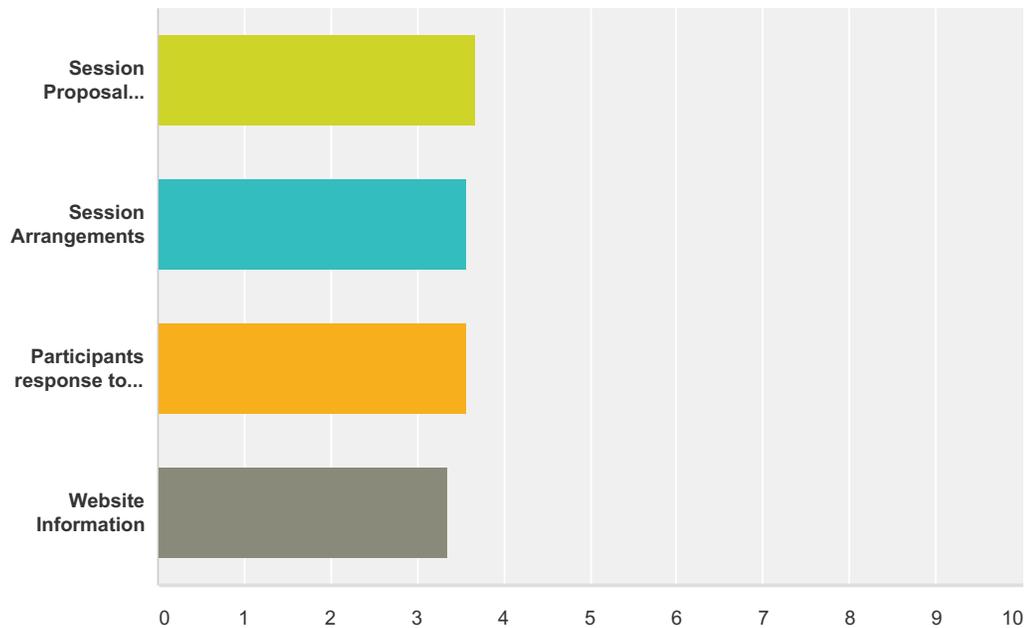


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Q1 Please rate your satisfaction with the following:

Answered: 64 Skipped: 0



| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Total | Weighted Average |
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| Session Proposal Process | 67.74% 42 | 32.26% 20 | 0.00% 0 | 0.00% 0 | 62 | 3.68 |
| Session Arrangements | 64.06% 41 | 28.13% 18 | 7.81% 5 | 0.00% 0 | 64 | 3.56 |
| Participants response to sessions | 65.63% 42 | 28.13% 18 | 4.69% 3 | 1.56% 1 | 64 | 3.58 |
| Website Information | 46.03% 29 | 44.44% 28 | 9.52% 6 | 0.00% 0 | 63 | 3.37 |

| # | What went well? What needs improvement? How would you suggest it be improved? | Date |
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| 1 | I would have preferred to do all the cheque info after my session rather than before. As there were some complications which was taken out of my time to prepare for my session and set up the room. If I could be given my name tag and speakers packet and shown to my room that would have been excellent and after my sessions done deal with the administration part. | 3/5/2015 10:36 AM |

