

President's Report
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“It's fine. I'm fine. Everything's fine.” ~ Ross Gellar

The following items have been in the works since our meetings in November and December:

- Attended our December 4th Executive Meeting and Annual Policy Review held on Zoom
 - Reviewed PDTCA Policy and made changes based upon new motions from November meeting (Convention by the Numbers)
 - Minutes and Highlights were forwarded to locals and are on the website
- Worked with Jill and Bertha to help prepare our moderator sign up information
- Prepared Media release that will be sent out to all Palliser locals
- Prepared email to Superintendents with an invitation to attend PDTCA keynotes online. There are no requests for Alternate PD, so there will be no updates to Superintendents regarding teachers who have been approved or denied.
- Liaised with Bertha to create a teacher Q and A session on Wednesday, February 17th in Sched that will be linked to a zoom meeting and will be 'manned' by Tara and I.
- Recording a welcome to our event on Tuesday, January 19th

I would like to thank everyone for the diligence and willingness to volunteer as needed this year. Planning to take an in-person event and move it onto a virtual platform is a big task. As we spend the next month gearing up for our event, I am excited for the 4000+ delegates that will be attending our online event. It goes

without saying, but I will say it anyways:), that our event is going to be awesome because of the following people. Thanks especially to:

- Bertha - In a year where IT knowledge has become a precious resource, we so appreciate the research, troubleshooting and willingness of the amazing Bertha, to jump in and figure out the 'how' of this year's convention. Thanks for all the time spent asking questions and figuring out answers. We appreciate you!
- Thanks to Paulette for overseeing the Program and working many additional hours to move our speakers online. Once again, the line-up of sessions is truly incredible. Thank you for the extra effort and meetings attended in order to make this program a reality.
- Thanks to Veronica, Paulette's assistant, for your willingness to jump in and help out with the vetting of sessions as well as additional duties throughout the year.
- Thanks to Sherry for completing several versions of this year's convention budget, for writing cheques to our board members and dealing with the work of payments and expenses through the mail.
- Thanks to Christine for your willingness and hard work in the planning phases of convention. Your flexibility when moving the program online became a reality was appreciated. Thank you for reaching out to CCTCA and making it possible for us to have Jane Goodall on our program.
- Thank you, Larry, for all the additional work of delaying and then cancelling contracts, for the numerous additional meetings that you attended on our behalf and for booking and rebooking FMAV sessions to make our event run smoothly.

- Thanks to Jill for her support and willingness to adapt and help out with the moderators and other issues as they have arisen, as well as for her work liaising with our Honorary President.
- Thanks to Tara for first working to help refund exhibitors their money after our event was deemed virtual, and then working with Bertha and our exhibitors to bring our delegates key contact information about products and services typically offered. Also, thanks, Tara for your flexibility and willingness to work on extra projects as they arose.
- Thanks Sue for keeping us accountable and up to date with important information and the ever changing landscape of convention this year.
- Thanks to Andrew for stepping into a new role in a very unique year. We appreciate your willingness to take on the challenge of showcasing our event.
- Thanks to Andrea for her wisdom and support this year, especially in terms of the wording of motions and policies. With the Alternate PD requests being lighter and the hosting duties on hold, we will join you by raising a glass to the health of each board member :) (and to an in person event next year)
- Thanks to Alison for her creative ideas to assist our delegates and for her willingness to produce our brochure.
- And of course, last but NOT least, a big thanks to each board member for representing your teachers, participating in our many zoom meetings, attending training sessions and moderating during our event. Also, for forwarding our 'How To' information and making sure that our delegates are directed back to our website. I love serving on this board because of the amazing people who work so well together to put on a top notch convention. As I look back on this year

and think of all the changes that have occurred and the challenges that have been presented to us, I am in awe of the teamwork, the grace and professionalism that you have displayed. I am excited to see how everything unfolds and thank each one of you in advance for the work that you will do in the next month:)