



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association



Minutes

Executive Board Meeting

Palliser Hotel/Zoom Online

December 1st, 2023 (10:00 – 4:00)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84797790368?pwd=JeiAYWPUa0F1VENDK5CjJqOxgvuv5p.1>

PDTCA Constitution Google Doc

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Gv-chPSQqqDfZAJVNuE-mMMo5qsxwfux/edit?usp=sharing&oid=117915502299263797382&rtpof=true&sd=true>

PDTCA Policy Google Doc

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DIERaubzPI8-9TyNcQtiiC4x3tpv_lq-/edit?usp=sharing&oid=117915502299263797382&rtpof=true&sd=true

In attendance:

C. Crane, A. England, T. Hryszak, S. Leppa, J. Munton, L. Neville, S. Paton, J. White, P. Morck, C. Gonsalvez

Virtual: L. Avramovic, B. Yagos,

Absent: K. Nakaska, B. Baum,

1. Call to order at 10:00 am and Land Acknowledgement – read by Jill White

2. Human Rights Statement

- As an organization that promotes and is committed to respecting human rights and ensuring a safe, secure, and healthy environment for all, the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) works to ensure that all present at or participating in ATA programs and events are protected from violence and harassment.
- All ATA members are therefore expected to promote and defend the fundamental human rights of everyone engaged in ATA programs, activities, or other ATA work. ATA members are expected to treat one another with fairness, respect, and dignity and to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, accountability, competence, and integrity as representatives of the provincial Association as well as their respective locals and subgroups.
- Furthermore, ATA members are obliged to act to prevent violence and harassment wherever possible and report to the appropriate person in authority any suspected breaches of this statement that come to their attention.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion: That PDTCA adopt the amended agenda of the December 1st, 2023, meeting.
- Move 5.2 to after the Executive Reports

- Approval of the amended agenda moved by Jen Munton/Seconded by S. Paton. CARRIED.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

- Motion: That PDTCA approve the minutes of the December 8 & 9, 2022, PDTCA Executive Policy meeting.
- Moved by Tara Hrysak/Seconded by S. Paton. CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1. Review Constitution

- It is now at P.E.C.
- Please check with your local to get the vote that was done that either carried or not for the Constitutional Changes.
- Please send a copy of the minutes to Jill White – President and Susan Paton – Secretary.

5.2. Policy Handbook updates

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6. Correspondence

- Nancy Luyckfassel – Fall Professional Development Conference Information
- Email – Three Drums of Wheat minutes showing the Constitution Changes motion and vote – carried.
- Danny Maas – ATA Workshop Bookings Information
- Danny Maas – Fall Convention Registration
- Karen Nakaska – D.R. October Report
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7. Treasurers Report – S. Leppa

- Connected with all of the locals and they have submitted ½ of their fees.

8. Old Business

8.1. Fall PDC – Tara Hrysak attended.

- Very good
- Great motivational speech by Chris Gonsalvez
 - Radiant Leadership – Lessons in the Dark
- Excellent speakers on Saturday

8.2. Fall Convention meeting – Larry, Tara, Alison, Jill attended.

- Video land acknowledgement was excellent – we are going to use it for Convention.
 - Excellent discussion about the land acknowledgement
- Learned how others do their Vetting Sessions –
 - Each Convention does their vetting in so many ways.
 - How could it be done more efficiently in the summer?
- Jill attended the President's meeting – all convention boards will be raising their fees for the 2024-25 Convention year.

9. Executive Reports

9.1 President – J. White –

- Convention By the Numbers – meeting on Wed. Nov. 27, 2023 – (see report posted)
- Key recommendations
 - Procedural systematic way - as to how to choose a speaker for all people vetting.

- Contract information – procedure – managing contracts – needs to put into Policy.
 - Leaving Larry's Honoria, the same as the Executive positions.
 - Discussion about how Larry's position came to be.
- Speaker/travel fees
 - Committee felt these fees were fine and we should keep it the same.
 - Sherry will be looking into making sure the travel and subsistent is up to date. (includes – km, parking, meals for those only coming out of town)
- Delegate Fees
 - Committee felt fees should increase from \$94.00 to \$115.00 plus tax – a \$21.00 increase.
 - Review fees every 5 years
- Met with Alison to go over program.
- Press Release from ATA – Not going to do as it is not done soon enough to make it worth doing.

9.2 Past President – J. Munton – No report

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9.3 Vice President – C. Crane

- Contacted Greg Doyle about the honorary President.
 - He has accepted and will attend.
 - Need ideas for a gift.
 - Get pictures for the write up.
- Order one vest.
- Name tags –
 - possibly get rid of name tags as we are wearing the red vest – Do we really need name tags?
 - Looked at using Lanyards with name and QR codes.

9.4 Program Chair – A. England – Report Posted

- (see report for more details)
- 9:00 am – 3:20 Start on both days.
- 60-minute sessions
- Want to use the Video Land Acknowledgment.
 - When should we be doing the Land Acknowledgement?
 - Could put it at the top of our SCHED
- Keynotes are booked.
- Featured speakers booked.
- Friday Afternoon – looking at possibly having an Arts Common, not sure about booking a Keynote.
- Booked 13 ATA sessions.
- Ideas for future
 - Host an in person vetting session.

9.5 Facilities – L. Avramovic – Report Posted

- (see report for more details)
- Remind board members to book their hotel room on the Google Doc. – Deadline is December 15th.
- January 19/24 – Final meeting before convention.
- No longer a designated coat check due to renovations.

- Wifi will be available at Convention again this year.
- Need digital Banners sent to Larry Neville. We are no longer using physical banners.
- Final date to book a hotel room at the conference rate is January 19, 2024
- Reduced the room block at both hotels – Hyatt and Palliser Hotel
- Cost savings for AV – from 2023 to 2024 as they have frozen their rates.
- Venue Review – will continue into 2024 for the 2025 convention.

9.6 Contracted Executive Assistant – B. Yagos – Report Posted

- Only 5 contracts left to sign
- Starting to prepare the data base into SCHED
- Working on Pre-registration.
- Emailing speakers with detailed information that they requested.

9.7 Exhibits – T. Hrysak – Report Posted

- Reserved Booths – 88
- Open Booths – 37
- Looking for more booths.

9.8 Social Media – P. Morck – Report Posted

- Lots of posts about information
- Purchased a subscription to Buffer.
- Will oversee FAQ's.
- Hashtag is

9.9 Secretary – S. Paton – No Report

9.10 District Rep – K. Nakaska – Report Posted

- absent

9.11 ATA PD – C. Gonsalvez –

- ATA sessions are ready – we have 8 blocks.
- Teaching quality standard changed – Competence #2 changed.
- Government code of conduct no longer belongs to the ATA.
- Already getting alternate PD requests

Motion: That PDTCA receive the committee reports as presented.

Moved by Paulette Morck/Seconded by Alison England. CARRIED/DEFEATED

5.2 – Policy – The executive went through the Policy and made the changes needed. It will be sent out to the board on December 18 for them to look at the changes so they can vote on the changes.

10. Action Items

10.1 Local Concerns

Adjourned 4:13 pm