



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



**Minutes
Full Board Meeting
Zoom Online
October 2nd, 2021
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Virtual attendance: S. Buchfink, A. Caporicci, E. Clarkson, S. Doikas, A. Doyle, V. Doyle, N. Emond, A. England, L. Fagan, C. Frazer, L. Gibson, A. Gillespie, C. Gonsalvez, R. Hatch, K. Hinton, B. Hohenwarter, T. Hrysak, G. Hunter, S. Leppa, W. Lorenz, K. McElroy, P. Morck, K. Muir, J. Munton, L. Murphy, K. Nakaska, A. Neefe, L. Neville, S. Paton, A. Pollard, A. Rai Nannan, M. Rogers, D. Saunderson, M. Shain, Y. Toney, S. Watson, J. White, B. Yagos, J. Yersh

Absent: B. Baum, C. Crane, A. Van Vliet

1. Call to order at 9:01 am

- 1.1. Welcome
- 1.2. Land Acknowledgement read by Jenn Munton

2. Approval of Agenda

- Bertha requested her report be moved to 7.9 under Executive Reports
- Jill requested we add Honorary President Nominations to 9.5 under New Business.
- **Motion: That PDTCA adopt the amended agenda of the October 2nd, 2021, meeting. Moved by Lindsay Fagan/Seconded by S. Paton. CARRIED**

3. Minutes of previous meeting

- **Motion: That PDTCA approve the minutes of the May 28th, 2021, PDTCA Executive meeting. Moved by Veronica Doyle/Seconded by Yvonne Toney CARRIED**

4. Business arising from the minutes:

- 4.1. PDTCA discussion regarding that some of the Executive and/or Full Board meetings could become online rather than in person.
 - This will be added to the Policy meeting in December.
- 4.2. Renumeration for board members who do not qualify for hotel rooms
 - This will be discussed at the Policy meeting in December.
- 4.3. Sub pay for executive and general board members (when applicable) who are subbing, retired, or on a non-medical leave.
 - This will be discussed at the Policy meeting in December.

5. Correspondence

- Daniel Maas – Shared Pre-Recorded Videos
- Dennis Theobald - Extension of Provisions Relating to COVID-19
- Dennis Theobald – Amendments to Directives Issued 2021 09 09 Concerning Association Subgroup Operations during the COVID 19 Pandemic
- David Egert – resigned

6. Treasurer's Report – S. Leppa

- S. Leppa presented the Audited Financial report – Attaway Inspired Ltd.
 - Sherry Leppa/S. Paton moved to adopt the Audited Report as presented. Carried.
- S. Leppa will pay board members 3 times a year. (End of December, End of February, End of June)
- Remind board members that they will receive \$50.00 per virtual meeting and Sherry will keep track of this though the attendance from the meeting minutes. You do not need to submit a claim form for these meetings.
- If you do something outside of these meeting, you will need to submit a claim form.

7. Executive Reports

7.1. Facilities – C. Crane (absent) and Larry Neville

- Cancellation fees for the 2022 Convention event
 - Larry shared a power point explaining the situation and what we will do to help with the situation.
 - **Hyatt Hotel** - \$52 000 cancellation fee
 - This 52 000-cancellation fee is what we owe the Hyatt for cancelling the in-person convention. The Hyatt has agreed to allow us to use this amount as a credit to towards expenses for Convention 2022. This credit is only good for the days of our Convention unless Alberta goes under a state of emergency.
 - What we don't use, meaning the balance of this will still be payable to the Hyatt upon completion of the event so we have prepared an event plan where we can honor our Board members/Zoom moderator's time and energy with this unique opportunity during the two days of events as well as provide another excellent professional learning experience for our 4000+ teachers in Palliser District.
 - We will use this credit/cancellation fee for:
 - The honorary president's reception on the Wednesday night.
 - Board member/Zoom moderators can stay at the hotel on Wednesday and Thursday night (room and parking paid)
 - Breakfast and lunch for board member/moderators for the Thursday and Friday.
 - **Fairmont Palliser** – \$3585 cancellation fee – this is the money we owe the Palliser Hotel for cancelling.
 - We will use this credit/cancellation fee for:
 - The December Policy executive meeting expenses. This will include hotel rooms and meals for all executive attending the Policy meeting.
- **Hyatt Hotel** waived the cancellation fee for today's meeting. Thank you, Larry!
- **Future Dates**
 - December 10, 2021 – Executive Policy Review
 - January 28/29, 2022
 - February 23, 2022 – Honorary Presidents reception
 - February 24/25, 2022 – Convention
 - March 25/26, 2022
 - May 27/28, 2022

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

- President Email: president@pdtca.org
- Attended Summer Conference
 - Liaised with other convention board executive regarding the sharing of some speakers
 - Specialist council incentive sign up
 - Have social media help with this
 - First council membership is free
- Worked with Tara on Exhibits
- Duties of a Board Member for 2022
 - Attends moderator training
 - Moderate or co-moderate sessions during convention (sessions split between 2 days)

7.3. **Past President** – V. Doyle

- Remind teachers in your local the deadline to apply for Alternate PD during Convention is January 10, 2022. Alternate PD requests go to ATA not PDTCA
 - Check the website to see what is acceptable for Alternate PD
- The link is posted on the PDTCA website
 - <https://ata.smapply.ca>

7.4. **Vice President** – J. White

- Honorary President's reception – We will be honoring two people this year. Theresa O'Neil our 2021 President and this year's President
- **Jill White/Tara Hryszak moved that we increase the honorary gift value for the Honorary President from \$300.00 to \$500.00. CARRIED.**
- Moderating – We would like everyone to take part in moderating a session – the involvement depends on the speaker.

