



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association

Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers

January 2018

Website: www.palliserconvention.org

Convention 2018 – February 22nd & 23rd

- **8:30 am start time, both days; Earlier 2:15 finish on Friday**
 - Pre-function area open at 7:30 am on both days

- **Keynote Speakers Thursday – Start time 8:30 am**
<http://www.pdtca.org/thursday-morning.html>
 - **Exhibition Hall E**
8:30 **Big Daddy Tazz**
10:15 **Kristopher Wells**

 - **Macleod Hall**
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 - **Imperial Ballrooms – Delegates will have to move AFTER this presentation**
8:30 **New Blood – A Story of Reconciliation**
10:15 **New Blood – A Story of Reconciliation**

- **Other Featured Speakers - <http://www.pdtca.org/other.html>**
 - ATA President – Greg Jeffery
 - Wayne Arthurson, Navaid Aziz, Susan Carter, Carrie Karsgaard, Tad Malmine, Amanda Oling - see link

- **ATA President** – Greg Jeffery - Friday 8:30 – Macleod Hall A
 - Ahead by a Century: Learning from the Past, Inspiring the Future

- **Pre-Registration opened January 8th and closes Monday, February 19th**
 - Can only be done via <http://www.pdtca.org/pre-registration.html> site
 - Any session with a participant fee will be collected cash on site (exact change required)

- **ATA Membership cards are needed for Admittance:**
 - If the rooms are full you will be asked to show your card
 - Temporary or digital ATA cards can be printed from ATA website

- **PDTCA Website: <http://www.pdtca.org>**
 - Full session descriptions (200+ sessions)
 - Printable PDF of Convention at a Glance and Session Detail both in letter size - will be available on home page by February 1st.

- **Sched.com App Site** - <http://www.pdtca.org/sched-mobile-site.html>
 - Program is fully loaded into Sched
 - Delegates **CANNOT** pre-register via Sched but can sync their choice to their device to create a personal list. The clickable link to the pre-registration site is however available in the session description in Sched. That link takes you to the pre-registration at <http://www.pdtca.org/pre-registration.html>
 - Session evaluations available in Sched this year - Look under the session title and it is a direct link.
 - If you use your actual name when you create a Sched profile, your name will show up in a Google search. To prevent this, you can use a nickname, or use your own name and then go into the control panel and hide your profile.

- **No Cash concession in the Pre-Function area**
 - There is a main floor Starbucks in the Marriott adjacent to the South CTCC, a new coffee shop on the main floor of the North CTCC (Rosso Coffee Roasters Cafe), and a coffee shop on the main floor of the Hyatt hotel (Bakers Cafe).

- **Owl's Nest Books - our returning book vendor**
 - They are willing to order book titles and/or authors teachers would like. Please email book store **before January 30** with requests to Susan Hare contact@owlsnestbooks.com
 - **Hours** – 7:30 – 4:00 on Thursday and 7:30 – 2:30 on Friday

- **Follow us on Twitter and Facebook**
 - **@palliserc**
 - **use #pdtc**

- **Find us on Facebook**
 - Palliser District Teachers' Association

- **Free Wireless Internet**
 - Both the Hyatt hotel and CTCC are offering our teachers free low bandwidth Wi-Fi. The Wi-Fi at the Hyatt will work in the Imperial Ballroom area. The Wi-Fi at the CTCC will work in the Glen and TELUS rooms as well as the area outside Exhibition Hall. There is NO Wi-Fi in the Macleod rooms. If you desire a higher bandwidth Wi-Fi at the CTCC, you can self-pay from your device.
 - **Hyatt:** Delegates can join the network PDT2018. No passcode required for delegate access.
 - **TCC:** delegates select the network PDTCFree, open a web browser and you will see a page where you can choose 45 minute - 512 kb option from dropdown menu, accept the terms and press connect me.

- **Off Site Sessions**
 - Check the website for details. Transportation is NOT provided to off site sessions

- **Glenbow Museum**
 - Special rate of \$5.00 when you show your ATA card during convention

- **Social workers, psychologists, therapists or clinicians**
 - Employed by member school boards of the convention may attend and will pay for the associate ATA membership fee plus the regular member convention fee.

Contact information to register is on our www.pdtca.org website under Delegates/Out of District.

- **Delegates Link** at <http://www.pdtca.org/delegate-information.html> – check it out for helpful information.

- **Honorary President for Convention 2018**
 - Cindy Gerodo - a retired teacher from Three Drums of Wheat Local – see website for more information on Cindy Gerodo . <http://www.pdtca.org/honorary-president.html>

- **Booking Hotel:** Convention website has the link for the Hyatt Hotel and the Fairmont Palliser Hotel (**Deadline for Block Rates - Sunday, January 21st, 2018**)
Hotel Rates 2018:
 - **Hyatt Hotel** - Single/Double: \$235.00 plus tax <http://www.pdtca.org/hyatt.html>
 - **Palliser Hotel** – Single/Double: \$240.00 plus tax <http://www.pdtca.org/fairmont-palliser.html>Or call direct at:
 - **Hyatt Hotel: 717-1234** **Palliser Hotel: 262-1234**

- **Parking** – arrive early – more information posted on the website <http://www.pdtca.org/parking.html>

- **Lunch** – Hyatt Hotel (Thomson's Dining Room)
 - Is offering a buffet lunch special on both days of convention

- **Coat Check** – is available (both days) just outside the Macleod Rooms for a nominal fee

- **At a Glance schedules and Maps** will be posted throughout the venues

- **Questions???** Try the **frequently asked questions link** on the website, check the Delegate information link at <http://www.pdtca.org/faq.html> or contact a convention representative from your local. See the website for board member names.