



# Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



## Minutes Executive Board Meeting Zoom Online October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Virtual attendance:

C. Crane, A. Doyle, V. Doyle, S. Leppa, S. Paton, J. Munton, T. Hryszak, L. Neville, P. Morck, J. White, B. Yagos, B. Baum, K. Nakiska, C. Gonsalvez

### Absent:

#### 1. Call to order at 10:01 am

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

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

- Karen Nakaska requested her report to be moved to 7.1 under Executive Reports due to her having to leave the meeting early.
- Bertha requested her report be moved to be moved to 7.9
- **Motion: That PDTCA adopt the amended agenda of the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, meeting. Moved by Chris Gonsalvez/Seconded by S. Paton. CARRIED**

#### 3. Minutes of previous meeting

- **Motion: That PDTCA approve the minutes of the May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, PDTCA Executive meeting. Moved by Paulette Morck/Seconded by S. Paton 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.
  - Discussion occurred with executive as to what this means
    - If a board member wants to attend virtually and/or in person PDTCA would honor this request.
    - This discussion will be added to the Policy meeting in December.
- 4.2. Renumeration for board members who do not qualify for hotel rooms
  - This discussion will be added to 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 discussion will be added to 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

### 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.
- Remind board members that they will receive \$50.00 per meeting and Sherry will keep track of this through the attendance from the meeting minutes.

### 7. Executive Reports

#### 7.1. District Rep – Karen Nakaska and Brenton Baum (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

#### 7.2. Facilities – C. Crane

- Cancellation fees for the 2022 Convention event
  - Larry shared a power point explaining the situation, he will share this tomorrow as well.
  - **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 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.
  - **Hyatt Hotel** waived the cancellation fee for tomorrow's meeting. Lucky us!
  - **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.

- **TELUS** contacted Christine and wanted to know if we wanted to do the video introductions like last year.
  - We as an executive feel this is necessary and want to do this again.
  - Larry will organize this with TELUS and those speaking.
- Christine contacted Larry Calaro at Encore for tech support the 2022 convention
- **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

### 7.3. **President** – J. Munton – (report posted)

- President Email: [president@pdtca.org](mailto:president@pdtca.org)
- Attended Summer Conference
  - Liaised with other convention board executive regarding getting started with sharing 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

### 7.4. **Past President** – V. Doyle

- Remind all your 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>

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

- Honorary President – Nominations
  - Jill sent out a reminder email to the Full Board to bring Honorary President names to tomorrow's meeting.
  - At tomorrow's full board meeting Jill will bring a motion up to increase the monetary gift for the Honorary President.

### 7.6. **Program** – P. Morck

- Program Chair Email: [program@pdtca.org](mailto:program@pdtca.org)
- **Thursday Morning Keynotes** (none of the keynotes are presenting live – they will all be pre-recorded)
  - **Dr. Michael Unger** - Resilience – (speaking live and being recorded, and available for 30 days)
  - **Michelle Good** – Cree poet, storyteller, and author of Five Little Indians – 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 will make a motion tomorrow to pay speakers \$200.00 per session rather than pay a half-day session and/or a full day session.

#### 7.7. **Exhibits** – T. Hrysak

- During Summer Conference Tara spoke to other Exhibits chairs to find out what other conventions are charging.
  - We will be charging \$100.00 per exhibitor due to the amount of work involved
  - Possible ideas to encourage delegates to visit exhibitors
    - Scavenger hunt, etc.
    - Gift cards from some of the exhibitors
  - Will work with our Social Media Chair (Andrew) to encourage our delegates to check out the exhibits.

#### 7.8. **Social Media** – A. Doyle

- All icons are posted on the website
- Instagram: @palliserconvention
- Facebook: Palliser District Teachers' Convention
- Twitter: @palliserc
- Andrew will post that we are looking for French Speaking speakers
- If you have any information, you want posted email [socialmedia@pdtca.org](mailto:socialmedia@pdtca.org)

#### 7.9. **Publicity/Website/Evaluations** – B. Yagos

- We had 304 speaking proposals submitted
  - 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
- Bertha spoke to “The Speaker Guidelines”

#### 7.10. **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.

#### 7.11. **ATA Rep** – C. Gonsalvez

- Morgex has once again offered to pay for all our Zoom licenses
- Morgex has also offered to pay for one Keynote speaker
- 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.
- 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

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

Moved by Tara Hrysak/Seconded by S. Paton. CARRIED

## 8. Old Business

### 8.1. Summer Conference (report posted)

- Jenn, Tara, Larry, and Sue attended Summer Conference this year.

### 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 – This meeting will be virtual

### 9.2. Fall Convention Association Meeting

- December 3, 2021 – This meeting will be virtual

### 9.3. Virtual Teacher's Convention 2022

- All executives spoke to this in their reports

### 9.4. Budget

- Sherry Leppa went over the new budget to be presented at the Full Board meeting tomorrow.

### 9.5. PDTCA Meeting Policy

- Jenn would like a meeting policy that executive meetings be in person if possible. We would still offer online to those who want it.
- Chris spoke that having a policy wouldn't really help. We are a subgroup of the ATA, and we need to follow what they tell us.
- We are hoping to have our December Executive Policy meeting in person.

## 10. Action Items

### 10.1. Local Concerns

- None

Meeting adjourned by Jenn Munton at 3:19 pm