



## Palliser District Teachers' Convention Board (PDTCA)

Full Board Meeting Minutes

Hyatt Hotel

In person/virtual Meeting

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. (Breakfast 8:30 am)



Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/99866515913?pwd=UC9TMkVUUKdVUk55WUNpbllWNUZsZz09>

### In attendance:

In Person: L. Avramovic, B. Baum, S. Buchfink, A. Caporicci-Urovitch, C. Crane, S. Doikas, P. Ehrman, S. Engel, A. England, C. Frazer, S. Gammie, L. Gibson, B. Hohenwarter, T. Hrysak, J. LaFreniere, S. Leppa, D. Maas, P. Morck, J. Munton, L. Murphy, L. Neville, S. Paton, C. Pawelko, A. Pollard, A. Rai Nannan, S. Rasmussen, M. Rogers, M. Shain, H. Srayko, J. White, J. Yersh

**Virtual:** E. Clarkson, R. Hatch, K. Hinton, G. Hunter, D. McArthur, K. McElroy, Y. Toney, S. Watson, B. Yagos,

**Absent:** B. Kirk, R. Kruger, K. Muir, K. Nakaska,

### 1. Call to order – 9:00 am

### 2. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement – read by Danny Maas

### 3. Approval of Agenda

- P. Morck/S. Paton Moved to amend the agenda to change the date to #4 to read “minutes of the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, meeting” Carried
- Motion: That PDTCA adopt the agenda of the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, meeting.
- Moved by Paulette Morck/Seconded by S. Paton. CARRIED

### 4. Adoption of minutes of the previous meeting:

- Motion: That PDTCA approve the minutes of the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, PDTCA meeting.
- Moved by Jenn Yersh/Seconded by S. Paton. CARRIED

### 5. Correspondence

- Mark Swanson - Fall PDAC Agenda and information
- S. Magnusson - Rally Information Webinar
- Mark Swanson - Update for Fall PDAC
- Danny Maas - ATA PD Workshop Bookings for Conventions
- Candace Graham - Schedules for ATA staff sessions
- Melissa Purdue – Land Acknowledgement Updates
- Jessica Grayson – Association Staff and President sessions
- Jessica Grayson – Insurance Certificates for Convention sites
- Jessica Grayson – Questions – President Schilling Unplugged

- Danny Maas – 2023 Teachers’ Conventions Attendance for Preservice Teachers
- Danny Maas – Convention Update January 2023

**6. Unfinished Business arising from the December 8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Minutes** (These were discussed at the December Executive meeting)

- PDTCA Policy/Constitution Review will continue Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> after the full board meeting
- Once we have finished with the changes made to the Constitution, we will send it out to the locals to vote on for acceptance.

**7. Treasurers Report**

- Sherri presented the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss
- New on Balance Sheet – Bill 32 – Equity – Surplus 2022, June 30<sup>th</sup> – that amount is where if we had to pull any money out to pay anything for Bill 32
- We are over on the Stationary Budget line due to purchasing the AV equipment needed for all our meetings – We have already saved money by purchasing these items.
- Collected convention fee partial payments from most of our Locals

**8. Executive Reports**

**8.1. President – J. White – report posted**

- Thank you to Jenn Yersh for applying to the ATA for a Strategic Planning Grant
- **Work Completed**
  - Childcare during convention event update – We are not doing Childcare this year due to the cost.
- **Work in Progress**
  - PDTCA Policy and PDTCA Constitution – meeting to be continued after the Saturday full board meeting
- **New Business/Action Items**
  - Will invite any special guests to convention such as:
    - Superintendents
  - Reconvene “The Convention by Numbers Committee” after the Policy and Constitution Review/updates have been made
  - Larry Neville and Jill White will host a convention facility tour for board members on the evening of Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00 pm just before the Honorary Presidents’ reception.

**8.2. Past President – J. Munton – report posted**

- **Work in Progress**
  - Goose Chase
    - Watched tutorial videos online, reached out to Danny and received training videos and log in information.
    - Designing content and then will upload challenges.
    - Work with Tara and Alison to include exhibits and program questions.
  - Do we want large letters as a focal point to photograph? (PDTC23)

**8.3. Vice President – C. Crane – report posted**

- **Work Completed**

- Vests and Name tags were ordered
- Confirmed that 3 out of 5 Long Term Service Award (LTS) members will be attending the Honorary President's Reception
- Picked up the cards for the LTS people to be signed at the General Board meeting
- Attended the Policy Review in December
- Contacted Doug Lerke about coming to the Honorary President's Reception
- We have also invited Theresa and Louis, our past Honorary Presidents to the Wednesday night reception
- **Work in Progress**
  - Answering FAQs on website
  - Will use a Burner Phone – Text messaging Help Line
- **New Business/Action Items**
  - I need the information from Sandy Buckfink about the speech for Doug Lerke and to make sure she picks him up a card and gift
  - Bring the Convention vests and name tags to the Honorary President's reception in February
  - Buy gift cards for LTS members and either present them in February or mail them. (\$50.00 Indigo Cards)
  - Get the sign-up sheet for duties from Jill and Allison and send this out to the Board
  - Duties and guidelines will be presented to the full board tomorrow.
  - Christine will open the Google Doc on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm.

