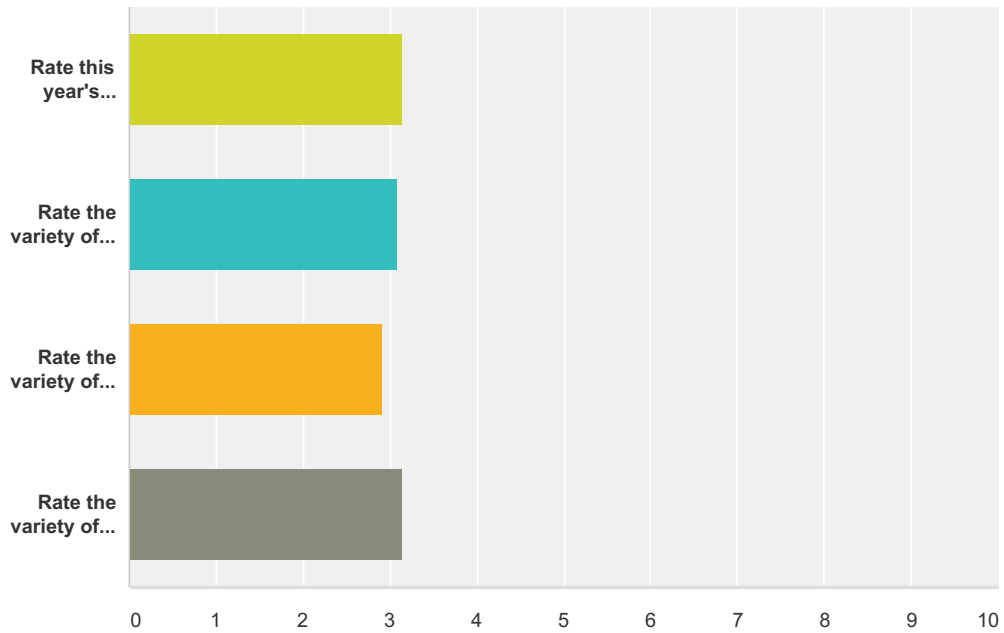


**Q1 Please rate your satisfaction with the following:**

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	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Total	Weighted Average
Rate this year's convention	34.67% 104	48.67% 146	14.33% 43	2.33% 7	300	3.16
Rate the variety of sessions	34.78% 104	42.47% 127	19.06% 57	3.68% 11	299	3.08
Rate the variety of Exhibits	20.14% 59	55.63% 163	20.14% 59	4.10% 12	293	2.92
Rate the variety of Thursday morning featured speakers	36.91% 110	45.64% 136	13.76% 41	3.69% 11	298	3.16

#	What went well? What needs improvement? How would you suggest it be improved?	Date
1	Sessions such as writing or math or reading need to hold more people!!	3/17/2015 1:43 PM
2	NA	3/17/2015 9:15 AM
3	Overall I felt the conference was a great learning experience. I have no suggestions for improvements	3/17/2015 8:20 AM
4	Would like more in the Visual Arts area. I am always happy with the Glenbow Museum discount	3/16/2015 1:24 PM
5	more career based sessions	3/9/2015 11:42 PM
6	Seriously the best convention ever!!!	3/9/2015 10:34 PM
7	Seriously the best convention ever!!!	3/9/2015 10:33 PM
8	Took a turning course off campus with Jim Jones. - Fantastic!!!	3/5/2015 9:57 AM
9	Best convention in years! Loved the opening speakers, loved the sessions, and I even presented one of my own! My only complaint is that there was no book vendor on site as in previous years.	3/4/2015 2:16 PM
10	Peter McWhir is a wonderful presenter!	3/3/2015 3:45 PM

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11	Having Dylan Willems was a boon. Variety of sessions was good, also. There should have been WiFi on site. That seemed amateur and was inconvenient. We promote 21st century learning and we are using 20th (or 19 . . . ) century tech. I brought my device so I could go to speaker websites, research programs or jargon that was used, connect with other teachers, and other normal type things. I think the bracelets were a waste of money. I didn't even wear mine. There was no where to check - or check in. Save money on the bracelets (drop them) and put it toward WiFi. Having wifi cmpt near the front desk was helpful. We should have a message board so people can post notes (digital or paper)	3/3/2015 8:24 AM
12	I would like for the exhibits to be more about our teaching assignments and less generalized shopping.	3/2/2015 1:20 PM
13	I liked the format of featured speakers.	3/2/2015 12:46 PM
14	As usual, I'm amazed that volunteers could put this event together. My largest issue was in choosing sessions. Often many of the sessions that were geared for my grade level were clustered together or one after the other. It made it hard to get into the sessions (some were frenzied upon entering with few seats for grabs). Other session times lacked anything I really wanted to go, while sometimes there were as many as 4 sessions I'd like to see at once. Is there a way to have repeat sessions, and have them better spread out for grade levels?	3/2/2015 11:30 AM
15	Why waste money on bracelets if no-one checks for them? I get the feeling that a lot of people do not attend the convention. Since it is mandatory, why not have some process for people checking in.	3/2/2015 11:19 AM
16	Really enjoyed the Dr. Dixon keynote - great ideas and having a breakout session with him in the afternoon was great! Still really enjoy that the sessions run over lunch - allowing for a choose your own lunch time approach. Elementary focused sessions (particularly those related to Language Arts and Math) should not be put in the smaller Telus rooms - both of my Friday morning sessions ended up full, but there was only room for around 30 people max. Maybe use these rooms for the sessions that focus on specific high school areas, where there may be a smaller audience.	3/2/2015 11:18 AM
17	Everything ran very smoothly and the variety was excellent!	3/1/2015 10:33 PM
18	I was very impressed, overall. There were a couple of sessions that I went to that had the sign up saying "session full". This may have been from the previous session as there was plenty of room and when I told the presenter, he took the sign down. Perhaps a friendly reminder to presenters to always take the sign down at the end of their session? Exhibits seemed a little sparse this year.	3/1/2015 9:35 PM