7.5. **Program** – P. Morck

- Program Chair Email: program@pdtca.org
- Thank you to my assistant Veronica Doyle for all the work you have been doing.
- **Thursday Morning Keynotes**
 - **Dr. Michael Ungar** - Resilience – (speaking live, being recorded, and available for 30 days)
 - **Michelle Good** – Cree poet, storyteller, and author of Five Little Indians – (speaking live, being recorded and available for 30 days.)
 - **Gerry Brooks** – Author, Principal, Dad, Fun Maker, Education Influencer
 - **Francophone Keynote** – TBD
- If anyone knows a French speaking speaker, please forward their names to Paulette or Veronica.
- Still hoping we can share a big-name speaker with the other conventions as we are online again this year.
- **Paulette Morck/S. Paton moved that we replace our current local speaker honoraria structure (\$200 for a single session, \$300 for a double session or half day, \$800 for a full day) with a standard structure of \$200 per individual time block. CARRIED.**

7.6. **Exhibits** – T. Hryszak

- Attended Summer Conference. Was able to network with other Exhibits Chairs.
- We are returning to Virtual Booths this year. Due to the large amount of time it takes to input the information on the backend. We are charging. After speaking to several other boards, we looked at the rates being charged by them (ranged from \$100 - \$250). We decided on \$100. These will go live next week.
- We are looking at trying to increase traffic to exhibits. Using ideas that work from other boards, we are looking at engaging people through social media with scavenger hunts and other games for prizes (i.e.: gift cards purchased from our exhibitors)

7.7. **Social Media** – A. Doyle

- All icons are posted on the website
- Andrew will post that we are looking for French Speaking speakers
- If you have any information, you want posted email socialmedia@pdtca.org
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7.8. **Publicity/Website/Evaluations** – B. Yagos

- We had 304 speaking proposals submitted
 - 195 received before June 30
 - 109 were submitted after June 30 so extending the deadline was worth it
- Lots of help vetting speakers this year – Thank you to those board members who helped with the vetting
- Watch for moderator information coming out in January.

7.9. **Secretary** – S. Paton

- I also attended Summer Conference this year. Lots of great information and speakers. My notes have been posted on the minutes page.
- Our Minutes page is a private link and is <https://www.pdtca.org/minutes.html> - This is where you can find the agenda, minutes and executive reports
- 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.

7.10. **District Rep** – Karen Nakaska and Brenton Baum (absent) (Report Posted)

- Shared hi-lights of her report
 - Be prepared to move online – Google Classroom etc.
 - Specialist council link
 - Collective Bargaining met this week – teachers should keep checking the website
 - Substitute conference coming up

- Link for the association's perspective on vaccines – excellent questions and answers
- Shared the Convention Review Plan Progress Report – September 2021
- She will send this out to all executive

7.11. **ATA Rep – C. Gonsalvez**

- Morgex has once again offered to sponsor all our Zoom licenses for the 2022
- Morgex has also offered to sponsor for one Keynote speaker per Convention or a shared speaker
- Alternate PD – The ATA will be taking this over. <https://ata.smapply.ca>
- Fall PDAC – virtual December 3 & 4, 2021 – more people can attend if they would like as it is virtual.
 - PDAC starts on the evening of Friday, December 3, 2021
 - Full Day, Saturday, December 4, 2021
- Fall Convention meeting will be Friday, December 3rd, 2021, during the day.
- Convention By the Numbers Document
 - These numbers can be shared with other conventions without breaking any rules.
- Important to note that WE (PDTCA exec./board members) are not allowed to share speaker fees, hotel fees etc. as this is a breach of contract. It breaks our confidentiality agreement.

Motion: That PDTCA receive the committee reports as presented.

Moved by Paulette Morck/Seconded by Michael Shain. CARRIED

8. **Old Business**

8.1. **Summer Conference (report posted)**

- Jenn, Tara, Larry, and Sue attended Summer Conference this year.
- This was a virtual conference.

8.2. **PEC Decision for the 2022 Convention**

- It was decided that our Convention would be online again this year as we didn't know what the future held.

9. **New Business**

9.1. **Fall PDAC**

- December 3 and 4, 2021 – As this meeting will be virtual more people can attend if they would like.
- It will be Friday, Dec. 3, 2021, in the evening and all day on Saturday, Dec. 4th, 2021

9.2. **Fall Convention Association Meeting**

- December 3, 2021 – during the day.

9.3. **Virtual Teacher's Convention 2022**

- All executives spoke about this in their reports

9.4. **Budget**

- Sherry Leppa presented the new budget.
- **Sherry Leppa/Paulette Morck moved that we adopt the proposed budget as presented for the 2021-2022 Convention year. CARRIED**

9.5. **Honorary President Nominations**

- Carman Reece from Three Drums of Wheat Local nominated Louis Perreault, a retired teacher from the Three Drums of Wheat Local

- Jill White moved that Louis Perreault be recognized as the Honorary President for the 2022 Convention. CARRIED.

10. Action Items

10.1. Local Concerns

- None

Meeting adjourned by Jenn Munton at 11:48 am