



# Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
Hyatt Hotel  
May 27, 2016  
5:00 p.m.

## In attendance:

S. Leppa, S. Paton, J. Fenton, J. Munton, A. Craigie, B. Yagos, T. Hrysak, Y. Toney, D. Sellars-Myshchysyn, D. Grassick

## Absent:

L. Neville

1. **Call to order** – 5: 05 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion: A. Craigie/spaton that the agenda be approved. Carried.**

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

- **Motion: A. Craigie/spaton that the minutes are accepted as posted. Carried.**

4. **Correspondence**

- Notice of Absence from A. Amirault, S. Buckfink, J. White, Michael Shain,
- Resignation – Danielle Meyers
- From: Sharon Vogrinetz – Summer Conference Director - Information and Registration for ATA Summer Conference
- Mark Yurick – Professional Development – Nesotehk – Walking Together: Our Journey begins Invitational Symposium
- Dan Grassick – Date Change in 2019 for CATCA due to Canada Winter Games
- Dan Grassick – Spring Convention meeting talking about Substitute Teachers attending Convention and the fee charged

5. **Treasurer's Report**

- S. Leppa presented the financial report.

6. **Reports**

6.1. **President** – J. Fenton – report posted

- Jordan looked into the charging of substitute teachers. We are one of two Convention boards who still charge substitutes to attend convention.
- Past President Duties
  - Larry Neville/ Yvonne Toney (Facilities) will take on the Honorary Presidents Reception
  - Jen Munton (Vice-president) will take on the Alternate PD requests
  - Jordan Fenton (President) will take on inviting the Superintendents

- Susan Paton (Secretary) – will take on the hospitality portion for meetings and during Convention
- Policy – a committee of board members will be developed with one executive in charge when deemed necessary

#### 6.2. **Vice President** - J. Munton reported. (No written report)

- Will mention tomorrow for board members to start thinking about nominating the 2017 Honorary President – see policy 9.3 for criteria

#### 6.3. **Program** – A. Craigie - report posted

- **Program Chair Email:** palliserteachers@gmail.com
- 6 people joined the committee – M. Shain, P. Morck, T. O’Neil, Y. Toney, W. Ruzika, C. Crane
- Over 80 sessions have been submitted on line at this point
- **Featured Speakers** booked:
  - Temple Grandin – Autism Awareness
  - George Couros – Innovation in Education
  - Mark Tewksbury – LGBTQ (pending partial sponsorship from Morgex)
- Deadline is June 30/16 to submit speaking proposals – get the word out - <http://www.pdtca.org/submit-speaking-proposal.html>

#### 6.4. **Facilities** – Y. Toney – report posted

- **Contracts** are signed with the CTCC for our 2016 convention
- **Convention Meeting Dates**
  - September 23/24, 2016
  - December 2, 2016 (Executive Only – Fairmont Palliser)
  - January 20/21, 2017
  - February 23-24, 2017 Days of Convention
  - April 7/8, 2017
  - May 26/27, 2017
  - September 22/23, 2017
- **Room Rates** for 2017 – Book now until Jan. 22, 2017 at the convention rate
  - Hyatt: Single/Double \$229.00; Triple 264.00 Quadruple 299.00 plus 12.27% tax for all
  - Fairmont Palliser Single/Double \$235.00; Deluxe \$265.00; junior suite \$315.00 plus tax on all.
- **Bands/Music** – question whether we should have a band – will bring it up at the full board meeting tomorrow

#### 6.5. **Publicity/Website/Evaluations** – B. Yagos – report posted

- Website is continually being updated.
- Evaluations –
  - We will be collecting evaluations using Sched for 2017. It is more convenient for teachers. Teachers will click on the session title in Sched and will be taken directly to a Google form that has the title for that session filled in already. It saves having to scroll through a list of titles to find the session the teacher wishes to evaluate. These results then are recorded in a massive Google Spreadsheet.
  - ATA Barnett House – Sched – sponsorship price
    - Dan Grassick is willing to help with the evaluation process

- ATA will then be able to sort through the spreadsheet

#### 6.6. **Exhibits** – T. Hrysak – report posted

- 2016 Convention rates for a Regular booth were - \$535.00 + tax \$561.75 and Not for profit rate were \$435.00 + tax \$456.75.
- T. Hrysak will make a motion to increase the booth cost for Convention 2017 by \$5.00 plus GST at tomorrow's full board meeting due to the fee increase from St. Georges Show Service and TELUS convention center
- Online registration is open and doing well
- 35% pre-booked + 3 new exhibitors

#### 6.7. **Secretary** – S. Paton

- Information is always posted on the web page.

#### 6.8. **District Rep** – D. Sellars-Myshchyshyn

- Introducing Dan Grassick – our new fact totem – Convention Staff Officer
- Notice of motion to Locals – needs to be earlier when it deals with increasing Convention Fees

A. Craigie/spaton moved that the reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

### 7. **Old Business**

#### 7.1. **Summer Conference**

- Jen Munton and Andrea Craigie will be attending the 2016 summer conference.

#### 7.2. **Cost for Substitute Teachers attending Convention**

- The Association believes that substitutes should be allowed to attend convention at no cost to them

#### 7.3. **Preliminary Budget – Fee Increase**

- Thank you to Bertha for all her help
- We will have a loss of \$42,000.00 to PDTCA with no notice due to Livingstone Range and Chinook's Edge Locals changing conventions. This means 200 teachers from Livingstone Range and 400 teachers from Chinook's Edge will be attending two different conventions. That is why we need an increase next year.
- S. Leppa went through different budget scenarios of increasing our convention fee
- S. Leppa will make a motion tomorrow to increase convention fees to \$24.00 for the year, which is \$2.00 per month.

### 8. **New Business**

8.1.

### 9. **Action Items**

9.1. Local Concerns

Meeting adjourned by A. Craigie/ S. Paton at 8:44 p.m.