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| 2 | <p>The confirmation of my sessions room arrangements were very easy to follow. I appreciated the help and guidance at the presenter's table in the morning of my sessions. The only surprise I had was in finding out there was no on-site book store. I would have made other arrangements regarding my books had I known prior to coming to the convention. Upon reflection, I wonder if the running of the book store could be taken over by convention volunteers as a source of revenue for the convention? Although I am wary of seeing volunteers take on more responsibility, there could be opportunity here in consigning products that are being promoted in the sessions by the speakers. The book store would have to be set up in such a way that puts the onus on the book providers to supply inventory lists and products by a predetermined time at the beginning of the convention. Unsold items would have to be claimed by the same book providers by a certain time as well, so that all items are removed from the book store and volunteers are not left with that responsibility. Volunteers could be left with the charge of staffing the store and making the transactions. I am not sure if this idea is feasible, but I thought I would put it out there for discussion. As for my sessions, I enjoyed working with the delegates who attended them. I did find the 70-minute time slot to be a time crunch. However, that issue is with my planning of the session rather than with the convention committee. This was a learning experience for me, and I take from the Palliser District teachers' Convention ideas for revising my sessions to make them more effective for the next time I attend a convention. This was my first time attending and presenting at this convention. Overall, I found it to be very well organized. There was a friendly, positive tone throughout the whole event. Thank you for this opportunity.</p> | 3/5/2015 12:35 AM |
| 3 | <p>Seating for some of the popular sessions was few and newer sessions had big rooms with small attendance. Not too sure on how this can be changed</p> | 3/3/2015 9:02 PM |
| 4 | <p>Extend luncheon, have an assistant/chair person/volunteer to assist with set up and possible issues. The venue& room were excellent and the tech person worked very hard to try and fix the audio issues.</p> | 3/1/2015 5:38 PM |
| 5 | <p>Some teachers can offer their classes in both English and French. We could be more clear in the marketing process when we list the classes offered to the teachers.</p> | 2/28/2015 11:56 AM |
| 6 | <p>Happy to have participated at Palliser. The conference did overlap with two other teacher conferences this year. Choosing the dates for the conference must be a challenge in that respect.</p> | 2/28/2015 11:53 AM |
| 7 | <p>I think it was just about perfect the way it was this year. Cyril did a great job hosting and I even had a couple of extra people both days but lucked out as two of the local guys brought their own lathes. When I get more than 9 or 10 participants it makes it harder to get around to helping everyone - not news to any of you - but this worked well as the guys from the Foothills School Division (I have done 4 or 5 PD days with them) actually helped out with this. It was very interesting. I also loved the fact that I only had an 1 1/2 drive home afterwards. Will definitely apply again - this year is the first year in 9 years that I have not gone to Red Deer (CATCA) and it is my intention to alternate years with them and you. That is as long as they stay on the same weekend. Thanks again, Jim</p> | 2/28/2015 10:11 AM |
| 8 | <p>It all went very well! I appreciate the set up and the follow up! Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to present my material! It is hoped I am fortunate to do so again in the future!</p> | 2/27/2015 8:57 PM |
| 9 | <p>It was our first time at a Teacher's Conference. We were booked in 2 very large rooms (capacity for 300 and 600) and only 1/2 dozen teachers showed up for each performance. It was disappointing and we are trying to understand the reasons why and what are the factors that lead to a successful presentation in terms of attendance. The entire experience was very positive for us and we learned a great deal about this Conference and others, but we would love to have some feedback as to any thoughts you might have about why attendance was so low at our presentations. Thanks. Farah and Dustin</p> | 2/26/2015 2:11 PM |
| 10 | <p>I like that I had all the necessary information. The equipment was available that I needed. I believe that sessions held over lunch on the Thursday is a tough time slot. I personally know of three schools who held staff lunches at this time, so I am not sure if I was the only one who had a small turnout. The people who attended stayed and engaged in dialogue and sharing with partners. They were genuine in why they were there.</p> | 2/25/2015 7:43 PM |
| 11 | <p>The participants in my sessions were respectful, attentive, and friendly! It would have been nice to have some tech support. I didn't have wireless at my sessions, even though I requested it, and there was no one around to help out with that so I wasn't able to show a couple of the websites I had wanted to share. Many of presenters that I spoke with had books or materials to sell at the conference. I spoke to a lot of teachers who were also given money to spend at the conference. I have presented at many sessions where there is a Speakers Table where we can sell our books and materials during the conference. It is way better for us to have this than to have to pay a 40% commission to a bookseller. So, maybe just a suggestion to consider a Speakers Table for the next conference. But, I really must stress that I had a great day! You have an outstanding group of teachers and I was glad to be part of your conference! Hoping to come back next year!</p> | 2/25/2015 6:00 PM |

