

Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association

Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
Hyatt Hotel
May 29, 2015
3:00 p.m.

In attendance:

L. Neville, S. Leppa, S. Paton, J. Fenton, J. Munton, A. Craigie, B. Yagos, T. Hrysak

Absent:

D. Sellars-Myshchyshyn, C. Mertens

1. Call to order – 3:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion: L.Neville/S.Paton that the agenda be approved. Carried.**

3. Minutes of previous meeting

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

4. Correspondence

- Notice of Absence from Monica Lund, Yvonne Toney, Chris Mertens (Friday only), D. Sellars-Myshchyshyn (Friday only)
- 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.
- Andrea will make a motion tomorrow for the program speaker budget.

6. Reports

6.1. President – J. Fenton – NO report posted

- Attended Spring Convention meeting with A. Craigie and J. Fenton
 - **Spring Convention**
 - All conventions reported on their previous speakers
 - Discussion about staying with the four convention boards on one week end – this is not going to change

6.2. Vice President - J. Munton reported. (no written report)

- Start thinking about nominating the 2015 Honorary President – see policy 9.3 for criteria
- Need to get names of the new members who will need vests and name tags

6.3. Program – A. Craigie - report posted

- **Program Chair Email:** palliserteachers@gmail.com
- 6 people joined the committee – D. Keenan, J. Williams, M. Shain, P. Morck, T. O’Neil, Y. Toney via email
- 64 sessions have been submitted on line at this point
- **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>
- **Spring Convention Meeting** - Thursday, April 23
 - Sharing of each convention board about Successes and Challenges on each 2015 convention
 - Each convention 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
 - 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. Yocco – report posted

- Website is continually being updated.
- Evaluations – did receive the evaluations from the Province
 - People with no data plan on their phone can not fill in evaluation unless we have wifi
 - This will come up again at Summer Conference

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
- Exhibits will be in Hall C and D again this year
- Larry will talk to the Convention center and see if they will be providing security guards for the Wednesday move in.

6.7. Past President – C. Mertens – (absent) - No report

6.8. Secretary – S. Paton

- Information is always posted on the web page.

6.9. D.R. – D. Sellars-Myshchyn (absent) Report posted

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

7. Old Business

7.1. Policy Changes

- C. Mertens will bring it up tomorrow.

7.2. Summer Conference

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

8. New Business

8.1. Substitute Teachers attending convention

- Discussion about collecting fees for substitute teachers

8.2. Action Items

- Local Concerns
 - Concern about Convention Attendance guidelines

Meeting adjourned by A. Craigie/ S. Paton at 4:21 p.m.