19	Continue to have the keynote speakers move from one venue to another rather than the teachers.	3/1/2015 8:29 PM
20	Do we really need bracelets? Could Morgex not give in other ways? How about a donation to some school building project in another country?	3/1/2015 4:09 PM
21	Lots of sessions focusing on literary, specifically writing. Fabulous	3/1/2015 2:24 PM
22	If delegates are to be asked to evaluate sessions via QR codes or be asked to use internet in any way, then WiFi needs to be provided at no cost to the delegate.	3/1/2015 11:43 AM
23	I liked Dr. Dixon as a keynote - it would have been great to balance him with a specialist in Girls' education. I think we can dispense with bracelets/armbands/books as "ID" or as "tickets". I like the water being available, and I like the variety of offerings, as I teach in different disciplines at different levels.	2/28/2015 4:38 PM
24	The keynote speech choices, although interesting, were not exactly inspiring for transforming practice or reimagining a vision for education in 21st century. I would have preferred Garfield Gini-Newman or Dylan William to have given a whole convention keynote, as their sessions were inspiring and transformative, so I feel more people should have heard them.	2/28/2015 10:25 AM
25	Great Keynote speakers	2/28/2015 6:15 AM
26	Too many sessions on wellness. Need more to support excellence in teaching and learning. A few on wellness is fine. Need to have hotel, stop all repair work while in sessions. In too sessions we were disturbed by jack hammering.	2/27/2015 6:50 PM
27	Once again - put the Elementary Sessions in larger rooms. There are more Elementary teachers than Junior High and High School teachers. Those TELUS rooms are not large enough. Even if the speaker asks for a small room - think - all those happy elementary teachers are just waiting at the doors to go to sessions.	2/27/2015 3:32 PM
28	I liked that we could stay in the same room for the keynote speakers instead of having to move.	2/27/2015 1:49 PM
29	Really missed having the book room to purchase great books.	2/27/2015 11:59 AM

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30	I always find that there are some blocks that have 4-5 sessions that I would like to attend and other blocks that have nothing which is applicable to me. I know it is very difficult to satisfy everyone, but having 2 or 3 elementary writing sessions at the same time seems illogical. Also, a session on elementary LA or math is likely to appeal to a lot of teachers, so having it in a room with a capacity of 75 seems illogical.	2/27/2015 10:09 AM
31	There was a lot of selection for sessions (unfortunately there were a couple of times that my preferences overlapped and I had to make a choice). There is no way, in this day and age, that we should be without internet. I realize there was an exorbitant rate for this, so my suggestion is to move to another location.	2/27/2015 10:02 AM
32	I have to say that out of the 6 conventions that I have attended with Palliser, this is the first one where I have been excited to hear the presenters. In my opinion (and many of those I had the chance to speak with) this was the best convention I have attended thus far. The over all theme of mental health and well being was necessary and appreciated. Teachers generally find on their own professional development that address the needs of our subject areas, so conventions should focused on themes that are fairly common to all of us and mental health is certainly one of them. It is important for teachers to remember that a successful life is one that has both balance and accomplishments. For next year it could be great if the more popular sessions were offered in rooms with video available so that the speaker can be seen from every angle (such as the keynote speakers on Thursday morning)	2/26/2015 9:58 PM
33	Lots of session variety. Really enjoyed having session locations grouped by similar subject or grade level!	2/26/2015 8:43 PM
34	Loved the e-schedule- very helpful and convenient! I DO NOT like the location- the bottle neck of getting to downtown Calgary and then the bottle neck of teachers between sessions is stressful.	2/26/2015 8:33 PM
35	Anxiety speaker and Boys speaker on Thursday am were AWESOME	2/26/2015 7:56 PM
36	Felt their were limited options for Elementary teachers on Thursday afternoon, with not enough spaces to accommodate the amount of people trying to get into sessions.	2/26/2015 7:30 PM
