



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association

Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers

January 2015

Website: www.palliserconvention.org

Convention 2015 – February 19, 20, 2015

➤ **2015 Convention theme:**



➤ **Keynote Speakers Thursday – Start time 8:45 am**

- **Exhibition Hall E** - Michelle Cederberg – Energized for Excellence in Education and Dr. Ed Dixon: Helping Boys Learn: 6 Secrets for Helping Boys in the Classroom
- **Macleod Hall** - Dr. Alex Russell: Helping Kids Thrive in Anxious Times and Michelle Cederberg – Energized for Excellence in Education
- **Imperial Ballrooms** - Dr. Ed Dixon: Helping Boys Learn: 6 Secrets for Helping Boys in the Classroom and Dr. Alex Russell: Helping Kids Thrive in Anxious Times

➤ **Other Featured Speakers**

- **Eva Olsson** (Holocaust Survivor): Creating a Legacy of Caring, Compassion and Character
- [The Robb Nash Project](#): Re-Discovering Your Why
- **Dylan William**: Preparing Students for a World We Cannot Imagine and Classroom Formative Assessment Techniques
- **Mark Ramsankar**: ATA President – Information on the current state of education in our province. There will be time for Q & A.

➤ **Pre-Registration begins February 1 and closes February 13**

- 25 pre-registered sessions
- Can only be done via www.pdtca.org site
- Any session with a participant fee will be collected cash on site (exact change required)

➤ **PDTCA Website:**

- Full session descriptions (200+ sessions)
- Most up to date source of information.
- All delegates must find sessions at <http://pdcta.org>

➤ **Sched.org App Site** - <http://pdcta2015.sched.org>

- Program is fully loaded into Sched
- Delegates **CANNOT** pre-register via Sched but can sync their choice to their device
- Delegates should **NOT** create a Sched profile using their full first and last name if concerned about privacy

➤ **Follow us on Twitter**

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- **use #pdtc**

- **At a Glance schedules and Maps will be posted throughout the venues**
- **Wireless Internet**
 - Is **NOT** provided however individuals can purchase it from CTCC and/or the Hyatt
 - Day rate for the CTCC is \$25.00
- **Wristbands for Admittance:**
 - All delegates will receive a wristband for convention entrance in January from your Convention Rep.
 - **No paper At a Glance sheets this year**
- **Off Site Sessions:**
 - Lots of new off site sessions. Check the website for details.
- **Pension Interviews:** FULL
- **Musical Group/Band:** *(These groups will be playing before the Keynotes start)*
 - **Chinooks' Edge local** – Sundre High School – Ms. Tracy Wilson
 - Will be playing in the McLeod Hall
 - **Chinook local** – Notre Dame Collegiate – Mr. Joel Windsor
 - Will be playing in the Hyatt Ballroom
 - **Canadian Rockies local** – Lawrence Grassi Middle School Jazz – Ms. Lisa Murphy
 - Will be playing in the Exhibition Hall E
- **Honorary President for Convention 2015**
 - **Lianne Enderton** – retired teacher from Rocky View School Division – see website for more information on Lianne Enderton.
- **Alternate Professional Development:** Deadline passed.
- **Questions???** Try the frequently asked questions link on the website, or contact a convention representative from your local. See the website for board member names.