

Minutes
Full Board Meeting
Hyatt Hotel
May 30, 2015
9:00 a.m.

In Attendance: A. Amirault, C. Crane, S. Buchfink, A. Craigie, T. Crosby, A. England, J. Fenton, I. Foster, L. Gibson, M. Glavine, B. Hohenwarter, L. Hrabok, T. Hrysak, D. Keenan, C. Kirk, R. Krasnodemski, S. Leppa, C. Mertens, D. Meyers, P. Morck, J. Munton, A. Neefe, L. Neville, T. O'Neill, J. Partlo, S. Paton, J. Raitz, D. Sellers-Myshchyshyn, M. Shain, L. Tarcon, S. Thibault, L. Tschritter, S. Watson, J. White, J. Williams, Yagos, B.

Absent: M. Lund, J. Raitz, Y. Toney

1. **Call to order** – 9:10 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

- Addition to 8.2 – Substitute teachers attending Convention
- **Motion: L.Neville/S.Paton moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.**

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

- **Motion: L.Neville/S.Paton moved that the minutes are accepted as posted. Carried.**

4. **Correspondence**

- Notice of Absence from Monica Lund, Jen Raitz, Yvonne Toney
- From: Sharon Vogrinetz – Summer Conference Director - Information and Registration for ATA Summer Conference
- From Patrick Loyer – Livingstone Range will be with Palliser District Teachers Convention for 2016, they will be moving to South Western Alberta Teachers' Convention for 2017.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

- S. Leppa presented the financial report.

6. **Reports**

6.1. **President** – J. Fenton – NO report

- Attended Spring Convention meeting with A. Craigie on April 23/15
 - Andrea will speak to this in her report
- Changes to convention areas are happening – Different information is coming from different people – D. Sellers-M
 - An example was given - Livingstone Range – people can apply for Alternate PD if they want to go to a different convention
- Question – Why do so many conventions happen at the same time – why can't we at least change the days in the same week – No answers

6.2. **Vice President** - J. Munton (report posted)

- 2016 Honorary President – see policy 9.3 for criteria

- Palliser Single/Double \$229.00 (+30 for each additional person.) Junior Suite \$309.00, 1 Bedroom Suite \$329.00
- **Bands/Music** this year are: Foothills Local, Livingstone Range Local, Palliser Local
 - Palliser Band – Heritage Christian Academy

6.5. **Publicity/Website/Evaluations** – B. Yagos

- Website is continually being updated.
- Minutes page is a private link – www.pdtca.org/minutes.html
- Claim form - one amount for one trip
- Evaluations are still a big issue – we are working on this and will be discussed at Summer Conference
- Online Speakers link is open and closes on June 30.15
- Exhibits link is open

6.6. **Exhibits** – T. Hrysak – report posted

- Rates for regular fee - \$535.00 + tax \$561.75 per booth, Not for profit rate is \$435.00 + tax \$456.75
- Online registration is open
- 23% pre-booked for 2016
- Please send anyone you know of
- Exhibits will be in Hall C and D again this year
- Exhibits Assistant – Teresa O’Neill

6.7. **Past President** – C. Mertens (No Report)

6.8. **Secretary** – S. Paton

- Information is always posted on the web page.

6.9. **D.R.** – D. Sellers-Myshchyshyn - Report posted

- Will talk to PEC about having clear communication about the locals changing conventions
- Check the Alberta Education website for any updated information concerning

L.Neville/S. Paton moved that the reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

7. **Old Business**

7.1. **Policy Changes**

- Question regarding travel and subsistence allowance for speakers within Calgary – changed to a flat fee of \$30.00 which covers km and parking

7.2. **Summer Conference**

- August 10-14, 2015 – Chris Mertens (Past President) and Tara Hrysak will attend summer conference.

8. **New Business**

8.1. **2015 Convention Theme**

- **Larry Neville/s.paton moved that Palliser District Teachers’ Convention discontinue having a theme effective 2016 and to be re-evaluated in May 2016. Carried.**
- Discussion

- Need to get names of the new members who will need vests and name tags
 - Please see Jen at the break if you need a new nametag or vest

6.3. Program Chair - A. Craigie - report posted on line

- **Program Chair Email:** palliserteachers@gmail.com
- 6 people joined the committee – D. Keenan, J. Williams, M. Shain, P. Morck, T. O’Neil, Y. Toney meetings will be done - via email
- Andrea will send out an email template inviting people to apply – Please forward this email out to your local secretaries
- 64 sessions have been submitted on line at this point
- We want to build the program with about 200 session
- **Featured Speakers** booked:
 - Paula Kluth – Inclusion and differentiation
 - David Posen – Work life balance, stress and burnout
 - Pending – Senator Jaques Demers (Stanley Cup winning former NHL coach)
- Would like to recommend Program Chair will contact Keynote and Featured speakers from the list of “Top Speaker” recommendations from most boards across the province which were received at the May Convention Meeting at Barnett House
 - Deadline is June 30/15 to submit speaking proposals – get the word out - <http://www.pdtca.org/submit-speaking-proposal.html>
 - **Andrea Craigie/s.paton moved the budget for total speaker costs be \$95000.00 for the 2016 Convention. Approved**
- **Spring Convention Meeting** - Thursday, April 23
 - Sharing of each convention board about Successes and Challenges or each 2015 convention
 - Each board shared top speaker recommendations
 - Provincially collated evaluations were discussed - decision for 2016 tabled until Summer Conference
 - Mark Yurik consulted about greater involvement of Specialist Councils
 - Local and area concerns were shared
- **Spring PDAC** - Friday, April 24 & Saturday, April 25
 - Key piece was the presentation of, and related speakers pertaining to, the Blue Ribbon Panel on Inclusion and it's recommendations
 - Saturday sessions included sharing about new ATA workshop offerings, iTunes University, Regional Area PD Meetings and concerns and provincial updates.

6.4. Facilities – L. Neville – report posted

- **Contracts** are signed with the CTCC for our 2016 convention
 - Meeting Dates May 29/30, 2015
 - Sept 18/19, 2015
 - December 4, 2015 (Exec. Only)
 - Jan. 15/16, 2016
 - Feb. 18/19, 2016 – Annual Convention
 - April 29/30, 2016
 - May 27/28, 2016
- **Room Rates** for 2016 – Book now until Jan. 18, 2016 at the convention rate
 - Hyatt: Single/Double \$219.00, Triple \$254.00, Quad \$289.00 – plus 12.27% tax

- Could try going without it for one year
- Keep the regular Palliser Convention Logo on the main page
- If we have a theme it should be consistent across the board ie. Exhibits, etc.
- Possibly have a mission or vision statement that represents Palliser Convention

8.2. Substitute Teachers attending convention

- Discussion
 - Works Best – Subs sign up, receive wrist band, we then bill local treasurers
 - Problem – miscommunication within the local for collecting fees for substitute teachers
 - One local didn't want to pay due to others on personal days etc.
 - SWATCA is the only board that allows subs to attend for free
 - Rocky View President M. Glavine said from now on substitute teachers from Rocky View now pay up front and then deal with the Rocky View local for reimbursement.

9. Action Items

9.1 Local Concerns

- Child Care –
 - Several locals cover the cost of child care during meetings
 - Rocky View pays minimum wage to pay for childcare
 - Feel that child care is an expense and that the convention board should cover expenses
 - Provincial Association supports child care – M. Glavine
 - Most local associations support child care – M. Glavine
- C. Mertens will take this issue to Summer Conference
- D. Sellers-Myshchyn will bring this issue up at PEC

Meeting adjourned by Jill White/S. Paton at 11:00 a.m.