37	The conference was well organized. I found there were a lot of re-peat or fairly similar sessions. There wasn't a lot for specialists.	2/26/2015 6:06 PM
38	Jim Jones session in okotoks was awesome. More hands on sessions for shop teachers would be amazing. Especially if they have an end product to take home. Jim Ostenson would be another great teacher. Talk to lee valley or Black Forest for more ideas.	2/26/2015 5:59 PM
39	I really enjoyed the Thursday morning keynote speakers. They were interesting and relevant.	2/26/2015 5:00 PM
40	Thank you for one of my best Conventions yet. There was not one session that I did not feel was worthwhile or valuable! I thoroughly enjoyed the engaging speakers and their timely, helpful, useful information and topics! Well Done! This will be hard to beat in subsequent years! Thanks again! I missed out on hearing Eva Oleson, the Holocaust survivor, speak and heard rave reviews from my colleagues. How about having her as a Keynote Speaker next year if she is still with us?!	2/26/2015 4:58 PM
41	Everything went well...I liked the 3 areas for speakers and the time between speakers.	2/26/2015 4:46 PM
42	I found the opening speakers, especially the guy that talked about anxiety, were excellent! I was very disappointed in the very few music sessions. I am an elementary music teacher and only 3 sessions applied to me and they were ones that were very similar to others I have gone to in previous years. As a music teacher I found this convention a waste of time sadly :( I usually have such wonderful experiences at convention for music ed and come back with tons of resources for my school and classroom. This was the very first year out of the past 5 that I did not buy one thing at convention.... and I think that attests to the lack of music ed options :( I did however take an art session (because there was nothing else that looked interesting) and it was the highlight of my convention :)	2/26/2015 3:43 PM
43	The exhibits were not great this year. It just seemed so small and uninteresting. I would like to see more on teacher wellness and more sessions on FSL (or simply teaching a second language).	2/26/2015 3:30 PM
44	Speakers Thursday morning and in my Thursday afternoon were excellent. Need to provide more time to look at pensions. Need to provide time for division PD groups to meet and do their own work as that is often more valuable than an individual session.	2/26/2015 2:25 PM
45	I did not attend the exhibits because I ran out of time. I enjoyed that this year there was more variety of sessions and lots for French Immersion teachers. I also liked that many of the sessions were not focused on selling products (like they have been in the past) but that they focus on developing teacher capacity.	2/26/2015 1:43 PM
46	I loved the keynote speakers!	2/26/2015 12:41 PM

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47	bracelets were a total waste of money. Didn't even use it. Have no idea how to use the scan code part. Not happy with online speaker schedule. Most of us ended up printing it anyways and had no map. This was frustrating. Just not laid out as well as it was in the books. I'm sure the bracelets were a much bigger cost than the books ever were.	2/26/2015 12:16 PM
48	Our staff missed the "big name" speaker that we have looked forward to in previous years.	2/26/2015 10:48 AM
49	I enjoy the keynotes, and completely understand how difficult it is to organize speakers, but find it hard to choose something that I know will impact my teaching. We've been doing such wonderful PD with experts at our school. Embedded PD is the way to go! I just don't know how we would do that as a whole. It's great getting together with everyone though!	2/26/2015 9:59 AM
50	Helping Boys Learn was great and very applicable	2/26/2015 9:52 AM
51	Venue and proximity is great. Schedule is convenient and organized.	2/26/2015 8:32 AM
52	I am disappointed to still see sessions that focus on gender specific issues. With the current focus on gender neutrality, I would like to see sessions focus on learners, not "How to get boys to read" or "keeping girls focused" type of sessions. More trouble getting into sessions that are full. Webcasts or self-directed may be the way to go for the future.	2/26/2015 7:41 AM
