



## **Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association**

Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers

January 2020

Website: [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org)

Convention 2020 – February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

- **8:00 am start time**
  - Pre-function area open at 7:30 am on both days
  - 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on Thursday
  - 8:00 am – 2:15 pm on Friday
  
- **Keynote Speakers Thursday – Start time 8:30 am**  
<http://www.pdtca.org/thursday-morning.html>
  
- **Exhibition Hall E**
  - **8:30 Shelley Moore** - Inclusion: Who, What, Where, When and Why?
  - **10:15 Todd Whitaker** - What Great Teachers Do Differently
  
- **Macleod Hall Ballroom**
  - **8:30 Michael Lansberg** - Darkness and Hope Depression, Sports, and Me
  - **10:15 Shelley Moore** - Inclusion: Who, What, Where, When and Why?
  
- **Imperial Ballrooms (Hyatt)**
  - **8:30 Todd Whitaker** - What Great Teachers Do Differently
  - **10:15 Michael Lansberg** - Darkness and Hope Depression, Sports, and Me
  
- **French Speaking Keynote Thursday Glen Rooms 201/202**
  - **8:30 Steve Bissonnette** - L'effet enseignant et l'enseignement efficace
  - **10:15 Steve Bissonnette** - L'effet enseignant et l'enseignement efficace
  
- **Featured Speakers - <http://www.pdtca.org/other.html>**
  - Jason Schilling: ATA President
  - Garfield Gini-Newman
  - Guide to success: Sustaining inquiry through focused feedback
  - Inspired Learning! Teaching for Conceptual Understanding through Sustained Inquiry
  - Nadine Russell - Human Library
  - Todd Whitaker
  
- **ATA President – Jason Schilling - Friday 8:30 – Exhibition Hall C**
  - Jason Schilling Unplugged
  
- **Honorary President 2020 - Jerrie Perrin** - a retired teacher from Prairieland School Division - A full write up is posted on the web page. <https://www.pdtca.org>
  
- **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 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Booking Hotel:** Convention website has the link for the **Hyatt Hotel and the Fairmont Palliser Hotel – (Deadline for Block Rates – Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**  
**Hotel Rates 2020**
    - Hyatt Hotel - Single/Double: \$245.00 plus tax <http://www.pdtca.org/hyatt.html>
    - Palliser Hotel – Single/Double: \$250.00 plus tax <http://www.pdtca.org/fairmont-palliser.html>
- Or call direct at:
- **Hyatt Hotel: 717-1234**                      **Palliser Hotel: 262-1234**
- **ATA Membership cards are needed for Admittance:**
    - If the rooms are full you will be asked to show your card
    - ATA cards can be printed, or a digital version downloaded, from ATA website
  - **Pre-registration for sessions opened-** January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and will close February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am <http://www.pdtca.org/pre-registration.html> - Any session with a participant fee will be collected cash on site (exact change required)
    - **Canceling** - Delegates are reminded to delete themselves from a session they are no longer wanting to be registered for, so the space is available for someone else. After February 12<sup>th</sup>, they should email [info@pdtca.org](mailto:info@pdtca.org) or ask to have their name crossed off the list at the convention information desk at convention before the session begins.
  - **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 - Look under the session title and it is a direct link. We will be using 3 faces evaluation link in Sched to evaluate sessions. You must have an account to access this feature.
    - 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 bookstore before January 30 with requests to Susan Hare [contact@owlsnestbooks.com](mailto:contact@owlsnestbooks.com)
    - Hours – 7:30 – 4:00 on Thursday and 7:30 – 2:30 on Friday
  - **Follow us on Twitter and Facebook** – icons can be found at the top of our website page [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org)
    - **@palliserc**
    - **use #pdtc**
    - **Facebook** – Palliser District Teachers' Association

- **Free Wireless Internet**
  - Both the Hyatt hotel and TELUS Convention Center are offering our teachers free low bandwidth Wi-Fi.
- **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
- **Delegates Link** at <http://www.pdtca.org/delegate-information.html> – check it out for helpful information.
- **Exhibits Booth space still available** - <https://www.pdtca.org/login-register-payment-forms.html>
- **Parking** – arrive early – more information posted on the website <http://www.pdtca.org/parking.html>
- **Lunch** – Thomson’s Dining Room in the Hyatt Hotel
  - Is offering a buffet lunch special on both days of convention
- **Coat Check** – is available (both days) just outside the Macleod Rooms compliments of PDTCA
- **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](http://www.pdtca.org) website under Delegates/Out of District.
- **At a Glance schedules and Maps**
  - Will be posted throughout the venues during convention
  - A printable pdf of the Convention at a Glance will be available on the home page of the PDTCA website about two weeks before convention. This will look just like the big posters. There are changes still occurring so it can't be any sooner.
- **Questions???** Try the frequently asked questions link on the website or contact a convention representative from your local. See the website for board member names. <https://www.pdtca.org/faq.html>