



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



Minutes
Full Board Meeting
Hyatt Hotel
September 19, 2015
9:00 a.m. (8:30 Breakfast)

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

Absent: Trudy Crosby, Irene Foster, Derek Keenan, Laura Lee Hrabok, D. Sellers-Myshchyshyn, Barbara King

1. **Call to order** – 9:05 a.m.

- Introductions

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 Chris Mertens (Friday only), D. Sellars-Myshchyshyn, Trudy Crosby, Laura Lee Hrabok, Derek Keenan, Barbara King,
- Irene Foster resigned (via Rocky View rep)
- Strategic Planning Grant
- Email from Barb Bossart - Central East Alberta and Mighty Peace teachers' conventions will **not** held on the same week next year **for 2016 only.**
- Email from Barb Bossart – Convention schedule from 2016 to 2025
- Email from Barb Bossart - discussion at Summer Conference regarding goals for collaboration between Specialist Councils and Teachers' Convention Association

5. **Treasurer's Report**

- S. Leppa presented the Audited Financial Report and requested that everyone to take it back to their local treasurer
- **S. Leppa/s.paton moved that we accept the Audited Financial Report. carried**
- Fees will not be increased this year
- S. Leppa will be attending the Treasurers meeting October 30, 2105

6. **Reports**

- 6.1. **President** – J. Fenton – (no report)

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

- Vests were given out
- List of name tags to be ordered - please let Jen know if you need one

6.3. Program – A. Craigie (report posted)

- Program Chair Email: palliserteachers@gmail.com
- **Program is DONE!** Way to go Program Committee and Bertha Yagos!
- Program is complete and ready to view on the website!
- Free WiFi will be provided on Friday in the CTCC to delegates attending the hands-on Technology sessions
- 429 submissions
- 30 sessions from Locally Developed Speakers
- 203 onsite sessions
- 8 offsite sessions (all new)
 - **SAIT:** work working/cabinetry, plumbing, sheet metal work
 - **Kananaskis:** 2-Day Outdoor Education Certification course
 - **Masters Academy Gymnasium:** Brazilian Martial Arts, Net-Ball and Speed Badminton (Using - North Palliser Schools Gymnasium)
 - **Commercial Kitchen Culinary Arts tour**
- **Featured Speakers booked:**
 - **Thursday**
 - **Paula Kluth** – Inclusion and differentiation
 - **Dr. David Posen** – Work life balance, stress and burnout
 - **Sheldon Kennedy** – Child Advocacy
 - **Friday**
 - **ATA President – Mark Ramsanker**

6.4. Facilities – L. Neville – (report posted)

- Contracts are signed with the CTCC for our 2016 convention
 - 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 Hotel:** Single/Double \$219.00, Triple \$254.00, Quad \$289.00 – plus 12.27% tax
 - **Palliser Hotel:** Single/Double \$229.00 (+30 for each additional person.) Junior Suite \$309.00, 1 Bedroom Suite \$329.00
- **Locals responsible to provide Bands/Music** this year are:
 - **Palliser Local**
 - **Foothills Local**
 - **Livingstone Range Local**
- Please email L. Neville the name of the Director for band/musical group ASAP so he can contact them

6.5. Publicity/Website/Evaluations – B. Yagos (report posted)

- Program is up and ready on the website
 - You can use the filter system to find what you want – very easy to navigate
 - Sched.org will be available soon
- www.pdtca/minutes.html - this is where you find the agenda, minutes, policy, constitution etc.
- **Wrist Bands** – Majority of boards are sticking with the wristband to show identification for entrance into Conventions – Morgex will provide these for free.
- **Jen Munton/s. paton moved that we use wristbands as an identifier for the Palliser Convention 2016. carried**

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
- 67/156 Booths are booked
- Registration is still ongoing
- [If you know anyone who would like to be an exhibitor please direct them to the website](#)

6.7. Past President – C. Mertens (report posted)

- Received 3 requests for alternate PD – all approved
- [Deadline for alternate PD is January 10, 2016](#)

6.8. Secretary – S. Paton

- Information is always posted within 3 weeks on the web page.

6.9. D.R. – D. Sellars-Myshchyshyn (absent – no report)

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

7. Old Business

- None

8. New Business

8.1. Fall PDAC – November 6 & 7, 2015 Edmonton

- We can send two delegates – Jen Munton and the other person – TBA

8.2. Convention Association Meeting – November 5

- Andrea Craigie will attend and the other person – TBA

8.3. Summer Conference Report –(report posted)

- Chris Mertens attended
- Four other conventions are going theme less this year
- ATA want Convention Surpluses to be around 50% - ours is just below 50%
- Childcare expense
 - only one other Convention Board offers a childcare expense
 - all others it is a non issue
 - expensing dog care is not the same as childcare
- Attendance at Convention
 - Lots of conversation concerning this issue

- Fridays are the worst for attendance
- Teachers that are not 1.0 full time can choose to go for one day or both
- Identifiers
 - One board is using a badge that is pinned on
 - A few using a business card
 - Most are using the wristbands provided by Morgex

8.4. Honorary President 2016

- Nominations for Honorary President 2016
 - Wayne Bennett - Palliser North Retired Teacher
 - Rudy Durieux – Chinook’s Edge School Division – Retired Teacher
- A vote was taken and Wayne Bennett will be our 2016 Honorary President
- In the event that Wayne Bennett declines Rudy Durieux will be asked.
- Jen Munton will contact Wayne Bennett to see if he will accept this honor.

8.5. Invitation to Minister of Education

- Larry Neville/s. paton moved that we invite the Minister of Education. Carried

8.6. Budget

- S. Leppa presented the \$25,000.00 deficit budget
- We are **not** increasing our registration fees for Convention 2016
- Please send your local treasurer’s email address to S. Leppa so she can send out a reminder about convention fees
- S. Leppa/s.paton moves to adopt the proposed Budget. Carried

9. Action Items

- Palliser North Local has added 65 new teachers to their local – which will be part of our Convention and will be in attendance starting 2016.

Meeting adjourned by J. White/S. Paton at 10:52 a.m.