53	Speaker on Excellence was more like a lecture. Poor style of presentation, not motivating. She talked more on health and fitness than excellence. Speaker on Anxiety was wonderful!	2/26/2015 7:33 AM
54	There were lots of sessions that I was interested in and the scheduling allowed for time to get to the next presentation.	2/25/2015 11:33 PM
55	+ Choice of 2/3 keynote speakers + Could use a cell phone to view the list of sessions (convenient) - Distracting background noise (renovations?) during presentations in MacLeod Hall	2/25/2015 10:57 PM
56	Keynotes were ok, ry enjoyed anxiety one. Found exhibits were a lot of people selling jewelry and clothes etc. had a bunch if new people comment on this and as newer teachers they were hoping for more resources and classroom oriented materials.	2/25/2015 8:55 PM
57	Didn't like the QR reader.	2/25/2015 7:29 PM
58	Enjoyed the quality of speakers I heard. I prefer a paper copy of schedules	2/25/2015 6:50 PM
59	Liked having 3 keynotes Need to have free wifi, especially for Tech. sessions Bracelets - useless - didn't wear, didn't need, don't bother	2/25/2015 5:14 PM
60	Free Wifi would've been great. Liked the choice of 3 Keynotes. Too many "non education" (junk) related items at Exhibits. Bracelets were a waste of money. Didn't need mine, never wore it, why bother?	2/25/2015 5:12 PM
61	Great work this year as always. I appreciated the variety of sessions that your had dispersed throughout the day.	2/25/2015 4:55 PM
62	Speakers and sessions went smoothly (on time and speakers punctual). Music sessions offered were useful yet fairly limited, especially on Thursday. More sessions on ATA if possible, especially for teachers from Ontario as Friday's session with ATA president was EXTREMELY useful and informative.	2/25/2015 4:03 PM
63	Compared to other districts (as well as past Palliser years) this year's keynotes were VERY run-of-the-mill and were better suited to running individual sessions. To be clear, the speakers themselves were of acceptable quality but "Tips for Teaching Boys" is hardly the sort of topic that is worth making a keynote out of, and the "Excellence" one by Cederberg was a generic motivational speaker that I saw many people leaving early. The anxious times one was pretty well done, but again, I'm not sure if that is keynote material. Higher profile speakers (ex: George Chivallo, Mark Tewksbury, Amanda Lindholt) are one of the most exciting parts of convention - this year there was no one to look forward to!	2/25/2015 3:56 PM
64	The featured keynote speakers were fine but not inspirational. I feel like the keynotes should be inspirational and the sessions more informational. Leaders, news makers, influential people, writers, visionaries and people who make us think. I felt like this years speakers would have been better suited to sessions rather than keynotes. What about Mayor Nenshi?	2/25/2015 3:46 PM
65	I absolutely loved the keynote speakers. I always left with new resources or strategies which I feel is an integral part of the reason we attend ATA Convention. If I don't leave feeling inspired to get back to school so I can implement new ideas, it's a waste of time.	2/25/2015 3:34 PM
66	I got kicked out of every session I tried to go to on Thursday. Friday was much better. Standing room was OK in other conventions I've been to.	2/25/2015 1:43 PM

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67	I prefer a "bigger name" keynote that all teachers hear simultaneously to begin Convention.	2/25/2015 1:41 PM
68	Neither morning speaker was particularly applicable. Entertaining but not as strong as some years.	2/25/2015 1:06 PM
69	The morning speakers were excellent and it provided some flexibility having 3 featured speakers. More sessions that were applicable to administrators were beneficial and greatly appreciated. The social with the other locals was a fantastic idea and really allowed some great social networking. Many of the sessions were very applicable and professional in nature and sessions that were basically stand-up comics did not really exist which is a good thing! I want to commend your team on an excellent convention and the many, many hours you put into this annual event.	2/25/2015 1:01 PM
70	Two excellent keynotes (D William and Dr Russell) but breakouts not great. Biggest frustration: no wifi. Huge part of professional learning is my online PLN, as well as lack of access to resources used in sessions :(	2/25/2015 12:53 PM
