

Summer Conference Report - Jennifer Munton & Andrea Craigie

General Conference Highlights:

- Mark Ramsanker spoke of the power of story, and the understanding that we are each at a different place in our educational story
- Dr. Lucy Miller, Head of the Calgary United Way and former CCSD Chief Superintendent spoke of being a 'Whatever it Takes Educator'
 - She discussed the importance of taking care of ourselves as professionals and not being overloaded - "Teachers who are able to be their best relationally will be the most effective."
 - 211 - phone line that coordinates all services available to you
- Alberta Education - Joanne Neal spoke about the new curriculum redesign and we were then shown the early stages of the online portal for planning purposes
- Charlene Bearhead - FNMI/Truth and Reconciliation Project - spoke about changes to TQS for Superintendents, Principals and Teachers based on the new initiative
 - Imagine a Canada website launches Sept. 30th
 - Google Truth and Reconciliation project/U of Manitoba for more information
 - Information shared about Sept 30 - Orange Shirt Day
- With our locals, we worked on a plan for SLA emails to education minister in Sept.

At the Convention Seminar:

- New Provincial Convention Handbook coming online soon
- Provincial ATA has purchased an overarching account with Sched.org so that all conventions can use this tool as their online program / mobile app.
- Convention boards are encouraged to consider using ATA website template. A low-cost alternative and opportunity for consistency versus each board managing their own format. Their version also incorporates a mechanism for ticketing speaker sessions, if required.
- All Convention programs must incorporate at least three of the sessions offered related to the Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action. Beginning stages of PL to assist with upcoming, new TQS
- Convention boards are asked NOT to use Google or Gmail accounts in their planning or correspondence (privacy, security and server issues)