

 **Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association** 

**Minutes
Full Board Meeting
Hyatt Hotel
January 19, 2019
9:00 a.m. (Breakfast 8:30)**

In attendance:

A. Amirault, S. Buchfink, A. Caporicci, E. Clarkson, A. Craigie, C. Crane, A. Doyle, V. Doyle, D. Egert, R. El Asté, A. England, L. Fagan, J. Fenton, J. Geiger, L. Gibson, M. Glavine, C. Gonsalvez, R. Hatch, B. Hohenwarter, T. Hrysak, L. Kestle, S. Leppa, P. Morck, J. Munton, A. Neefe, L. Neville, J. Partlo, S. Paton, A. Rai Nannan, M. Shain, Y. Toney, A. Van Vliet, C. Vandermeer, S. Watson, M. Watt, J. White, J. Yersh

Absent:

D. Grassick, B. Yagos, T. O'Neill, W. Lorenz, N. Emond, M. Doz, K. Hinton, A. Szuromi,

1. **Call to order** – 8:59 am.
2. **Welcome**
 - Introductions
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Addition in New Business** – 9.4 C.C.R. - Committee on Convention Review Validation Survey and 9.5 Leadership Quality Standards In service
 - **Motion: That PDTCA adopts the agenda as amended of the January 19, 2019 meeting.** Moved by A. Doyle/Seconded by S. Paton. CARRIED
4. **Minutes of previous meeting**
 - **Motion: That PDTCA approve the minutes of the September 15, 2018 meeting.** Moved by A. England/seconded by S. Paton. Carried
5. **Correspondence**
 - Notice of Absence from Michelle Doz, Theresa O'Neill, Wayne Lorenz, N. Emond, Bertha Yagos, Kristine Hinton, David Egert
 - A. Szuromi on leave
 - Resignation from Denise Lemieux
 - From D. Grassick – Updated Alternate Convention Eligibility and Payment Process
 - Mark D. Swanson – Leadership Certificate In-Service Programs During Convention

6. Treasurer's Report

- S. Leppa presented the financial report.

7. Executive Reports

7.1. President – A. Craigie – Report posted

- President Email: president@pdtca.org
- Thanked the executive and board for their work in planning the 2019 PDTCA Convention
- Attended the Fall Convention meeting and
 - Regional Meetings this year instead of all 10 boards together
 - Review of Provincial handbook and consolidation of answers to FAQs (pre-service teachers, retired teachers, out-of-district applications, etc.)
- Attended Fall PDAC in November
 - Lots of breakout sessions
 - Phil McRae keynote on Friday night – 'Education in a Digitally Saturated World'
 - Provincial update from Dr. Mark Swanson on Saturday
- Attended the Policy Review and Executive meeting in November
 - Decided to keep that December Executive meeting
- More information in New Business for upcoming jobs A. Craigie will do before our convention

7.2. Past President – J. Fenton

- Alternate PD Requests
 - 25 people requested alternate PD 6 initially declined – 1 went to appeal.
 - 20 Approved

7.3. Vice President - J. Munton (report posted)

- Vests for this year's convention are here – Ordered from Watches and More in Airdrie – will be handed out at the break this morning
- Nametags will be ordered after this meeting and can be picked up at the Honorary Presidents Reception
- All board members are expected to attend (you do not have to wear your red vest on that evening)
- Jen sent out the Google Doc for sign up duties – they opened up at 8:00 pm on Friday night.
 - All board members need to sign up for 5 duties
 - We have added a few new locations to the duties list
- Board Member Responsibilities during Convention
 - We would like all board members to wear your red vest during convention not just when you are signed up for a location
 - Pre-registration Sessions – need to mark people off as they arrive
 - Lunch greeter is also checking off names as people arrive or will add names as people arrive
 - Each room will have a Session Full Sign that needs to be put up if necessary
 - If the speaker needs help with Tech stuff, there are Techs available to help.
- Andrew Doyle will be doing our social media
- Honorary President – Lorrie Morales

7.4. Program – P. Morck (report posted)

- **Program Chair Email:** program@pdtca.org
- **Program Assistant** – Christine Crane
- **Pillars of Focus:**
 - Mental Health Staff and Student
 - Wellness Supporting
 - LGBTQ youth
 - Truth and Reconciliation
- **Keynotes**
 - Dr. Jody Carrington – First, Last & All Ways
 - Lowell & Julie Taylor (Canadian Amazing Race) Turning Obstacles into Opportunities
 - Aaron Paquette – Literacy, Truth & Reconciliation
- **Featured Speakers**
 - Stan Kutcher – cancelled due to getting “The Order of Canada” at the same time.
 - New Blood Performance “Follow the Sun” – Friday afternoon show
 - Human Library
 - Jennifer Giffen
 - Ever Active Mini Wellness Conference
- **Off Site Sessions**
 - Wellness retreat in Canmore
 - Hiking, snowshoeing, athletic coaching and teaching certification, sessions at SAIT and the Zoo
 - Bell Music Centre – discount for teachers \$13.50 with an ATA card
 - Glenbow Museum – discount for teachers \$5.00
- Owl’s Nest Books – vendor
- REMIND app – possible problems
- Sched.org mobile app – created your own time table – it is not a registration to any sessions
- Highlights on Facebook and Twitter @palliserC

