

 **Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association** 

Minutes

Full Board Meeting

Hyatt Hotel

January 13, 2018

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

In attendance: A. Amirault, E. Clarkson, A. Craigie, C. Crane, J. Cruse, A. Doyle, A. England, J. Fenton, L. Gibson, M. Glavine, M. Gudim, R. Hatch, 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. Rott, W. Ruzicka, L. Tschritter, S. Watson M. Watt, J. White, B. Yagos, J. Yersh

Absent:

S. Buchfink, A. Rai Nannan, M. Shain, Y. Toney, C. Wasylynuik, D. Grassick
In attendance:

1. **Call to order** – 9:00 am.

- Introductions

2. **Approval of Agenda**

- Addition of 8.4 Stoney Education Authority - Under new business
- **Motion: A. Amirault/T. Hrysak moved that agenda be approved as amended Carried.**

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

- **Motion: J. Munton/J. White moved that the minutes of the September meeting be accepted as posted. Carried.**

4. **Correspondence**

- From Dan Grassick – Committee on Convention Review
 - Pamphlets for Convention Executives, Convention Board Members, Specialist Council Executives, PD Chairs and Facilitators
- From JC Couture – 2017/18 Strategic Planning Grant Program
- From Mark Yurick – Information on the Fall Professional Development Area Conference – November 3 – 4, 2017
- From Mark Yurick – Provincial Convention Meetings for 2017/18
- From Andrea Berg – 2017/18 Diversity, Equity and Human Rights Workshops
- From Jonathan Teghtmeyer – Grants, Awards and Scholarships
- From Dave Matson – Web Manager Professional Development Sessions
- From Dan Grassick – Sets of Walking Together pamphlets
- Notice of Absence from Michael Shain, Sandy Buchfink, Carmen Wasylynuik, Yvonne Toney

- C. Burrell resigned

5. Treasurer's Report

- S. Leppa presented the financial report.

6. Reports

6.1. President – A. Craigie – report posted

- Thank you to the executive and board members for all their hard work on the upcoming convention

6.2. Vice President - J. Munton - report posted

- **Convention vests** – new board members check with Jen at the break
- **Convention Nametags** will be ordered for new board members and people with changed roles – Sign up on a Google doc to order a new nametag – deadline to order Jan. 15th.
- **Retiring Board Members** – all the retired board members that left were on the board for less than five years. In order to be honored, according to policy they need to be on the convention board for five or more years.
- **2018 Honorary President** – Cindy Gerodo - Three Drums of Wheat retired teacher
- **Sign up Duties** – Each board member needs to sign up for 5 duties during convention – This Google Doc was emailed out last night.

6.3. Program – P. Morck - report posted

- **Program Chair Email:** program@pdtca.org
- **ATA cards** are needed as identification if a session is FULL
- **Mobile App** – sched.org
- **Pre-Registration is now Open!**
 - 30+ sessions require pre-registration
- **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)
 - **Strathmore High School - New Blood: A Story of Reconciliation (Hyatt Hotel)**
 - Due to set up – Delegates will need to move to next keynote.
 - There will be a Talk back session Thursday afternoon with actors, elders etc. (Exhibition Hall E)
- **Other Featured Speakers**

- **Greg Jeffery: 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
- **Ever Active** – mini Wellness Conference on Friday morning – open to all.
- **Several Offsite sessions** – NO transportation is provided to any offsite session.
 - Masters Academy & College
 - The Calgary Zoo
 - SAIT
 - Rafter U7 & Ranch, Carstairs, Alberta
 - Edison School, Okotoks, Alberta
- **Book Vendor** is Owl’s Nest Books – located at far end of pre-convention area
 - Any teachers who wish to suggest titles or topics for convention are welcome to email contact@owlsnestbooks.com, Attn. Susan Hare – before Jan. 30th.
- **Time** – 8:30 – 3:00 Thursday, 8:30 – 2:15 on Friday.
- **Follow Highlights using**
 - Face Book – Palliser District Teachers’ Convention
 - Twitter - @palliserc #pdtc

6.4. Facilities – J. White – report posted

- **Convention Meeting Dates**
 - February 21 – 23, 2018 (Convention)
 - April 13/14, 2018
 - May 25/26, 2018
- **Meeting Dates** for 2018-2019
 - September 14/15, 2018
 - December 7th, 2018 (Executive only)
 - January 18/19, 2019
 - February 20-22, 2019 (Convention)
 - April 5/6, 2019
 - May 10/11, 2019
 - September 27/28, 2019

