



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

**Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers**

**January 2017**

Website: [www.palliserconvention.org](http://www.palliserconvention.org)

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

- **NEW 8:30 am start time, both days; Earlier, 2:15 finish on Friday**
  - Pre-function area open at 7:30 am on both days
- **Keynote Speakers Thursday – Start time 8:30 am**
  - **Exhibition Hall E**
    - 8:30 **George Couros** – The Innovator's Mindset
    - 10:15 **Dr. Temple Grandin** – Helping Different Kinds of Minds Solve Problems
  - **Macleod Hall**
    - 8:30 **Mark Tewksbury** –Straight Talk from a Gay Jock
    - 10:15 **George Couros** – The Innovator's Mindset
  - **Imperial Ballrooms**
    - 8:30 **Dr. Temple Grandin** – Helping Different Kinds of Minds Solve Problems
    - 10:15 **Mark Tewksbury** – Straight Talk from a Gay Jock
- **Dr. Temple Grandin hosted by Autism Calgary** - Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (This is a public event)
  - **Dr. Grandin** will be speaking in the Imperial Ballroom at the Hyatt Hotel. (Please encourage interested EAs, parents, etc. to buy tickets!) **Early Bird special before February 1<sup>st</sup> – Tickets are \$35 for Autism Calgary members (it's free to join) and \$50 for non-members. After February 1<sup>st</sup>, \$50 for members, \$65 for non-members.** <http://www.autismcalgary.com>
- **Other Featured Speakers**
  - Bill Belsey, George Couros, Ariel Haubrich, Joel Hilchey, Brandon Love, Mario Trono, Chris Wejr - see link <http://www.pdtca.org/featured-speakers-other.html>
- **ATA President – Friday 8:30 – Macleod Hall A**
  - The Story of the ATA - A conversation with ATA President - Mark Ramsankar  
Voice – Advocacy – Action
- **Pre-Registration opened January 8<sup>th</sup> and closes Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**
  - Can only be done via [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org) site
  - Any session with a participant fee will be collected cash on site (exact change required)
- **ATA Membership cards are needed for Admittance:**
  - If the rooms are full you will be asked to show your card
  - Temporary or digital ATA cards can be printed from ATA website

- **PDTCA Website:** <http://pdcta.org>
  - Full session descriptions (200+ sessions)
  - Printable PDF of Convention at a Glance and Session Detail both in letter size - will be available on home page [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org) by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Sched.com App Site** - <https://pdcta.org/sched-mobile-site.html>
  - Program is fully loaded into Sched
  - Delegates **CANNOT** pre-register via Sched but can sync their choice to their device
  - Session evaluations available in Sched this year - Look under the session title and it is a direct link. Convention as a whole evaluation will be on the home page at [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org)
  - If you use your actual name when you create a Sched profile, your name will show up in a Google search. To prevent this, you can use a nickname, or use your own name and then go into the control panel and hide your profile.
- **No Cash concession in the Pre-Function area this year**
  - There is a main floor Starbucks in the Marriott adjacent to the South CTCC, a new coffee shop on the main floor of the North CTCC (Rosso Coffee Roasters Cafe), and a coffee shop on the main floor of the Hyatt hotel (Bakers Cafe).
- **Owl's Nest Books - our returning book vendor**
  - They are willing to order book titles and/or authors teachers would like. Please email book store **before January 30** with requests to Susan Hare [contact@owlsnestbooks.com](mailto:contact@owlsnestbooks.com)
  - **Hours** – 7:30 – 4:00 on Thursday and 7:30 – 2:30 on Friday
- **Follow us on Twitter and Facebook**
  - **@palliserc**
  - **use #pdtc**
- **Find us on Facebook**
  - Palliser District Teachers' Association
- **Free Wireless Internet**
  - Both the Hyatt hotel and CTCC are offering our teachers free low bandwidth Wi-Fi. The Wi-Fi at the Hyatt will work in the Imperial Ballroom area. The Wi-Fi at the CTCC will work in the Glen and TELUS rooms as well as the area outside Exhibition Hall. There is NO Wi-Fi in the Macleod rooms. If you desire a higher bandwidth Wi-Fi at the CTCC, you can self-pay from your device.
- **Off Site Sessions**
  - 17 off site sessions. Check the website for details. Transportation is NOT provided to off site sessions
- **Glenbow Museum**
  - Special rate of \$5.00 when you show your ATA card during convention
- **Social workers, psychologists, therapists or clinicians**
  - Employed by member school boards of the convention may attend and will pay for the associate ATA membership fee plus the regular member convention fee. Contact information to register is on our [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org) website.
- **Delegates Link** on home page of [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org) – check it out.

- **Honorary President for Convention 2017**
  - Myrna Pauls, a retired teacher from Foothills School Division – see website for more information on Myrna Pauls.
  
- **Booking Hotel:** Convention website has the link for the Hyatt Hotel and the Fairmont Palliser Hotel (**Block Rates until Jan. 22, 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**
  
- **Parking** – arrive early – more information posted on the website [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org)
  
- **Lunch** – Hyatt Hotel (Thomsons Dining Room)
  - Is offering a buffet lunch special on both days of convention
  
- **At a Glance schedules and Maps** will be posted throughout the venues
  
- **Questions???** Try the **frequently asked questions link** on the website, or contact a convention representative from your local. See the website [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org) for board member names.