



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association

Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers

January 2016

Website: www.palliserconvention.org

Convention 2016 – February 18, 19

- **Keynote Speakers Thursday – Start time 8:45 am**
 - **Exhibition Hall E**
 1. Dr. David Posen – Running on Empty: Manage Your Energy, Manage Your Stress
 2. Paula Kluth – Don't We Already Do Inclusion?: 100 Ways to Improve Inclusive Schools
 - **Macleod Hall**
 1. Sheldon Kennedy – Child Advocacy
 2. Dr. David Posen – Running on Empty: Manage Your Energy, Manage Your Stress
 - **Imperial Ballrooms**
 1. Paula Kluth – Don't We Already Do Inclusion?: 100 Ways to Improve Inclusive Schools
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- **Featured Speaker - Friday**
 - **A conversation with ATA President - Mark Ramsankar**
Voice – Advocacy – Action

- **Pre-Registration opens February 1 and closes one hour before each session starts.**
 - Can only be done via www.pdtca.org site
 - Any session with a participant fee will be collected cash on site (exact change required) with the exception of Canadian Beef Basics – They will only accept cheques.

- **PDTCA Website: <http://pdcta.org>**
 - Full session descriptions (200+ sessions)
 - Printable PDF Convention At a Glance are available to download on the home page
 - Printable PDF evaluation template available on home page

- **Owl's Nest Books will be our new book vendor**
 - They are willing to order book titles and authors teachers would like, Please email book store **before January 25** with requests to Susan Hare contact@owlsnestbooks.com

- **Sched.org App Site** - <https://pdtca2016.sched.org/>
 - Program is fully loaded into Sched
 - Delegates **CANNOT** pre-register via Sched but can sync their choice to their device
- **Follow us on Twitter**
 - @palliserc
 - use #pdtc
- **At a Glance schedules and Maps will be posted throughout the venues**
- **Wireless Internet**
 - CTCC - Individuals can purchase a **user pay** internet fee for Wi-Fi
 - PSAV is providing **free** Wi-Fi for delegates in the Hyatt Hotel area
- **Wristbands for Admittance:**
 - All delegates will receive a wristband for convention entrance in January from your Convention Rep.
- **Off Site Sessions:**
 - Lots of new off site sessions. Check the website for details.
- **Pension Interviews:** FULL
- **Musical Group/Band:** *(These groups will be playing before the Keynotes start)*
 - **Foothills local** – Ecole Okotoks Jr.High – gr. 7 & 8 Concert Choir – Director - Samuel Shumka – Performing in Macleod Hall
 - **Palliser local** – Heritage Christian Academy – gr. 10 -12 Jazz Band – Director - Torrance Airhart – Performing in Hyatt Ballroom
 - **Livingston Range local** – The Roemmele Boys – Performing in Exhibition Hall
- **Alternate Professional Development:** Deadline has passed.
- **Lunch** – Hyatt Hotel (Thomsons Dining) is offering a buffet lunch for \$20.00 + GST; Fairmont Palliser – 20% off food when you show your wristband.
- **Glenbow Museum** – Special rate of \$5.00 when you show your wristband
- **Parking** – arrive early – more information posted on the website
- **Honorary President for Convention 2016**
 - Rudy Durieux, a retired teacher from Chinook's Edge School Division – see website for more information on Rudy Durieux.
- **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.**