



## **Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association**

### **Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers**

**January 2024**

**Website: [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org)**

**Convention 2024 – February 22 & 23, 2024**

- **9:00 am start time**
  - 8:50 -9:00 am – Opening remarks – O' Canada, Land Acknowledgement, Human Rights Statement, House Keeping Information
  - 9:00 am – 3:20 pm – both days
  - 60 minutes sessions with 20 minutes in between
  
- **Emergency Procedures are posted in SCHED.**
  - Please read before convention so you are prepared.
  
- **Website** will have **full session descriptions** and will be the most up to date source of information. [www.pdtca.org](http://www.pdtca.org) and <https://pdtca2024.sched.com>
  
- **SCHED** platform will be used with embedded links that will take you to Keynote speakers and individual sessions <https://pdtca2024.sched.com/>
  
- **Thursday Keynote Speakers** <https://www.pdtca.org>
  - **Exhibition Hall (beside exhibits)**
    - Thursday – 9:00 – 10:00 am & 10:20 – 11:20 am
      - Catriona Le May Doan <https://olympic.ca/team-canada/catriona-le-may-doan/>
    - Thursday - 1:00 – 2:00 pm & 2:20 – 3:20 pm
      - Jared Cooney Horvath <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyplIZtJ1JOJ8VdED2L360Q>
  - **Imperial Ballroom – Hyatt Hotel – Francophone Keynote**
    - Thursday 10:20 am – 11:20 am
    - Renée Michaud - <https://pdtca2024.sched.com/event/1XZx4>
  
- **Friday Keynote Speaker – Exhibition Hall 9:00 -10:00 am and 10:20-11:20 am**
  - Phylis Webstad <https://orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story/>
    - <https://pdtca2024.sched.com/event/1Xa20/phyllis-webstad-the-orange-shirt-story-keynote>
  
- **Featured Speakers**
  - Mr. Jason Schilling, ATA President: [Friday Morning](#)
  - Vanessa Vakharia The Math Guru: [Friday Morning](#)
  - Dr. David Naylor, Astrophysicist: [Friday Morning](#)
  - Dr. Jared Cooney-Horvath, Educational Neuroscientist: [Friday Morning](#)
  
- **Honorary President 2024 – Greg Poile** - retired teacher from Foothills School Division (See Website for write up) <https://www.pdtca.org/honorary-presidents.html>

- **U of C Preservice Teacher Posters – Hyatt Imperial Ballroom Hallway**
  - Please visit and support our pre-service teachers on Friday.
- **Pre-registered Sessions:**
  - Pre-reg opened January 11<sup>th</sup>, and will close 8:00 pm February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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. **Putting your name in Sched beside the session you want to attend is NOT pre-reg.** Teachers will continue to be able to cancel after February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 as no other notification will be sent out.** For sessions that have not filled by February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- **Prayer Room – Telus Room 107**
  - We kindly ask that you refrain from burning incense or smudging unless pre-arranged with facility staff and PDTCA. This room is smoke-free, and we cannot allow flames due to fire regulations. We really appreciate your cooperation. Thank you for your understanding!
- **PDTCA** uses three main social media posts. If you want anything posted contact [socialmedia@pdtca.org](mailto:socialmedia@pdtca.org) and check out our:



- **Gender-Inclusive Restrooms:**
  - Throughout the entire convention, the Hyatt and Calgary Convention Center will provide designated gender-neutral restroom facilities. These inclusive bathrooms can be found in the Grand Foyer 4, adjacent to the Imperial Rooms at the Hyatt, and in the basement of the Calgary Convention Center, situated near the former coat check area.
- **Storing Personal Belongings:**
  - Due to recent renovations, the designated coat check has been transformed into flexible seating. Unfortunately, this means that free coat check services are no longer available. However, small coat racks are conveniently placed in all small rooms, with the exception of MacLeod/Exhibition.
- **Goose Chase is on again this year.**
  - Don't forget to download the app and be ready to play.
- **Exhibits Booth limited space still available.**
  - <https://www.pdtca.org/login-register-payment-forms.html>

- **Alternate Professional Development and Alternate Convention:**
  - Requests must be submitted to Provincial ATA through <https://ATA.smapply.ca>  
The procedure is outlined under the "Delegates" tab on the PDTCA.ORG website. <https://www.pdtca.org/alternate-pdconvention-or-attendance-release-request.html>
  
- **Booking Hotel: Hyatt Hotel and Fairmont Palliser Hotel (convention rate closed)**
  - Hyatt Hotel - <http://www.pdtca.org/hyatt.html>
  - Palliser Hotel - <http://www.pdtca.org/fairmont-palliser.html>Or call direct at:
  - **Hyatt Hotel: 717-1234**                      **Palliser Hotel: 262-1234**
  
- **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>