

 **Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association** 

**Minutes**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Hyatt Hotel**  
**January 12, 2018**  
5:00 p.m.

**In attendance:**

S. Leppa, L. Neville, S. Paton, J. Fenton, J. Munton, A. Craigie, B. Yagos, T. Hrysak, P. Morck, J. White, D. Grassick,

**Absent:**

M. Glavine

1. **Call to order** – 5:02 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
  - Addition of D. Grassick under Reports - 6.1
  - **Motion: J. Fenton/J. Munton moved that agenda be approved as amended Carried.**
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
  - **Motion: J.Fenton/spaton 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
  - Notice of Absence from Michael Shain, Sandy Buchfink, Carmen Wasylynuik, Yvonne Toney
5. **Treasurer's Report**
  - S. Leppa presented the financial report.
6. **Reports**
  - 6.1. **Convention Factotum – D. Grassick**
    - **Topic – First Nations Schools**

- D. Grassick went through some of the history behind the issues of the Stoney Education Authority's and the reason for why the vote the executive had on a motion D. Grassick brought up via email. (Attachment included)
- This Stoney Education Authority is asking to attend our convention if they can attend without paying our Out of District Convention fee and/or ATA Associate Membership Fee.
- Superintendent Downtown is willing to pay the Associate Membership fee plus the same convention registration fee charged to full-time and part-time teachers who are members of PDTCA
- Discussion among the Executive was held
- **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. Carried
  - that Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association executive recommend to the convention board that non-members employed by the Stoney Education Authority as culture and language instructors be allowed to attend the 2018 convention at a cost of \$98.70 per instructor, subject to the approval of Provincial Executive Council. Defeated – unanimous
  - that Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association executive recommend to the convention board that non-members identified by the Stoney Education Authority as Elders, Knowledge Keepers, be invited to attend the 2018 convention as guests, subject to the approval of Provincial Executive Council. Defeated - unanimous
- D. Grassick brought 10 sets of Walking to Together pamphlets

#### 6.2. **President** – A. Craigie – report posted

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

#### 6.3. **Vice President** - J. Munton - report posted

- **Convention vests** – new board members check with Jen tomorrow
- **Convention Nametags** will be ordered for new board members and people with changed roles – Trying this on a Google doc.
- **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 6 duties during convention – This is on a Google Doc and will be emailed later tonight.

#### 6.4. **Program** – P. Morck - report posted

- **Program Chair Email:** [program@pdtca.org](mailto: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
- **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)**
    - This keynote will not move, delegates will move.
    - Talk back that afternoon with actors, elders etc. (E-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](mailto:contact@owlsnestbooks.com) Attn. Susan Hare – before Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Time** – 8:30 – 3:00 Thursday, 8:30 – 2:15 on Friday.
- **Follow Highlights using**
  - Face Book – Palliser District Teachers’ Convention
  - Twitter - @palliserc #pdtc

#### 6.5. 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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
    - Fairmont Palliser Single/Double \$240.00 plus tax
  - **Room block** is 30 at the Palliser Hotel and 270 at the Hyatt Hotel
    - Online booking link is live for both hotels
  - **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
  - **Honorary President’s Reception** – Our new location for this 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** – Each local is reminded to bring their local banner to the Honorary President’s Reception Wednesday evening so it can be hung in the pre-convention area.
  - **Glenbow Museum** – teachers can once again get into the Glenbow Museum for \$5.00 when they show their ATA cards.
  - **On Site Childcare** – J. White (see report)
    - Could be offered for \$60.00 to \$75.00 per child which includes food
    - Discussion –
    - J. White will make a motion to the full board regarding childcare services during convention
  - **Olympics will** be playing during convention (will not be broadcasting live)

#### 6.6. **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.
- We will again be using the Sched mobile site. The Sched Mobile link will appear on our website under Program.
- If you haven’t sent your picture to me yet, please do that. You should all have school pictures soon, so that should make it easier.
- Student teachers have their own special ATA cards
- 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)

#### 6.7. **Exhibits** – T. Hrysak

- Exhibitor of the Year – Science Is ....
- We will provide security

- We have 133/159 booths booked
  - Not for profit booths are full

**6.8. Past President – J. Fenton – No report**

**6.9. 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.

**6.10. District Rep – M. Glavine (Absent)**

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

**7. Old Business**

**7.1. Requests for Alternate PD – J. Fenton**

- 31 requests – 10 were denied
- 1 appealed – denied by the executive

**7.2. Honorary President's Reception – L. Neville**

- Thomsons Dining room
- 6:30 pm. to 8:30 pm
- Menu is the same as last year

**7.3. Name tags and vests – J. Munton**

- See above report

**7.4. Policy Changes – J. Fenton**

- J. Fenton will make a motion at tomorrows meeting to approve the policy changes

**8. New Business**

**8.1. Board Member Duties – Sign up –**

- J. Munton will be emailing this out tonight.

**8.2. Board Member Responsibilities during convention – J. Munton will talk about this at the full board meeting tomorrow**

**8.3. Exhibitor of the Year – T. Hrysak**

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**9. Action Items**

**9.1. Invited Guests – Superintendent's and Board Members**

- A. Craigie will be emailing an invitation out.

**9.2. News Release from President –**

- A. Craigie will email S. Paton to be emailed out to all board members to send to their local ATA secretaries to be sent out to all teachers.

**9.3. Local concerns - None**

Meeting adjourned by A. Craigie/spaton at 8:09 p.m.