



# Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



**Minutes  
Executive Board Meeting  
Hyatt Hotel  
September 27, 2019  
5:00 p.m.**

**In attendance:**

C. Crane, S. Leppa, S. Paton, J. Munton, A. Craigie, T. Hrysak, L. Neville, P. Morck, J. White, D. Grassick

**Absent:**

C. Gonsalvez, B. Yagos

1. **Call to order** – 5:01 p.m.

2. **Welcome** –

2.1. **Emergent issue due to weather** – a board member asked if they could get a room due to the weather – It states in the Policy 3.2 that if necessary the President can approve accommodation for a board member if needed.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion: That PDTCA adopts the agenda of the September 27, 2019 meeting.** Moved by Paulette Morck/Seconded by A. Craigie. CARRIED

4. **Minutes of previous meeting**

- **Motion: That PDTCA approve the minutes of the May 10, 2019 PDTCA meeting.** Moved by A. Craigie/Seconded by S.Paton. CARRIED

5. **Correspondence**

- Notice of Absence from C. Gonsalvez, B. Baum, K. Hinton, B. Yagos, Amy Van Vliet,
- 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**

- S. Leppa presented the financial report.
- Tomorrow Sherry will collect claim forms and mail them due to Bertha being away.
- S. Leppa presented the Auditor's Financial Report. One person from each local needs to give one copy to their Local ATA treasurer.
- We are supposed to be in the 20 – 50 % surplus – we have a 43% surplus

## 7. Executive Reports

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

- Media Relations training session – Friday, November 29, 2019
  - Suggesting that each board have one person talk to the media
  - We need to send two people to this session
- Documentary – “Backpacks Full of Cash” – discussion
  - Will wait until Jonathan Teghtmeyer before a decision is made
- New Delegate Breakfast or Tour – discussion
  - Ask the board tomorrow to find out how many new teachers they have in their division
- President Email: [president@pdtca.org](mailto:president@pdtca.org)

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

- Remind all your teachers in your local the deadline to apply for Alternate PD 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 to the board meeting tomorrow.
- New Name tags – All new board members receive a nametag

### 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 workshops for teachers
  - Human Library – Thursday afternoon
  - Ever Active Mini conference in Canmore
  - U of C projects wants to put on a luncheon
- **Book Vendor** – Owl’s Nest Books
- **Sched.org**
- **Facebook page** – Palliser District Teachers’ Convention
- **Twitter @palliserc**

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

- **Convention Meeting Dates**
  - Dec. 6, 2019
  - 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, 2019 at the convention rate
  - Hyatt: Single/Double \$239.00 plus 12.27% tax
  - Fairmont Palliser Single/Double \$245.00 plus tax.
- Google doc. Form will be sent out tonight for board members to sign up for hotel rooms at the 2020 convention
- Coat check will still be available

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

- 2020 Convention rates for a Regular booth are \$540.00 + tax = \$567.00 and Not for profit rate of \$440.00 + 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

- 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** – D. Grassick

- Interesting political times – budget Oct 24.
- D. Grassick will speak to Full Board tomorrow.

#### 7.10. **ATA Rep** – C. Gonzoloz - Absent

**Motion: That PDTCA receives the committee reports as presented.**

Moved by A. Craigie/Seconded by J. White. CARRIED

### 8. **Old Business**

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

- New location this year – Canmore
- Introduce letter writing program
  - Teachers need to tell their stories

- Jason Schilling – ATA President
  - Talked about how we can get Jason Schilling speaking in front of more teachers
  - Possibly 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.
- Welcome breakfast for New Delegate to PDTCA

## 9. **New Business**

### 9.1. **Fall PDAC – November 29 & 30, 2019**

- Two delegates need to be sent – Theme: Connecting

### 9.2. **Fall Convention Association Meeting -**

- Media training – November 29, 2019

### 9.3. **Annual Report**

- S. Paton will fill in and send to Tracey

### 9.4. **Budget – Sherry Leppa**

- S. Leppa presented the budget to the executive
- After presenting it to the full board tomorrow she will make a motion to approve the budget.

Meeting adjourned by J. Munton/S. Paton at 7:03 p.m.