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| 12 | Thank you to all the Palliser convention committee members for a very well organized convention with exemplary communication! I was welcomed in a very pleasant way at the front desk, my room was perfect, the technicians were extremely helpful and the participants (substitute and new teachers) were thankful for the interactive session I delivered. I hope you select me again next year. Greg Markusson - Substitute Teachers: Strategies for Success | 2/25/2015 3:29 PM |
| 13 | Your process was very good. I was kept informed of acceptance, room assignment, hotel accommodations, socials and everything else I needed. Your committee and executive secretary are very well organized. I look forward to speaking at your convention in future. There is one thing you could do for presenters like myself. It would be nice if you had a speaker's corner near our presentation room allowing us to meet teachers, sell and autograph our books if they wanted a copy. | 2/25/2015 2:22 PM |
| 14 | I was very impressed with the contact once my submission was accepted and the timely follow through reminders that came. Much appreciated. The hotel accommodations were first rate and also much appreciated. I have been contacted by 11 participants so far asking for follow-up material and they seemed to get a lot from the session. I hope that corresponds with the reviews you received. Overall, I would rate my Palliser experience as better than many of the other convention experiences I have had as a speaker. | 2/25/2015 10:24 AM |
| 15 | I loved presenting at this convention (the free lunch was great). | 2/25/2015 9:41 AM |
| 16 | My name is Cathy Charlton-Brennan and I did "The Joy of Music and Movement for Junior Kindergarten through Grade 2" session at 10:30 on Friday morning. Thank you for the opportunity to do the workshop! I enjoyed the process! The one thing that could be improved is the room for the session as it was very small. Because my session involved movement, 27 participant chairs were set along the walls of the room. It would have been too small for even 27 participants. This session had more participants than I could have predicted. I handed out 58 handouts and I believe that there were at least 50 people in the room. We all sat on the floor in a circle which was uncomfortable for many. Several people who came a little late were turned away which was unfortunate. We were very squished in the small room which effected people's ability to move, participate, and enjoy the workshop. Several people took breaks from the movement because they felt so crowded. I think that we needed at least 3x the space in order to do the workshop properly and have participants enjoy themselves. Next year my colleague, Becki Liepert, and I would like to participate as presenters again but we'll make sure to estimate a greater number of participants and request a large room. Now that I see who is looking for this type of workshop I can certainly make sure to meet participant needs as best I can. | 2/25/2015 8:54 AM |
| 17 | I really appreciated that I didn't need to worry about hook ups for projectors and speakers. Internet also worked well. | 2/25/2015 8:43 AM |
| 18 | Room was a bit small for folk dancing but we made it work. | 2/25/2015 7:44 AM |
| 19 | Overall, it was a very good experience and I enjoyed the convention and opportunity to meet and dialogue with delegates. Thank you! | 2/25/2015 7:17 AM |
| 20 | I only rated those two as good because I think the website is confusing and that the proposal process could be faster. | 2/24/2015 11:29 PM |
| 21 | I was completely satisfied with every aspect. | 2/24/2015 9:42 PM |
| 22 | The waiting list process was a little hard to work around. I also heard that university student were able to register but they did not show up on my waiting list. I think this was very valuable to people and they all loved it. I would allow more wait list position and have that more clear. You guys were very accommodating with the changes I requested. I think having certifications and the opportunity for like minded people to be together makes for great PD. | 2/24/2015 8:43 PM |
| 23 | When I had a question all I had to do was ask. Once I submitted my proposal I did have trouble finding out how to access the submitted information - that log in was difficult for me. Usually I don't care if there are session chairs or not - but with doing sessions back to back it would have been a bit better if I had had someone to be the gopher. It turned out fine. | 2/24/2015 6:58 PM |
| 24 | Updating information in proposal was convenient and fast. Response from any emails sent to organizers was prompt and helpful. People manning the check in table were friendly, well organized and efficient. The equipment in the room was set up and worked well. I appreciated getting the Wi-Fi log in information when I checked in. Thank you for including us in the convention. We really enjoyed it. | 2/24/2015 6:47 PM |
| 25 | It would be great if there was an app for the Palliser Teacher Convention. | 2/24/2015 6:33 PM |
| 26 | I believe it all went really well. I will apply to present two sessions, instead of just one, next year. I feel that the people who attended my session enjoyed it very much. Thank-you for having me. | 2/24/2015 4:57 PM |