- **Room Rates** for 2018 – Deadline – Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 at the convention rate
 - Hyatt: Single/Double \$235.00 plus 12.27% plus tax (275/300 is booked)
 - Fairmont Palliser Single/Double \$240.00 plus tax – (room block is for 30 and it is Full)
- **Board Members** – your Wednesday night room is being paid for by the PDTCA and has been reserved. This is so you can attend the Honorary Presidents Reception.
- **WIFI** – teachers will be given access for low speed access in both facilities
- **Olympics** will be playing in both the pre-convention area and the Hyatt hotel during convention
- **Honorary President's Reception**
 - The new location for this Function is the Thomsons Dining Room – this is a closed reception for board members, speakers and invited guests. This event runs from 6:30 pm. to 8:30 pm.
- **Banners**
 - Locals are reminded to bring their local banner to the Honorary President's Reception Wednesday evening so it can be hung in the pre-convention area.
- **Lunch at Convention**
 - Stephan Room from 11:30 – 1:30
 - All board members and speakers are invited on both days
- **On Site Childcare** – J. White (see report)
 - Could be offered for \$60.00 to \$75.00 per child which includes lunch and two snacks
 - Hyatt Hotel has offered the Dahl room free of charge for this
 - User pay with no cost to the board
 - **J. White/s.paton moved that PDTCA pursue the opportunity to facilitate onsite user pay childcare at the Hyatt hotel using a third party childcare provider for 2018. Carried**

6.5. **Publicity/Website/Evaluations** – B. Yagos – report posted

- Website has all the approved sessions listed in Browse and Search modes.
- Exhibitors who have had a booth assigned are listed on the website as Exhibitors List. Great to check out, as most of the Exhibitors have a website link.
- Sched mobile is up and running and is linked to the webpage.
- Pre-Registered Sessions are open. Please let your teachers know.
 - If there is a fee it is paid ahead of time or bring exact change
 - Delegates need to make sure they are pre-registered – not just on the wait list. Delegates need to make sure where they are on the list.
 - Speakers will email right before convention confirming you are in the session.
- Evaluations –
 - We will use the imbedded evaluations within Sched

- We will not have evaluations for speakers – if we speakers want an evaluation they need to hand it out themselves (B. Yagos will emailing speakers to inform them)

6.6. Exhibits – T. Hrysak

- Exhibitor of the Year – Science Is
- We will provide security in the Exhibits Hall again this year
- We have several new booths this year
- We have 133/159 booths booked
 - Not for profit booths are full

6.7. Past President – J. Fenton – no report

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

- Will prepare a written report after PEC and email B. Yagos to be posted on the web page.

J. Munton/spaton moved that the reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

7. Old Business

7.1. Requests for Alternate PD – J. Fenton

- 32 requested alternate professional development
- 10 were denied as it didn't meet the criteria set by the ATA
- Alternate PD deadline is passed.

7.2. Honorary President's Reception

- Thomsons Dining room
- 6:30 pm. to 8:30 pm
- Please wear your nametag if possible

7.3. Name tags and vests – J. Munton

- See above report

7.4. Policy Changes – J. Fenton

- In December the executive met to go over the policy and make
- **J. Fenton moved to accept the policy changes as recommended by the policy subcommittee. Carried.**
- A new provincial Convention Constitution is in the works for Convention 2019.

8. New Business

8.1. Board Member Duties – Sign up –

- Board member duties were emailed out last night. Please sign up for a minimum of 5 spots.
 - Please wear your vest and nametag during convention
 - Try to be aware of where the rooms are as people will ask you for directions
- 8.2. **Board Member Responsibilities during convention** – J. Munton
- See 8.1 notes
- 8.3. **Exhibitor of the Year – T. Hrysak**
- Science Is... - George Pastirik
 - George Pastirik will be honored on the Wednesday Evening Honorary Presidents Reception
- 8.4. **Application of additional School Board to attend the 2018 PDTCA Convention**
- The Stoney Education Authority would like to attend our convention
 - They are not ATA members therefore they would need to purchase an Associate membership through the ATA
 - Out of District teachers would then need to pay the Out of District fee.
 - **D. Grassick moved: that Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association executive recommend to the convention board that associate members employed by the Stoney Education Authority be allowed to attend the 2018 convention at a cost of \$98.70 per teacher pending payment by January 31st, 2018. Carried**

9. Action Items

9.1. Invited Guests – Superintendent's and Trustees

- A. Craigie will be emailing an invitation out for our invited guests to attend the Keynote speakers.

9.2. News Release from President

- A. Craigie will email News Release to S. Paton to be emailed out to all board members. Board member are then asked to send it to their local ATA secretaries to be sent out to all teachers.

9.3. Local concerns - None

Meeting adjourned by A. Craigie/spaton at 10:41a.m.