



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



Minutes

Full Board Meeting

Hyatt Hotel

September 23, 2017

9:00 a.m. (8:30 Breakfast)

In attendance: A. Amirault, S. Buchfink, E. Clarkson, A. Craigie, C. Crane, A. Doyle, A. England, J. Fenton, L. Gibson, M. Glavine, M. Gudim, B. Hohenwarter, T. Hrysak, L. Kestle, B. King, J. LaFleur, S. Leppa, W. Lorenz, P. Morck, J. Munton, A. Neefe, L. Neville, T. O'Neill, K. Ouwerkerk, J. Partlo, S. Paton, A. Rai Nannan, A. Rott, M. Shain, Y. Toney, L. Tschritter, C. Wasylynuik, M. Watt, B. Yagos, J. Yersh

Absent:

C. Burrell, R. Hatch, W. Ruzicka, S. Watson, J. White, D. Grassick

1. **Call to order** – 9:00 a.m.

- Treaty Acknowledgement
- Welcome and Introductions

2. **Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion: C. Wasylynuik/J. Munton moved that the agenda be approved as posted. Carried.**

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

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

4. **Correspondence**

- From Dan Grassick – Committee on Convention Review
- D. Grassick – On academic leave from September 1/17 to January 1/18.
- Resignation from Daryl Sutter (retired)
- Resignation from Judy Barton (retired)
- Catherine Burrell on a one year leave
- Notice of Absence from Sarah Watson, Wendy Ruzicka, Jill White (Saturday), D. Grassick and Ryan Hatch

5. **Treasurer's Report** (Report posted)

- S. Leppa presented the Audited financial report.
- **S. Leppa moved to adopt the Auditors Financial Report as presented**
- S. Leppa reminded us to take the Auditors Financial Report back to our Local treasurer

6. **Reports** - <http://www.pdtca.org/minutes.html> (This is a private page)

6.1. **President** – A. Craigie – (no report)

6.2. **Vice President** - J. Munton - (Report posted)

- **Convention vests** – new board members can pick up vests, we may have to order a few for new people
- **Convention Nametags** will be ordered for new board members or people with changed roles – this is on a Google doc. for those to fill out

6.3. Program – P. Morck - (Report posted)

- **Program Chair Email:** program@pdtca.org
- **Pillars of Focus for this years Convention set by ATA are:**
 - Mental Health
 - Supporting LGBTQ
 - Staff and Student Wellness
 - Truth & Reconciliation
- **Featured Speakers booked:**
 - **Dr. Kristopher Wells** – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Alberta Schools
 - **Big Daddy Taz** – Out of Mind – (Comedian with a Mental Health Focus)
 - **Quest Theatre - Making Treaty 7 Performers...** with a follow up conversation on Friday morning with elders and knowledge keepers (still working out a few details)
- **Other Featured Speakers**
 - **Greg Jeffrey: ATA President** –Ahead by a Century – Learning from the Past, Inspiring the Future
 - **Susan Carter** – Coping with teaching because its not your fault
 - **Navaid Aziz** – Acceptance Through Tolerance: Navigating through Islam and the Muslim Community
 - **Wayne Arthurson** – In the Shadows of our Ancestors
 - **Carrie Karsgaard** – Exploring Canadian Educators' responsibilities regarding International and National Commitments to Indigenous Peoples
 - **Amanda Oling** – The Impact of One Decision
 - **Tad Milmine** – Bullying Ends Here: Spreading acceptance and understanding
 - **Documentary Viewing:** National Geographic's Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric
- **Friday morning** – Little Mini Conference – Ever Active Schools
- **Several Offsite sessions** including hiking, snowshoeing, athletic coaching and teaching certifications, sessions at SAIT, at zoo etc.
- **Book Vendor** is Owl's Nest Books again this year.
- **Mobile App** – sched.org
- Delegates must produce ATA Membership cards as identifier if ASKED
- **Time** – 8:30 – 3:00 Thursday, 8:30 – 2:15 on Friday.
- **Follow Highlights using**
 - Face Book – Palliser District Teachers' Convention
 - Twitter - @palliserc