#### 8.4. Program – A. England – report posted

- **Work Completed**

**Thursday Morning Keynotes:**

  - **Tom Jackson:** Actor, Musician, Activist: Love is a Palace <https://tomjackson.ca>
  - **Jessica Holmes:** Celebrated Comedian (Royal Canadian Air Farce), Author, Mental Health Advocate: The 60-Minute Perspective Makeover: Proven Tips to Living an Awesome Life <https://www.jessicaholmes.com>
  - **Dr. Lisa Bélanger:** Behavioral Change Expert | Researcher: The Science of Daily Resilience: Practical Skills for Mental Strength and Agility <https://www.drlisabelanger.com>
  - **Dr. Nancy Goyette:** Le bien-être en enseignement, une voie incontournable pour s'épanouir au travail!

**Thursday Afternoon Keynote, hosted by Morgex:**

- **Shari Graydon:** Award-winning author, speaker, and advocate: Amplifying Equality <https://www.sharigraydon.com>

**Friday Morning**

- ATA President -Jason Schilling – “Unplugged” – Friday 8:30 am

**Hi-lights:**

- Mini-Conference all day Thursday, off-site:
  - Civix Canada: Democracy Bootcamp
- Mini-Conference all day Friday, off-site:
  - Walter Whitebear and others: Indigenous Perspectives Workshop, Includes Sweat Lodge experience
- Several off-site sessions including: (see report posted)

- Several sessions hosted by speakers from our Francophone partner,
- Garfield Gini-Newman
- U of C Poster Board presentations
- Jeremy Dias and Martin Boyce had to cancel
- Attended meetings at the Hyatt and Convention Center January 20/23 to go over room details
- **Work in Progress**
  - Important Information Regarding Pre-Registration:
    - Pre-registration is now open until Feb. 13. If you have pre-registered, this does not mean you are in the session. You may be on the waiting list, which is kept in case people cancel, so the sessions can remain full. Please carefully check your email when your request has been approved, to see if you are indeed in the session, or on the waitlist.
  - ATA sessions and Workshop into Sched
  - Sched.org will house our program in Mobile App.
  - Waiting to hear if Francophone Keynote is also able to offer a couple of sessions
- **New Business/Action Items**
  - André will introduce the francophone keynote Nancy Goyette
  - Thank you to Bertha, Paulette, and Larry for all their help with the program
  - The Francophone part of the program wouldn't have been as good if it weren't for André who helped us get our keynote! Thank-you. Je ne parle pas français.

#### 8.5. Facilities – L. Avramovic – report posted

- **Work Completed**
  - Hotel rooms have been booked for those who need one for convention
  - Honorary Presidents Reception is ready to go
    - Three Honorary President's will be honored this year
    - Starts at 6:30 in the Thomson's Dining Room
    - Snacks are served (not dinner) along with one drink ticket
    - Cash Bar
  - Speaker/Board Member lunches are set for February 23 and 24, 2023
    - 11:30 am – 1:30 pm on both days
  - Electronic banner has been sent out to our vendors
  - Bell Center - \$15.00 per teacher with their ATA card
- **Work in Progress**
  - Pre-Convention meetings were today (January 20<sup>th</sup>)
  - Estimates and event plans are being looked at for the three different buildings
- **New Business/Action Items**
  - Hotel block is going well – open until Jan. 20, 2023
    - Fairmont Palliser 23/30; Hyatt 270/270- FULL
  - Free wireless internet will be provided in the Hyatt Hotel and Convention Center
  - Coat Check will be outside the Macleod rooms for both days
  - Reminder – Bring Local ATA Banners on Wednesday night
  - Future Dates:
    - February 22, 2023 – Honorary President's Reception
    - February 23/24, 2023 – Teachers' Convention
    - March 24/25, 2023 – Exec/Full Board meeting

