



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association

Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers

January 2023

Website: www.pdtca.org

Convention 2023 – February 23rd & 24th

- **8:00 am start time**
 - Pre-function area open at 7:30 am on both days
 - 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on Thursday
 - 8:00 am – 2:15 pm on Friday

- **Keynote Speakers Thursday – Start time 8:30 am**
<https://www.pdtca.org>

- **Exhibition Hall E**
 - **8:30 Tom Jackson** – Love is a Palace
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- **Macleod Hall Ballroom**
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- **French Speaking Keynote Thursday Glen 206**
 - **8:30 Dr. Nancy Goyette:** Le bien-être en enseignement, une voie incontournable pour s'épanouir au travail!

- **Featured Speakers - <https://www.pdtca.org> - MacLeod Hall A - Thursday 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm**
 - **Shari Graydon:** Award-winning author, speaker, and advocate: Amplifying Equality <https://www.sharigraydon.com>

- **ATA President – Jason Schilling – Friday at 8:30 am**
 - Jason Schilling Unplugged

- **Honorary President 2023 - Doug Lerke** - Teacher from the Prairieland Local
<https://www.pdtca.org/honorary-presidents.html>

- **PDTCA Website:** <http://www.pdtca.org>
 - Full session descriptions (200+ sessions)

- **Booking Hotel:** Convention website has the link for the **Hyatt Hotel and the Fairmont Palliser Hotel** – (Deadline for Block Rates was Monday, January 20th, 2023)

Hotel Rates 2023 - \$249.00 + taxes

- Hyatt Hotel – FULL <http://www.pdtca.org/hyatt.html>
- Palliser Hotel – <http://www.pdtca.org/fairmont-palliser.html> (a few rooms left)

Or call direct at:

- **Hyatt Hotel: 717-1234** **Palliser Hotel: 262-1234**

➤ **ATA Membership cards may be asked for if the session is FULL:**

- If the rooms are full, you may be asked to show your card
- ATA cards can be printed, or a digital version downloaded, from ATA website

➤ **Pre-registration for sessions opened-** January 16th at 9:00 am and will close February 13th at 9:00 am <http://www.pdtca.org/pre-registration.html> - Any session with a participant fee will be collected cash on site (exact change required)

- **Canceling** - Delegates are reminded to delete themselves from a session they are no longer wanting to be registered for, so the space is available for someone else. After February 13th, they should email info@pdtca.org or ask to have their name crossed off the list at the convention information desk at convention before the session begins.

➤ **Sched.com App Site** - <https://pdtca2023.sched.com>

- Program is fully loaded into Sched
- Delegates **CANNOT** pre-register via Sched but can sync their choice to their device to create a personal list. The clickable link to the pre-registration site is however available in the session description in Sched. That link takes you to the pre-registration at <http://www.pdtca.org/pre-registration.html>
- Session evaluations - Look under the session title and it is a direct link. We will be using 3 faces evaluation link in Sched to evaluate sessions. You must have an account to access this feature.
- If you use your actual name when you create a Sched profile, your name will show up in a Google search. To prevent this, you can use a nickname, or use your own name and then go into the control panel and hide your profile.

➤ **No Cash Concession in the Pre-Function area**

- There is a main floor Starbucks in the Marriott adjacent to the South CTCC, a new coffee shop on the main floor of the North CTCC (Rosso Coffee Roasters Cafe), and a coffee shop on the main floor of the Hyatt hotel (Bakers Cafe).

➤ **Owl's Nest Books – located in Exhibits**

- They are willing to order book titles and/or authors teachers would like. Please email bookstore before January 30 with requests contact@owlsnestbooks.com

➤ **Follow us on Twitter and Facebook** – icons can be found at the top of our website page www.pdtca.org If you want anything posted contact socialmedia@pdtca.org and check out our:



- **@palliserc**
- **use #pdtc23**
- **Facebook** – Palliser District Teachers' Association

- **Free Wireless Internet**
 - Both the Hyatt hotel and TELUS Convention Center are offering our teachers free low bandwidth Wi-Fi.
- **Off Site Sessions**
 - A lot of offsite sessions are pre-registered sessions.
 - Check the website for details. Transportation is NOT provided to off-site sessions
- **Bell Music Center**
 - Special rate of \$15.00 when you show your ATA card during convention
 - <https://www.studiobell.ca>
- **Delegates Link** at <http://www.pdtca.org/delegate-information.html> – check it out for helpful information.
- **Exhibits Booth space still available** - <https://www.pdtca.org/login-register-payment-forms.html>
- **Parking** – arrive early – more information posted on the website <http://www.pdtca.org/parking.html>
- **Lunch** – Thomson’s Dining Room in the Hyatt Hotel
 - Is offering a buffet lunch special on both days of convention
- **Coat Check** – is available (both days) just outside the Macleod Rooms compliments of PDTCA
- **Student Teachers**
 - All preservice teachers registered in the final year of their undergraduate teacher education program can attend on convention in 2023 if they are members of their student local. Preservice teachers who are on practicum during convention must attend the same teachers’ convention as their cooperating/partner teacher.
- **Social workers, psychologists, therapists, or clinicians**
 - Employed by member school boards of the convention may attend and will pay for the associate ATA membership fee plus the regular member convention fee. Contact information to register is on our www.pdtca.org website under Delegates/Out of District.
- **Guest Teachers/Substitute Teachers/Student Teachers/ Retired Teachers/ Invited Guests**
 - All are admitted free. Please sign up at the information desk to receive a temporary ATA card for admission to all sessions
- **At a Glance schedules and Maps**
 - Will be posted throughout the venues during convention
 - A printable pdf of the Convention at a Glance will be available on the home page of the PDTCA website about two weeks before convention. This will look just like the big posters. There are changes still occurring so it can't be any sooner.

- **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>