

Program Chair Report
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• **Thank Yous!**

- to Board members who passed along emails inviting local presenters to submit a proposal
- to the Program Subcommittee who solicited submissions based on evaluations from other conventions then piloted a new, format for proposal selection (digitally & remotely from home): Derek, Jennifer, Yvonne, Michael and Theresa
- to Bertha for troubleshooting with speakers and helping ensure all contracts have been returned and uploaded to our site – ready for Larry!
- to Derek for his pursuit of an on-site book vendor

• **Highlights of 2016 Program:**

- Thursday Morning Featured Speakers (topics listed, titles TBA):
 - Dr. David Posen: Work-Life Balance & Stress Management
 - Paula Kluth: Inclusive Education & Differentiation
 - Sheldon Kennedy: Child Advocacy
- Friday Morning Featured Speaker:
 - Mark Ramsankar: ATA President
- WiFi will be provided on Friday Only in the CTCC rooms, thus allowing Program to offer many more, hands-on tech sessions where delegates bring their own device

• **By the Numbers:**

- 203 on-site sessions
 - slight increase over last year due to even more rooms being set with tables, thereby decreasing room capacity
- 8 new offsite sessions
 - 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
 - Location TBA: Commercial Kitchen Culinary Arts tour
- Overall totals*:

Administration	9	Fine Arts - Visual	13	Religion	3
Assessment	3	French Immersion	7	Science	11
Counseling	4	Issues in Education	8	Social	9
CTS	12	LA / English	23	Student Leadership	1
Diversity / Learning Support	12	Math	15	Technology	18
Effective Teaching Practices	17	Miscellaneous	2	Wellness	12
Fine Arts - Music	8	Other Languages	4	* each session has two curricular foci tied to it (ie – Issues in Education / Diversity for an LBGTQ Session). The numbers in this table numbers are based on how a speaker classified his/her session "FIRST".	
Fine Arts - Performing	4	Physical Education	16		
For "All Audiences" (*as indicated by speaker)	99	Early Childhood / Elementary	55	Secondary	57

- 30 sessions by Local presenters (incorporating ~48 local speakers) ***ALL local submissions were accepted**
- 25 FREE sessions

• **What Else is New?**

- No longer pursuing Senator Jacques Demers as a Friday Featured Speaker
 - budget / venue considerations
 - was unable to confirm until mid-September or possibly even after election (and with all this Senate silliness, who knows what could happen!...)

• **What's Next? (Not much! ☺)**

- Derek is playing telephone and email tag with Audrey's Books – an independent book store out of Edmonton. Audrey's has expressed interest but is yet unconfirmed.
- Creating Program within Sched.org App