



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association

Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers

December 2023

Website: www.pdtca.org

Convention 2024 – February 22 & 23, 2024 – In Person

- **All ATA Teachers' Convention will be IN-PERSON!**
- **Keynotes Speaker <https://www.pdtca.org>**
 - Catriona Le May Done <https://olympic.ca/team-canada/catriona-le-may-doan/> - Thursday morning
 - Jared Cooney Horvath – Thursday Afternoon
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyplIZtJ1JOJ8VdED2L360Q>
 - Phyllis Webstad <https://orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story/> - Friday morning
 - Renée Michaud - est consultante en mathématiques, professeure
<http://rlmconsulting.ca/> - Thursday morning
- **Featured Speakers**
 - Vanessa Vakharia: The Math Guru: Friday Morning
 - Dr. David Naylor, Astrophysicist: Friday Morning
 - Dr. Jared Cooney-Horvath, Educational Neuroscientist: Friday Morning
 - Mr. Jason Schilling, ATA President: Friday Morning
- **Offsite Sessions so far:**
 - Airdrie: Cooking, Sewing, Autism information.
 - Chestermere: Cake Decorating, Planning for subs in Foods. Classes
 - High River: Wood-working
 - Okotoks: Curling, Fly-tying
 - Calgary Fish Creek: New curriculum outside
 - Calgary Stampede (Pick up in a trolley at Convention Centre), Touring new sites.
 - Nose Hill Park: Grasslands, Outdoor education
 - Calgary Zoo: Nature journaling, Adapting, biodiversity, extinction, conservation
 - Calgary Telus Spark: New science curriculum tours
- **Pre-registered Sessions:**
 - Pre-reg will open January 8th and close midnight February 11th at which time an email will be sent to all registered as well as those on the waiting list confirming their status and some instructions. Teachers will continue to be able to cancel after February 11th right up to the session start time. This will move teachers up from the waiting list. Those on the waiting list

must check the website periodically to see if their name has moved up in the list. For sessions that have not filled by February 11th, teachers must show up at the door shortly before session time and line up. They will be allowed in if there is room after the session starts.

- **Honorary President 2024** – Greg Poile - retired teacher from Foothills School Division (See Website for write up) <https://www.pdtca.org/honorary-presidents.html>
- **PDTCA** uses three main social media posts. If you want anything posted contact socialmedia@pdtca.org and check out our:



- **Booking Hotel:** Convention website has the link for the **Hyatt Hotel and the Fairmont Palliser Hotel** – Convention rate block closes – January 21st, 2024
Hotel Rates 2024:
 - Hyatt Hotel - Single/Double: \$249.00 plus tax
<http://www.pdtca.org/hyatt.html>
 - Palliser Hotel – Single/Double: \$249.00 plus tax
<http://www.pdtca.org/fairmont-palliser.html>Or call direct at:
 - **Hyatt Hotel: 717-1234** **Palliser Hotel: 262-1234**
- **Exhibits Booth space still available** - <https://www.pdtca.org/login-register-payment-forms.html>
- **Website** will have **full session descriptions** and will be the most up to date source of information. www.pdtca.org
- **SCHED** platform will be used with embedded links that will take you to Keynote speakers and individual sessions <https://pdtca2024.sched.com/>
- **Alternate Professional Development:** Application deadline: January 10, 2024
 - Requests must be submitted to Convention Attendance Committee through <https://ATA.smapply.ca> The procedure is outlined under the "Delegates" tab on the PDTCA.ORG website.
<https://www.pdtca.org/alternate-pd-request.html>
- **Fees** will remain the same
- **Questions???** Try the frequently asked questions link **on the website or contact a convention representative from your local. See the website for board member names.** <https://www.pdtca.org/faq.html>