- June 2/3, 2023 – Exec/Full Board meeting

## 8.6. Contracted Executive Assistant – B. Yagos – report posted

- **Work Completed**
  - Program is on Sched.
  - Exhibitors are listed in Sched.
  - Pre-registration is open and will close February 13th. 491 registrations so far. Some sessions are already full. <https://www.pdtca.org/pre-registration.html> The sessions in Sched have a link in the description. (More information in written report)
  - Delegate Information (with wireless info), Speaker Information and Student Teacher Information links have been added to the website.
- **Work in Progress**
  - After February 13th. I need to email all the people who are registered and all the people who are on the waiting list to make sure they know their status - then answer questions I get from them. They are also reminded to not go to an Off-Site session if they are on the waiting list.
  - ATA Workshops and Staff Sessions are not in the program online but will be as soon as we receive that information so will need to be added. We only just now received ATA staff session descriptions and will enter that online this coming week. We are still waiting for workshop session information.
  - Prepare the big binder of sheets showing payment information and session details and follow up with preparing speaker checks; create and print nametags which include lunch approval and internet access code; prepare big posters for stands, prepare door signs listing sessions for the CTCC; & prepare sign-up sheets etc.
  - Print out QR codes
- **New Business/Action Items**
  - I need the Bio for the Honorary President
  - Teachers need to bring their ATA cards for ID if needed
  - We will not be using a Zoom help line. However, we will use a burner phone and text messaging system if delegates need help
  - Sched – Need to log-in to fill out any evaluations and to be entered into the free hotel room draw

## 8.7. Exhibits – T. Hryszak

- **Work Completed**
  - Registrations are coming in and being processed.
  - 66 paid and confirmed booths, 22 reserved and awaiting payment
  - 2 booths set aside for ATA Elections and CIVIX
- **Work in Progress**
  - Working with Show Service and CTCC to finalize details and exhibitors for February
  - Working on Social Media campaign/contest for Exhibits with Paulette, Kristi, and Jenn.
  - Working on filling remaining booth space. 36/125 left.
- **New Business/Action Items**
  - Exhibitor of the Year – Breathe Outdoors

## 8.8. Social Media – P. Morck

- **Work Completed**
  - Keynotes all being advertised
  - Keeping folks up to date on important dates/items.
  - Sandra Gammie won the \$200 Visa Gift Card
  - Pre-registration opening has been advertised
- **Work in Progress**
  - Going through Program and highlight some cool sessions over the next month.
  - Get posters ready for advertising social media around venues to get more folks engaged
  - #PDTC23
- **New Business/Action Items**
  - Goose Chase – help Jenn and Tara
  - Looking for feedback on other ways to engage our teachers.

## 8.9. Secretary – S. Paton

- Minutes/Hi-lights will be posted on the webpage within 2 weeks of the meeting date
- Please notify the President, Facilities Assistant and Secretary if you Will or Will Not be attending the meeting due to breakfasts, hotel rooms, or on-line meetings.
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## 8.10. District Reps – B. Baum – presented (K. Nakaska) absent

- Elections are coming – please vote
- ASEBP Update – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – design plan changes

## 8.11. ATA Convention Lead – Daniel Maas – see report posted

- Sheri Graydon is the Morgex sponsored Keynote speaker
- ATA Staff Sessions and President Schilling at Convention

**Motion: That PDTCA receive the committee reports as presented.**  
**Moved by Jenn Munton/Seconded by T. Hryszak. CARRIED**

## 9. Old Business

### 9.1. Fall PDAC

- Attended by Susan Paton – report posted
- Lots of great information was covered – see report

### 9.2. Fall Convention Meeting

- Attend by A. England, L. Neville, J. White
- Lots of great information was covered

## 10. New Business

### 10.1. Board Member Duties – C. Crane

- Sign up for at least 90 minutes per day
  - **This Google Doc sign up will be sent out Monday, Jan. 23 at 4:00 pm**
- Wear your vest and name tag throughout convention (8:00 am – 3:00 pm)
- There are Tech support people around to help you if needed
- Be aware of where the rooms are in the Convention Center and Hyatt Hotel
- If the session looks full – Add the Session Full sign to the door

- If you can't fulfil the job, you signed up for – please find someone to replace you
  - Try and be there 5 minutes before and after your duties
- 10.2. **Board Member responsibilities during convention** – C. Crane
- See above

**11. Action Items**

- 11.1. **Invited Guests** – Superintendents and Board Members – J. White
- Covered in her President's report
- 11.2. **News Release from President** – J. White
- Mark Milne will look after this for the ATA
- 11.3. **Local Concerns**
- Concern that the deadline for Locally Developed speakers close to early. We will investigate extending this date to July 15 instead of June 30.

**J. Munton/L. Avramovic Moved to Adjourn this meeting. Carried**  
Adjourned 11:30 am