition, we received seven faxed "ballots" from readers of a flyer circulated in Milton, Oakville and Burlington last fall.

A student leader at Milton District High School collected 128 signatures from her peers requesting that the book be reinstated as soon as possible. We have also received 23 letters about *Foxfire* from Halton residents, of which six came from Milton. Some of the letters support the continued use of the novel in the curriculum.

Following the in-school review committee's support of continued use of the novel, at your request we instituted a regional review, and the novel is not being taught pending its report, due at the end of February.

Should you wish to submit a petition to the board, please feel

free to forward it to me. I will ensure that the regional review committee reviews it and the board is made aware of it. We look forward to your continuing participation in the process.

Bob Williams
Director of Education
Halton Board of Education

Editor's note: At last report Mr. Huisman was not interested by further participation in reviews of *Foxfire*. The newspaper plans further inquiries to determine Mr. Huisman's position.

Let's talk face to face, he says

Dear Editor:

I recently received an anonymous letter at my home on Bell St. and I didn't know who to respond to, so I hope the writer is one of your subscribers.

The letter reminded me there is a bylaw against noise, and asked me to refrain from using my snow blower at 6:30 a.m.

It also reminded me to respect the peace and tranquillity of the neighbourhood.

To let everybody know, I have used my 8 horsepower snow blower three times this year and only once did I use it at 6:30 a.m. during a work day.

It is too bad the person that I bothered didn't talk to me so I could offer an explanation.

I would also like to let the person know that they did not do their homework before sending me the anonymous letter. The Milton bylaw officer told me that snow removal equipment does not fall under the noise bylaw, so I may use my snow blower anytime of the day.

In ending my letter I would like to tell the person that they wasted a stamp and that it's too bad some neighbours cannot talk in order to solve problems.

Stephen Drew
Milton

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