

Summer Conference Report August 2017

- Andrea Craigie (President) and Paulette Morck (Program Chair) attended Convention Seminar at Banff Centre on behalf of ATA.
- (Congratulations to Paulette and her colleague, Jamie Anderson, who won the provincial DEHR Award for Foothills Local's GSA project!)
- Keynote Sessions: Honorable Kim Campbell
 - Spoke about: developing leadership (is currently head of Peter Lougheed Leadership Centre at U of A), women in leadership and answered questions about today's political climate
- Women in Leadership Breakfast
 - Guest Speaker: Nancy Kerr (Manitoba) discussing history of women in the profession since the early 1900s
- Joint Sessions
 - Convention seminar attendees met with PD Chairs and Specialist Councils (general session defining PD and our various roles)
 - Andrea Berg and Patrick Loyer updated all groups on Walking Together / Reconciliation project (currently year 2 of 3) and Stepping Stones resource development (TQS Support ideas)
- Breakout Sessions (also with PD and SCs)
 - Effective Meetings: Using Robert's Rules to make Group Decisions
 - Supporting New Professional Standards: What PD Leaders Need to Know
 - Tech Tools for PD Planners
 - "What I Wish I Knew"...Solution Focused Conversations for PD Program Planners and Sub-Group Leaders
- Convention Seminar Guest Presenters:
 - Maggie Shane – Privacy and Records update / reminders
 - Scott Bailey – Ever Active Schools
- Convention Seminar Discussions / Highlights
 - 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
- Further FYIs
 - Convention Seminar at Summer Conference, going forward, will be more for networking and collaborating with other boards, plus "vision casting and brainstorming" together than a "roll-up-your-sleeves-and-work-on-the-work" week
 - 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
- Dan Grassick is on an academic leave from September 1 until January 1