



# Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



**Minutes  
Full Board Meeting  
Hyatt Hotel  
September 28, 2019  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast 8:30)**

**In attendance:** S. Buchfink, A. Caporicci, E. Clarkson, A. Craigie, C. Crane, A. Doyle, V. Doyle, M. Doz, D. Egert, R. El Asté, N. Emond, A. England, L. Fagan, C. Fraser, L. Gibson, R. Hatch, , B. Hohenwarter, T. Hrysak, S. Leppa, , K. McElroy, P. Morck, J. Munton, L. Murphy, A. Neefe, T. O'Neill, S. Paton, A. Rai Nannan, D. Saunderson, M. Shain, Y. Toney, C. Vandermeer, C. Wasyluniuk, S. Watson, M. Watt, J. White, J. Yersh,

**Absent:** B. Baum, C. Gonsalvez, K. Hinton, W. Lorenz, L. Neville, B. Yagos,

1. **Call to order** – 9:00 am.

2. **Welcome**

3. **Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion: That PDTCA adopts the agenda of the September 28, 2019 meeting. Moved by T. Hrysak/Seconded by A. England. CARRIED**

4. **Minutes of previous meeting**

- **Motion: That PDTCA approve the minutes of the May 11, 2019 PDTCA meeting. Moved by R. Hatch/Seconded by A. Craigie. CARRIED**

5. **Correspondence**

- Notice of Absence from Chris Gonsalvez, Brenton Baum, Kristine Hinton, Amy Van Vliet, Bertha Yagos, Larry Neville (Saturday only)
- Joanne Partlo resigned
- Tracey McFeeters – Convention Annual Report
- P. McRae – 2019/20 Strategic Planning Grant Program information
- D. Grassick – Amazing Race Winners - James Makosis and Anthony Johnson

6. **Treasurer's Report** - S. Leppa (report posted)

- S. Leppa presented the financial report.
- Hand in your claim form and cheques will be mailed as B. Yagos is away.
- S. Leppa presented the Auditor's Report.
  - One person from each local needs to give one copy to their Local ATA treasurer.
  - S. Leppa will also send a copy to each local treasurer electronically.
- **S. Leppa/S. Paton moved to adopt the Auditor's Report as presented. Carried**
- Suggested surplus from ATA is 20 – 50 % surplus – we have a 43% surplus

7. **Executive Reports**

7.1. **President** – J. Munton – (report posted)

- Fall Convention Meeting – Friday, November 29, 2019 – Focus will be on Media Relations training session. They are suggesting that each board have one person that is in charge of talking to the media.
  - Jen Munton and Andrew Doyle will attend
- Fall PDAC – Friday, November 29th (evening), Saturday, November 30th, 2019
  - Jen Munton and Susan Paton will attend
- Documentary – “Backpacks Full of Cash” – discussion
  - Will wait until Jonathan Tegtmeyer before a decision is made
- Welcome breakfast for New Delegates to PDTCA
- President Email: [president@pdtca.org](mailto:president@pdtca.org)

#### 7.2. **Past President** – A. Craigie (Report posted)

- Board Members, please remind all teachers in your local the deadline to apply for Alternate PL during Convention is January 10, 2020. The procedure is outlined under the “Delegates” tab, on the pdtca.org website. <https://www.pdtca.org/alternate-pd-request.html>

#### 7.3. **Vice President** – J. White

- Convention Vests – Vests will be here to try on and take tomorrow.
- New Name tags – All new board members receive a nametag
- Frequently Asked Questions – Let Jill know if you have any questions to add to the web page.
  - We can then translate them into French.
- Honorary President – will take nominations later in the agenda

#### 7.4. **Program** – P. Morck (Report Posted)

- Program Chair Email: [program@pdtca.org](mailto:program@pdtca.org)
- 98% full
- Thursday Morning Keynotes
  - Todd Whitaker “What Great Teachers Do Differently”
  - Shelley Moore “Inclusion: Who, What, Where, When and WHY?!”
  - Michael Lansberg “Darkness and Hope: Depression, Sports and Me”
  - Steve Bissonnette “L’effet enseignant et l’enseignement efficace”
- Other Featured Speakers
  - Garfield Gini-Newman
  - Todd Whitaker
  - Nadine Russel – Human Library
- Other Offsite sessions
  - Fly fishing, Guitar Building, Equine for Wellness, Curling
  - Lots of Outdoor activities around Calgary
  - Several sessions at Calgary Zoo
  - Adobe Learning at Quick Draw Animation Studios
  - I Fly STEM (indoor skydiving) workshops for teachers
  - Human Library – Thursday afternoon
  - Ever Active Mini conference in Canmore
  - U of C projects (Education Students) luncheon
- Book Vendor – Owl’s Nest Books
- Sched.org – mobile app

- Facebook page – Palliser District Teachers' Convention
- Twitter @palliserc

#### 7.5. **Facilities** – C. Crane (Report posted)

- PDTCA Meeting Dates (Executive/Full Board)
  - Dec. 6, 2019 (Executive only)
  - Jan 17/18, 2020
  - Feb 20/21, 2020 Convention
  - Mar 27/28, 2020
  - May 8/9, 2020
- Room Rates for 2020 – Book now until Jan. 22, 2020 at the convention rate
  - Hyatt: Single/Double \$239.00 plus 12.27% tax
  - Fairmont Palliser Single/Double \$245.00 plus tax.
  - Online booking link is on the website <https://www.pdtca.org>
- Board Member Room Booking for Convention – A Google doc. was sent out for board members to sign up for their hotel room
- Coat check will still be available

