

Program Chair Report
September 22 & 23, 2017

Highlights of 2017 Program:

- **Pillars for our focus**
 - Mental Health**
 - Supporting LGBTQ youth**
 - Staff and Student Wellness**
 - Truth & Reconciliation**
- **Thursday Morning keynotes**
 - **Dr. Kris Wells**
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Alberta Schools
 - **Big Daddy Tazz**
Out of my 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
- **Other Featured Speakers**
 - **Wayne Arthurson** – In the Shadows of our Ancestors
 - **Navaid Aziz** – Acceptance Through Tolerance: Navigating through Islam and the Muslim Community
 - **Susan Carter** – Coping with Teaching because its not your fault.
 - **Carrie Karsgaard** – Exploring Canadian Educators’ responsibilities regarding International and National Commitments to Indigenous Peoples
 - **Tad Malmine** – Bullying Ends Here: Spreading acceptance and understanding
 - **Amanda Oling** – The Impact of One Decision
 - **Making Treaty 7 Conversation**
 - **Greg Jeffery** -Ahead by a Century – Learning from the Past, Inspiring the Future
 - **Documentary Viewing: National Geographic’s Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric**
- **Off Site Sessions**
 - Several Offsite sessions including hiking, snowshoeing, athletic coaching and teaching certifications, sessions at SAIT, at zoo etc.
- **What Else?**
 - Owl’s Nest Books will be our vendor again
 - Sched.org will house our program in Mobile App.
 - Follow Program highlights on Facebook -Palliser District Teachers’ Convention
 - See highlights on Twitter @palliserc
 - Ever Active mini Wellness Conference on Friday.

