



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
Hyatt Hotel
September 23, 2016
5:00 p.m.

In attendance:

S. Leppa, L. Neville, S. Paton, J. Fenton, J. Munton, A. Craigie, B. Yagos, T. Hrysak, Y. Toney, D. Grassick,

Absent:

D. Sellars-Myshchyn,

1. **Call to order** – 5: 01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Delete 6.7 – Past President report
- **Motion: S. Leppa/spaton moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.**

3. Minutes of previous meeting

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

4. Correspondence

- From Dan Grassick – Teachers' Convention Attendance Guidelines (sent to all Superintendents, Local Presidents, Convention Secretaries
- Notice of Absence from Leslie Gibson, Catherine Burrell, Christine Crane, Monica Lund,
- Change of name for Chinook Local to Christ the Redeemer Local Association #29

5. Treasurer's Report

- S. Leppa presented the Audited financial report.
- S. Leppa will move to adopt the Auditors Financial Report tomorrow at the full board meeting.
- S. Leppa will remind us to take the Auditors Report back to our Local treasurer

6. Reports

6.1. President – J. Fenton – no report

- Thanked A. Craigie and B. Yagos for having a complete finish program
- Jordan will not be in attendance at the full board meeting

6.2. Vice President - J. Munton reported. (report posted)

- Convention vests – new board members can pick up vests tomorrow

- Convention Nametags will be ordered for new board members and people with changed roles
- 2017 Honorary President – see policy 9.3 for criteria – will be chosen at full board meeting
- Alternate PD – refer to the flow chart on the website, deadline January 10, 2017

6.3. Program – A. Craigie - report posted

- **Program Chair Email:** palliserteachers@gmail.com
- **Program is Done!!**
- **Featured Speakers** booked:
 - Dr. Temple Grandin – Autism Awareness
 - George Couros – Innovation in Education
 - Mark Tewksbury – LGBTQ
- **Other 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>
- 220 sessions
 - 208 on site sessions
 - 13 Off site sessions
 - Phases of Production: High School Construction Projects
 - Norquay: Experiential Education on Skis
 - Longview: Outdoor Council of Canada – Compass Module
 - Calgary Zoo (3 sessions)
 - Heritage Christian Academy (Palliser School) (3 sessions)
 - Whispering Equine Wellness Facility
- 59 sessions by Local presenters (all local submissions were accepted)
- Book Vendor is Owl's Nest Books again this year.
- Mobile App – sched.org
- **Delegates must produce ATA Membership cards as identifier if ASKED**
- **New time start – 8:30 on both days, ending early on 2:15 pm**
- A. Craigie will look into pursuing a welcome and prayer from an elder for all 3 locations
- Follow Highlights using
 - Face Book – Palliser District Teachers' Convention
 - Twitter - @palliserc

6.4. Facilities – Y. Toney – report posted

- **Convention Meeting Dates**
 - 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.
- **Room block** is 75 at Palliser and 270 at the Hyatt Hotel
 - Online booking link is live for both hotels
- **Bands/Music** – No bands this year
- **Wireless Internet**
 - **It is our goal that there will be free Wi-Fi for each of our delegates for convention 2017 from both the Hyatt Hotel and the Telus Convention center.**
- **Hyatt Hotel** – New AV company

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

- Program is online both in search and browse modes
- All speaker contracts have been signed
- We will move to the SCHED format as soon as we get login information from ATA as they have paid for all associations to use Sched this year.
- Twitter and Facebook icons are at the top of each page of the website, along with an email icon that sends email to info@pdtca.org. B. Yagos will monitor this email daily.
- At Summer conference this year it was suggested that conventions should not be using gmail or google accounts due to security reasons. If any executive would like to use a xxxx@pdtca email account, this can be set up.

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

- 2017 Convention rates for a Regular booth are - \$540.00 + tax and Not for profit rate were \$440.00 + tax.
- We have 76/158 booths booked
 - 50 are prepaid, 8 are not for profit
 - 6 new exhibitors

6.7. **Secretary** – S. Paton

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

6.8. **District Rep** – D. Sellars-Myshchyshyn (absent)

- Report presented from Dan Grassick (see report)
 - Encouraged all teachers to make sure they have activated their ATA account

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

7. **Old Business**

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8. **New Business**

8.1. **Fall PDAC** – November 4 (evening) & 5, 2016 – Lister Center U of A – Edmonton

- Two executive members can attend
 - Jen Munton will attend fall PDAC

8.2. Convention Association Meeting – (none this year)

8.3. Summer conference Report – A. Craigie and J. Munton (report posted)

- New Provincial Convention Handbook coming soon
- Provincial ATA has purchased an overarching account with Sched.org so all conventions can use this tool as their online program/mobile app.
- All conventions must incorporate at least three of the sessions offered related to Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action.
- Convention boards are asked NOT to use Google or Gmail accounts in their planning or correspondence (due to privacy, security and server issues)
- Speakers: Mark Ramsanker, Dr. Lucy Miller, Joanne Neal, Charlene Bearhead

8.4. Honorary President 2017 – Will take nominations tomorrow.

8.5. Invitation to Minister of Education

- D. Grassick said the Minister of Education is not attending any Teachers' Conventions this year however, we can ask.

8.6. Budget

- S. Leppa will present the budget at the Full Board meeting tomorrow

9. Action Items

9.1. Local Concerns

Meeting adjourned by J. Munton/spaton at 6:30 p.m.