



## **Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association**

**Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers**

**December 2016**

**Website: [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org)**

**Convention 2017 – February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

- **Keynotes Speakers**
    - **Dr. Temple Grandin**
    - **George Couros**
    - **Mark Tewksbury**
  - **Featured Speakers**
    - Mark Ramsankar: ATA President
    - William Belsey, George Couros, Ariel Haubrich, Joel Hilchey, Brandon Love, Mario Trono, Chris Wejr - see link <http://www.pdtca.org/featured-speakers-other.html>
  - **Autism Calgary** - will be hosting **Dr. Temple Grandin** to speak in the Imperial Ballroom at the Hyatt Hotel on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. (Please encourage interested EAs, parents, etc. to buy tickets!) <http://www.autismcalgary.com>
  - **New Start Time & Earlier Friday Finish Time – 8:30 am – 4:00 pm on Thursday and 8:30 am – 2:15 pm on Friday**
  - **Alternate Professional Development:** Application deadline: **January 10, 2017**
    - <http://www.pdtca.org/alternate-pd-request.html>
  - **Admittance** - Delegates must produce ATA Membership cards as identifier if ASKED - if the room is full. Call ATA at Barnett House for more information on how to obtain your Membership card. <https://cards.teachers.ab.ca/Pages/default.aspx>
  - **Pension Interviews:** the link on our website opened on **December 6, 2016**. Blocks are 15 min in length. **(Full)**
  - **Booking Hotel:** Convention website has the link for the **Hyatt Hotel and the Fairmont Palliser Hotel (Book now as they are filling up fast – rates until Jan. 18, 2017)**  
**Hotel Rates 2017:**
    - Hyatt Hotel - Single/Double: \$229.00 plus tax <http://www.pdtca.org/hyatt.html>
    - Palliser Hotel – Single/Double: \$235.00 plus tax <http://www.pdtca.org/fairmont-palliser.html>
- Or call direct at:
- **Hyatt Hotel: 717-1234**                      **Palliser Hotel: 262-1234**
- **Program is Complete:** Please check out the website for full session descriptions
  - **Offsite Sessions –** check the website for the many offsite sessions.
  - **Electronic Booklet: Website** will have **full session descriptions** and will be the most up to date source of information [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org)
  - **Pre-registration** - will open **January 8, 2017** at 10:00 am.

- **Honorary President 2017 – Myrna Pauls – Retired teacher from the Foothills Local.**  
A write up on Myrna Pauls will be available on the website soon.
- **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.**