6.4. Facilities – J. White (No report on line)

- **Convention Meeting Dates**
 - December 1, 2017 (Executive Only – Fairmont Palliser)
 - January 12/13, 2018
 - February 22/23, 2018 (Annual Convention)

- April 6/7, 2018
- **Room Rates** for 2018 – Book now until Jan. 22, 2018 at the convention rate
 - Hyatt: Single/Double \$239.00 plus 12.27% plus tax
 - Fairmont Palliser Single/Double \$240.00 plus tax
- **Room block** is 15/15 at Palliser and 270 at the Hyatt Hotel
 - Online booking link is live for both hotels
- **Board Member room booking** is on a Google Doc – Deadline is Sept. 30
- Bring your banner to Convention

6.5. Publicity/Website/Evaluations – B. Yagos – (Report posted)

- Program is online both in search and browse modes
- Exhibitors are also on the website and have links attached
- 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.

6.6. Exhibits – T. Hrysak – (Report posted)

- 2018 Convention rates for a Regular booth are - \$535.00 + tax and Not for profit rate were \$435.00 + tax.
- We have 85/160 booths booked
 - 35 are prepaid, 7 are not for profit
 - 4 new exhibitors so far
 - 5 Francophone booths booked

6.7. Past President – J. Fenton (No Report posted)

- Alternate PD – deadline January 10, 2018
- Refer to the flow chart on the website

6.8. Secretary – S. Paton

- Information is always posted on the web page within 3 weeks of the last meeting
- Please let the secretary know if you are resigning from the board and/or who the replacement is so I can make sure the right people are contacted.

6.9. District Rep – M. Glavine (report will be online soon)

- M. Glavine presented the Highlights of her report.

T. Hrysak/spaton moved that the reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

7. Old Business

7.1. Summer Conference Report – A. Craigie and P. Morck – (Report posted)

- **A few of the Convention Seminar Discussions / Highlights**
 - Convention Seminar At Summer Conference, going forward, will be more for networking and collaborating with other boards, plus “vision casting and brainstorming” together
 - Preference is to NOT have same people attend two years in a row. Ideally, one more veteran and one newer person should attend annually. Boards should always have succession planning in mind

- Identifying Commons Objectives across Province
- “How Might We....” (Questions and Possible Solutions)
- Considering the “Extreme User” (disgruntled / disengaged)
- Clarification of Attendance Guidelines
- Updated Handbook Walk-through
- **Committee on Convention Review**
 - Meeting 4-5 times between September
 - Consultations of boards and other stakeholder groups to happen this Fall
 - Mandate to bring recommendations to PEC for September 2018

8. New Business

8.1. Fall PDAC – November 3 (evening) & 4, 2017 – Edmonton

- Two executive members can attend
 - S. Paton and J. Munton will attend

8.2. Convention Association Meeting

- A. Craigie will look into whether or not there will be a Fall Convention Meeting
- There is a Spring Convention Meeting

8.3. Honorary President 2018

- Nominations for Honorary President is open
 - Cindy Gerodo, a retired teacher, from the Three Drums of Wheat Local nominated by Ashley Neefe
 - Cindy Gerodo will be our 2018 Honorary President

8.4. Budget

- S. Leppa presented the budget.
- S. Leppa moved to adopt the budget as presented. Carried

9. Action Items

9.1. Local Concerns

- Social workers, School wellness workers, Psychologist, Clinicians can attend a Teachers’ Convention as long as they pay the associate membership to the ATA plus the convention fee. They should pay on their own not with the local they work for.
- Childcare at Teacher’s Convention – would there be anyone interested in being on a committee to look into this. If yes please contact Jill White. Parents would be paying not the Convention Board.
 - M. Glavine suggested that Jill White contact ATA to make sure she understands the liability involved.

Meeting adjourned by A. Amirault /spaton at 10:45 a.m.