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| 27 | My two sessions went very well, but I was disappointed that I had no host. I had a great deal of equipment to hike up from my car and back, and did ask for help when I got to the registration desk but there was no one available. Also, I would have liked to have been introduced, instead of me having to do it. (I find it very hard to introduce myself... don't know why). At the end of the session, I packed up my equipment and asked for help to take it to my car. No one was available, but luckily one of my session participants was able to help me. Other than that, all went well. The room was great and I loved being in the Hyatt as it was easier to take the equipment in and out. Thank you for inviting me. | 2/24/2015 4:16 PM |
| 28 | I really appreciated how well run the convention was. From a presenter's point of view, I felt welcomed and appreciated. I did not hear if session feedback will be passed on to presenters but I would certainly use that info to continue to improve my presentation. | 2/24/2015 3:57 PM |
| 29 | I was very pleased with the attendance and the communication prior to the conference through the Palliser Convention Board. Should I be invited to present again I would make some changes to the room set up for my session but that is not due to any shortcomings by the convention team. I just found that the room was too big (yet I needed it for the attendance) for everyone to see and hear and so will request round tables in the future and perhaps a cap of attendees to best meet everyone's needs. Thank you for an amazing luncheon. I felt like royalty! I will be sending in the written evaluations from the attendees later this week. | 2/24/2015 2:38 PM |
| 30 | I was happy with the quality of participants (grade 12 social studies teachers) and their written feedback to me was excellent. They appreciated a hands-on resource and activity ideas. I had a few technical (sound issues) but the staff were quick to respond. Excellent convention and thank you for having me. | 2/24/2015 1:47 PM |
| 31 | The teachers who attended were "engaged". Hopefully they enjoyed the presentation as much as I did delivering. Getting into the website was a challenge for me. | 2/24/2015 1:26 PM |
| 32 | The event was very well organized; I was impressed with the professionalism and flexibility of the staff members. For the future reference, it would be of a great convenience for me as a presenter (with lots of supply materials), to have accommodation booked at the same hotel where the presentation will be taking place. | 2/24/2015 1:14 PM |
| 33 | Not being very tech savvy, I did find it challenging to use the website. But this is obviously my issue and not yours! I could not find the conference registration desk and so just went to my session room and got started. Darial Bateman | 2/24/2015 12:21 PM |
| 34 | It was a great experience. Everything was smooth and easy and I was very happy with attendance and response. | 2/24/2015 12:20 PM |
| 35 | Participants were polite and interactive. Numbers of participants were down - partly because other sessions were at the same time or part way through so some people needed to leave. Thank you so much for having me in 2015 - I look forward to next year :) | 2/24/2015 11:40 AM |
| 36 | Excellent facilities, welcoming organizers. I appreciated the technical support at the venue. Most of all, this Convention embodied an appreciation of what Professional Development should be: Time for teachers and presenters to share ideas in a welcoming, unhurried environment. As a presenter, thank you for the great accommodations! | 2/24/2015 11:39 AM |
| 37 | PDCTA organizers were warm and welcoming. Thank you for having cheques available upon check-in. Much appreciated, Lunch was delivered to me because there was only 15 minutes between two sessions. Preferably, there would be more time between presenting two sessions. I really should have had pre-registration for each session so I would have known how many resources to bring with me. I will ask for Thursday next time as the number of participants at both presentations was lower than usual. Thank you so much for everything! I look forward to 2016 :) | 2/24/2015 11:38 AM |
| 38 | I loved the PDTCA event. It was incredible!! | 2/24/2015 11:37 AM |
| 39 | I felt very welcomed by the organizers. I felt they valued my time and the work put into making a presentation. The accommodations, accreditation booth were very much appreciated. | 2/24/2015 11:35 AM |
| 40 | wireless network was at capacity and i could not log in as a speaker. b/c i present w/ an Apple TV setup is done on a personal network anyway, but providing AppleTV tech as a possibility in the future would be worth considering. Speaker based credentials for wireless login might solve the login issues I experienced as no doubt the log in was shared (also speakers often have multiple devices) | 2/24/2015 11:18 AM |
| 41 | With Cross Curricular emphasis in Inspiring Education, when applying for sessions, applicants need to be able to list the same session as being "science" and "social studies" etc. Session was not well attended.... hard to compete with a Holocaust survivor! | 2/24/2015 11:07 AM |

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| 42 | Room set up is awkward. The projector is in the middle of the centre aisle in the room, making it impossible to talk with participants from the front centre without blocking the screen. The podium is not big enough to hold my laptop and my notes/session materials, so again it is very awkward to move around and interact with participants. Make the centre aisle wider and keep the podium by the table where note can more easily be accessed. | 2/24/2015 11:04 AM |
| 43 | a +15 map would be helpful. I had no idea how to get from the Fairmont Palliser to the Telus Centre or where the GLEN rooms were. Fairmont staff had no maps. Participants were unable to find handouts posted to the website. | 2/24/2015 11:01 AM |
| 44 | Not enough interest.. don't know why.. there's generally nothing for CTS strand offered at Convention. A theme that runs year after year after year. | 2/24/2015 10:50 AM |
| 45 | Had some difficulty with technology and had to search for someone to help. Is it possible to have the tech people hanging around each area where the presentations are being held? Great convention - so well-organized! | 2/24/2015 10:45 AM |
| 46 | The participant response to the session was excellent, as far as I could tell (it was well attended, many people came to talk to us afterwards, and even through the rest of the convention). I might have more insight once I receive the feedback responses from online. The acceptance process was a bit confusing - as the section to check for approval/hotel accommodation was on the same form. However, now that I have been through the process, I will know for next time. One thing I would recommend is more explanation of where the conference is located - especially for out of town speakers - and in relation to the hotel. I knew I was speaking at Telus 111, but I didn't know that it was in the Telus Convention Center, or that the Convention Center was skywalk attached to the Fairmount. I was a bit concerned arriving Thursday night, presenting Friday am without knowing that information ahead of time. | 2/24/2015 10:38 AM |
| 47 | Izabella Orzelski- Konikowski was great presenter. She provided us with 3 projects we can use in the classroom. Kendra Harper was a good presenter. I would have liked more developed art projects I can take into the classroom. | 2/24/2015 8:09 AM |
| 48 | Everything was well organized. All that I had requested was provided. Information was easy to find and was very clear. The lunch provided was also very good. | 2/23/2015 11:39 PM |
| 49 | the speaker before us went a little long so we did not have as much time to set up as we expected - | 2/22/2015 4:35 PM |