

Program Chair Report

January 12/13, 2018

Highlights of 2017 Program:

Pillars for our focus

- Mental Health
- Staff and Student Wellness
- Supporting LGBTQ youth
- 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)
- Strathmore High School New Blood: A Story of Reconciliation
 - Please note that this keynote will not move, delegates have to
 - Talk back that afternoon with actors, elders etc.

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
- ATA President 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
- Ever Active –mini Wellness Conference on Friday morning, open to ALL

Offsite Sessions

- Masters Academy & college
- The Calgary Zoo
- SAIT
- Variety of Schools throughout our jurisdictions
- Rafter U7 Ranch, Cartstairs, Alberta
- Edison School, Okotoks, Alberta

There is NO transportation provided to any offsite session. Delegates are responsible for finding their own way there and back

Pre-Registration is now open! Please promote this with your teachers!

- 30+ sessions require pre-registration (some are already filled)
- All on-site sessions with pre-registration will have a Board member assigned to monitor entrance of registrants only

Sched.com app is now populated with the program

- <http://www.pdtca.org/sched-mobile-site.html> o Mobile version (above) for phones
- Also works on desktops / laptops in a different view
- Teachers who wish to create a profile and schedule are advised not to use personal information (ie – full name as username)

Please pass on and promote Twitter **@palliserc #pdtc**

Facebook at **Palliser District Teachers' Convention**

Teachers in sessions filled to capacity will be asked by a Board member to produce an **ATA card** as identification.

- may be a plastic, paper or digital version
- available through online ATA account My Profile -> Member Card

Owl's Nest Books is on-site book vendor.

- Will again be located at far end of pre-convention area
- Any interested teachers who wish to suggest book titles or topics for the convention are welcome to email contact@owlsnestbooks.com, Attn. Susan Hare; before **January 30th**