7.5. Facilities – J. White (Report posted)

- **Board Policy states that board members must:** “Inform the President, Secretary and the Facilities Assistant, a minimum of eighteen days prior to your absence, if you are unable to attend any board function.”
- **Convention Meeting Dates**
 - February 21/22, 2019 (Convention)
 - April 5/6, 2019 (possibly change to March)
 - May 10/11, 2019
 - September 27/28, 2019
- **Room Rates** for 2019 – Book now until Jan. 23, 2019 at the convention rate
 - Hyatt: Single/Double \$239.00 plus 12.27% tax
 - Fairmont Palliser Single/Double \$245.00 plus tax.
- Reminder that the deadline for hotel booking is Jan. 23, 2019
- ATA cards will be asked for if the room is full, which means one person per chair.
- ATA cards are needed to get the discounted price for the Glenbow Museum and the Music Center.

- Lunch is provided to all board members and all speakers on both days 11:00 to 1:30 pm
- Honorary President's Reception – 6:30 – 9:00 pm
- Local Banners are needed at the beginning of the Honorary President's Reception so they can be hung in the Pre-Function area.
- L. Neville will look into changing the date for the April meeting to March
 - So, we have our wrap up meeting closer to the end of Convention and to create some space between that meeting and the May meeting which kicks off the new planning season
 - Also, at times there is a conflict of Spring/Easter break in the different locals

7.6. Exhibits – T. Hrysak (report posted)

- 133/156 booths sold, 23 Booths left
- We are still accepting exhibitors.
- Cost per booth - \$567.00

7.7. Publicity/Website/Evaluations – B. Yagos - absent (report posted)

- Website is continually being updated.
- Pre-registration sessions opened on January 7th, 2019
- Link to the Sched.org is on the website

7.8. Secretary – S. Paton – No report

- Information is posted on the webpage within 2 weeks of the meeting date
- Please notify the President, Facilities Chair and Secretary when you cannot attend a meeting

7.9. District Rep – M. Glavine – Report posted

- Just got back from PEC
- Leadership certification will be provided at the same time as Conventions are happening - this is specific for AP's and VP's – Principals are grandfathered in – More information in the ATA news – this will allow them to get certification at no charge to them. The Government is paying for this by giving the ATA a grant.
 - Pathways to Leadership – need to register through the ATA
- I believe in Public Education
 - Ibelieveinpubliceducation.ca
- Election Campaign has started and ends March 18, 2019
- Provincially we have an average of 79% of members signed up – an online account is needed in order to vote
- Provincial bargaining is ongoing
- Political Engagement Seminar – March 1st, 2nd, 2019

Motion: That PDTCA receives the committee reports as presented.

Moved by Amrit Rai Nannan /Seconded by S. Paton. CARRIED

8. Old Business

8.1. Requests for Alternate Professional Development report – J. Fenton

- See Past President Report

8.2. Honorary President's Reception – L. Neville

- Thomson's Dining room – 6:30 – 9:00

- All board members are asked to attend
- 8.3. **Name tags and vests** – J. Munton
- New vests were handed out at the Break
 - Old vests – do not donate due to the logo on the vest – throw it out
 - New name tags can be picked up at the Honorary President’s Reception
 - The board will order large buttons that say “I speak French” to help welcome the Francophone delegates (this will be written in French)
- 8.4. **Policy Changes from the December meeting** – J. Fenton
- Possibility of changing the date of the April meeting to March permanently so we meet sooner after Convention and create some space between that meeting and the May meeting which kicks off the new planning season
9. **New Business**
- 9.1. **Board Member duties sign up** – J. Munton
- The Google doc. Sign up opened Friday night at 8:00 pm
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- 9.3. **Exhibitor of the Year** – T. Hrysak
- Jim Miller – The Nut Man
- 9.4. **CCR – Committee on Convention Review Validation Survey**
- The committee came up with 20 to 30 recommendations in a draft report
 - PEC requested that we do another survey to validate the recommendations – this was sent to all teachers – closes January 31/19
 - An email went out to all teachers to fill out the validation survey. Please encourage all teachers to fill it out.
- 9.5. **Leadership Certificate In-Service Program**
- This program will be offered at Wind Sport in Calgary during our Convention
 - Need to sign up on line through the ATA
10. **Action Items**
- 10.1. **Invited Guests** – Superintendents and Board Members – A. Craigie
- They will be invited to our Keynote speakers
- 10.2. **News Release from President** – A. Craigie
- Andrea will send it out to S. Paton and she will send it out to all board members
- 10.3. **Local Concerns**
- Board consideration – where are you in your two-year term.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.