#### 7.6. **Exhibits** – T. Hrysak (report posted)

- 2020 Convention rates for a Regular booth are \$540.00 + 27.00 tax = \$567.00 and Not for profit rate of \$440.00 + 22.00 tax = \$462.00
- Online registration is open and doing well  
81/156 booked for 2020 Convention
- 8 booths block booked by ACENT for a Francophone section

#### 7.7. **Publicity/Website/Evaluations** – B. Yagos (Absent)

- Website has all the approved sessions listed in Browse and Search modes
- Exhibitors who have a booth are listed on the website
- We are using Sched mobile site – ATA has paid for our log in rights again this year. This will be set up when the program solidified.
- Pre-registration will be from January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.
- 194 contracts have been sent out and only 27 left to sign

#### 7.8. **Secretary** – S. Paton

- 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. I will change how the emails are sent so that when you (board members) need to let us know you will not be attending - just hit "Reply All" and all three people will receive your email.

#### 7.9. **District Rep** –

- We do not have a DR

#### 7.10. **ATA Rep** – C. Gonsalvez – Absent

- Dan Grassick presented for Chris Gonsalvez
- Calgary District Representative By-Election
- Summary
  - Nomination deadline is October 3 @ 5 pm. If there's more than one nominee, voting will take place and the winner will be announced on October 25. Until a new District Representative is elected for your area,

please send your questions or concerns to Jason Schilling, ATA President, at [jason.schilling@ata.ab.ca](mailto:jason.schilling@ata.ab.ca). More info, duties, and nomination package can be found at:

<https://www.teachers.ab.ca/News%20Room/ata%20news/Vol54/No1/Pages/Run-to-represent-Calgary-District-teachers.aspx>

- Webinar regarding Bill 9, Salary Arbitration, and the MacKinnon Report
- Summary:
  - We're settled until the central agreement ends in August 2020; no job action can be taken until then (i.e. no work-to-rule, no strikes). A webinar of the recent video town hall is posted at the following link. Someone asked if this was going to be taken down at some point. I can't find any information that says this  
[https://www.teachers.ab.ca/VidCast/Pages/2019-09-24\\_WebcastOnDemand.aspx](https://www.teachers.ab.ca/VidCast/Pages/2019-09-24_WebcastOnDemand.aspx)
- MLA Letter Writing Campaign
- Summary:
  - All members are encouraged to download the letter templates and send them to your MLA. We've seen that pressure to MLAs and Ministers can make a difference. More information and templates can be found at:  
<https://www.teachers.ab.ca/News%20Room/Campaigns/Pages/MLA-Letter-Writing-Campaign.aspx>

**Motion: That PDTCA receives the committee reports as presented.  
Moved by C. Wasylynuik/Seconded by Y. Toney CARRIED**

## 8. Old Business

### 8.1. Summer Conference – Jenn Munton and Veronica Doyle (report posted)

- New location this year for Convention Delegates and Specialist Councils was in Canmore – worked really well
- Introduce letter writing program
  - Heard from Obama's Campaign organizer Sara El-Amine
    - Wants teachers to tell their stories
    - Don't be afraid to advocate for the students in your classroom
- How do we ensure that Jason Schilling (ATA President) is speaking in front of more teachers?
  - One idea is for Jason to introduce one of our Keynote speakers
  - Another idea - Do a meet and greet with Jason Schilling
- Watch for overlapping similar sessions
- Media Relations – ATA is hosting a Media session on November 29<sup>th</sup> to analyze our speaker list for controversy.
- Ideas – how to get delegates to stay on that Friday afternoon – some conventions offer a prize
  - Some ideas from discussion
    - During the Keynote – add more housekeeping information such as prizes, draws, etc.
    - Need board members to know more about what's happening so they can encourage the delegates – President will give all board members a quick tour on the Wednesday evening before the Honorary Presidents reception.
- Welcome breakfast for New Delegates to PDTCA – we are going to try this for the 2020 Convention

## 9. New Business

### 9.1. Fall Professional Development Area Conference (PDAC) – November 29 & 30, 2019

- Two delegates will be sent – Theme: Connecting
- Jen Munton and Andrew Doyle will attend

### 9.2. Honorary President 2020 – Nominations – J. White

- Leslie Gibson nominated Jerri Perren a retired teacher from Prairieland School Division
- Lisa Murphy Nominated Vern Roth a retired teacher from Canadian Rockies School Division
- David Egert nominated Larry Albrecht a retired teacher from Palliser North School Division
- Camen Wasylynuik nominated Michelle Glavine a teacher from Rocky View School Division
- Private ballot was taken – A. Craigie and D. Grassick counted the ballots
- **Jerrie Perren will be our Honorary President for the 2020 PDTCA**
  - Leslie will contact Jerrie and see if she accepts.

### 9.3. Budget – Sherry Leppa

- S. Leppa presented the budget
- Convention fees did not go up this year - \$94.00 plus tax
- **S. Leppa/S. Paton moved to adopt the budget as presented.**
- **D. Grassick moved to amend the proposed budget to add \$3000.00 for the New Delegates breakfast the morning of the PDTCA Convention 2020.**
- **S. Leppa/S. Paton moved to accept the amended budget. Carried.**

## 10. Action Items

### 10.1. Local Concerns

- Concerned about young teachers and the turmoil they are teaching in
  - D. Grassick spoke about this issue stating that having our ATA President Jason Schilling speak at our Convention.

**Meeting adjourned by J. White/A. Rai Nanan at 11:07 a.m.**