

Program Chair Report  
Sept. 30/Oct. 1, 2022  
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**Thursday Morning Keynotes:**

1. Tom Jackson: Actor, Musician, Activist
2. Jessica Holmes: Celebrated Comedian (Royal Canadian Air Farce), Author, Mental Health Advocate
3. Dr. Lisa Bélanger: Behavioural Change Expert | Researcher

\*\*\*Still searching for a francophone keynote, please contact me directly if you have a name:  
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**Highlights:**

**1. Cool Things:**

- a. Friday Featured Speaker/Keynote: Jeremy Dias: Defender for human rights, Founder of the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity and The International Day of Pink.
- b. Friday Featured Speaker/Keynote: Martin Boyce: Stonewall Riot (Uprising) activist, "A watershed event that transformed the gay liberation movement and the twentieth-century fight for LGBT rights in Canada and the United States.
- c. University of Calgary Poster Series.
- d. Partnership with Ecole Blanche from Quebec: Will offer sessions to our French-speaking delegates.

**2. Some Recognizable Names/Organizations Offering Sessions:**

- a. Garfield Gini-Newman, Jeremy Dias, Alberta Assessment Consortium, ATRF, ATRA, AHS, CRC, Elbow River Watershed Partnership (ERWP), Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS), Consortium Provincial Francophone (CPFPP), Inside Education, ATA, Ever-Active Schools, Green Calgary Association, and more!

**3. Offsite Sessions So Far:**

- a. Airdrie: Alternative Schools; Cooking
- b. Downtown Calgary, Nose Hill Park, Fish Creek Park: Learning Outdoors
- c. Okotoks: Fly-Fishing, Curling
- d. Chestermere: Foods

**4. 45+ sessions are being put on by Palliser District's own teachers!**

**5. LOTS of sessions to help with teachers' mental health and well-being!**

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