71	The sessions for primary literacy at the Thurs. 1:25 block = all EXCELLENT, but all offered at SAME time!!! None were repeated, so it was frustrating to miss out. MISSED Logos Bookstore - the variety of teacher resource books in the past has always been so valuable to peruse and purchase!	2/25/2015 12:50 PM
72	It is nice to have sessions that are specific to each division. However, this is the third year in a row where I have arrived to find the session full. The Div I/Div II sessions tend to be large and the continue to be placed in the smaller rooms which is highly disappointing.	2/25/2015 12:37 PM
73	Great speakers Thursday morning.	2/25/2015 12:25 PM
74	I think that convention needs to add room in for lunch, even 30 mins. I found that I had to skip a session for lunch but because it's so busy downtown, by the time I paid for my lunch, I was already late for the 1:25 session. That means that I missed two sessions. A 30 min lunch would give everyone time so that they don't miss out on two sessions.	2/25/2015 12:17 PM
75	Convention needs to die and be reborn/transformed into a province wide PD day for specialty groups. The BC model work be great. In BC there is a PD day in October province wide and teachers go to the area specialty conferences and share with their colleagues, things that are relevant to them.	2/25/2015 12:13 PM
76	I really enjoyed Dylan Williams session on Formative assessment. Everything was organized well and easy to find :)	2/25/2015 11:49 AM
77	I dislike all the private, personal sales booths (sheets, jewellery, socks) at Convention. I guess it's a necessity for the funding they produce but it doesn't add to my practice.	2/25/2015 11:27 AM
78	free wifi access	2/25/2015 11:24 AM
79	I enjoyed the wellness speaker and the talk about how boys learn. My session on Scratch was fascinating and I am inspired to learn more to help my elementary students.	2/25/2015 11:24 AM
80	Could we please have an actual keynote speaker? Someone who the world has heard of, and is inspirational? Someone like who Calgary convention gets: Chris Hadfield, Romeo Dallaire, Raine Maida/Chantal Kreviazuk, etc. Also, the variety of sessions for course specialists is minimal. The same subject specific sessions seem to repeat year after year and don't offer much in the way of significant professional development. If the sessions could more closely linked to those offered at ATA specialist conferences (which most divisions do not seem to have the money to send their teachers to) that would be a huge improvement. Many session this year had very specific titles, but only covered a very broad/shallow glimpse at the topic. Rarely more than an overview. Not much meat to them.	2/25/2015 11:07 AM
81	There were too many clothing/jewellery vendors. I realize it is difficult to compete for vendors, but these types should be kept to a minimum.	2/25/2015 10:05 AM
82	Really appreciated Eva Olsson's message,,,, should have been a keynote. I would have appreciated some more light hearted sessions and enjoyed the wellness sessions.	2/25/2015 10:02 AM
83	1. Speakers - who are these people.. ? I'm being critical and not helpful.. I know it's a matter of money and budget, but where are the "cool" people.. the people you chose are great in their fields, but I'd appreciate an overarching conversation - not specific to a topic that I could hear at a session (which I believe I could) 2. Exhibits - BRUTAL.. how many didn't have anything to do with teaching? 20? 25? I think it's sad that we have to sell nylons and epicure to make ends meet.. that tells me there's a bigger problem with convention.. not enough money. So then that goes to proposals that I've sent time and time again and discussed at local meetings.. get rid of convention, take that HUGE sum of money and put it into specialist councils so that I can afford to attend one.. haven't been in 15 years because there's no money in my division to pay for it. No bookstore this year? Not enough money for them apparently.. one of the highlights for me. Disappointed. GET RID OF THE NON PEDAGOGICAL EXHIBITORS..	2/25/2015 9:51 AM

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84	I would have liked to have more Fine Arts sessions on Thursday as I am a part-time Fine Arts specialist and had nothing to really go to on Thursday as they were all on Friday and I don't work Fridays.	2/25/2015 9:46 AM
85	Don't like the wristband. Bring back the booklet even if we have to pay a few dollars more!!!	2/25/2015 9:40 AM
86	I feel like I say this every year but there are just never enough CTS sessions for Foods. There were two that I could have gone to, one on the Alberta Skills Competition and one was an Iron Chef competition. The skills competition one is valuable if you have not been to a skills competition but was not specific to Foods. And the iron chef one was definitely related to foods but I cook all the time and sometimes I just want to be the student, not the participant. There were open CTS sessions for people to bring in their own work and share it but again, no direct teaching here. I want to learn from experts in the areas of our curriculum. I would love to see sessions on knife skills, decorating, candy or sugar work, stocks or soups - skills that are tricky that a regular Foods teacher might not always know. It is the nature of our subject that not every teacher is a red seal chef. We have taken on the role of Foods teacher not because we have a degree in it but rather there was a need for a teacher and we either love to cook or can cook or have some training but are not full fledged chefs. I know most of the Foods teachers in my division have no Foods training and are often only teaching one or two Foods courses in and among their other subject areas so some sort of technical skills sessions would be soooooo valuable. A lot of our teachers are trying to squeeze in some SAIT nightschool classes to bone up on their cooking skills but wouldn't it be great if we could access that information during our convention time so that we were not away from our families. In terms of start times, my concern this year was an 8:45 start time. This convention is full of teachers who are driving into Calgary from some distance. A lot of us have children that require care during the day and a lot of dayhomes or preschools don't start until at least 8. That doesn't leave anyone much time to drop their children off and then get to downtown Calgary by 8:45. I also had trouble finding information on what CT train stop to get off of and any maps for the buildings, rooms etc.... on the new website and app. In the past I have found this information with ease but not this time. People from out of town need an easy link to this information. I did like the app in terms of booking sessions and scheduling myself. It was nice to have it laid out like that. It was very easy to see the times of my sessions in one place.	2/25/2015 9:29 AM
87	I loved the colour coded online schedule. I especially loved the option to sign in and select items to compare in my own schedule. It was nice to scroll through, add sessions, and then be able to see them to choose from in one place. DON'T CHANGE :) But you might want to get that information out there... Several members of my staff didn't know they could/should sign in, so they were scrolling through the online schedule and it was driving them crazy. They were so happy when they saw what could be done on a Smart Phone!	2/25/2015 9:02 AM
88	It was hard to navigate around the site to choose sessions in advance. To be honest, I miss the booklet. I'm sure it could be done digitally, but differently than it was this year. It was just too clunky to navigate smoothly.	2/25/2015 8:27 AM
89	Would like to see more Secondary focused exhibitors. Sessions were not hugely varied.	2/25/2015 8:20 AM
90	The QR code for evaluations is a good idea. Someone suggested there should also be a code for the schedule. I completed my evaluations right away but couldn't figure out why there was never the option to input my name for the hotel draw. I just read the email sent out to us about evaluations and now know I need to fill out this survey. But I found it very confusing to have two different evaluations- one with a code and one where you have to go to the website. Also when I was on the website on the weekend under Presenter Evaluation it said a link would be available here the first day of convention and I couldn't find the link on that page. Other than my confusion around evaluations, it was well done. Thank you to everyone who put in many hours to make convention all run smoothly!!	2/24/2015 10:52 PM
91	wrist bands poor quality easily lost; keynote should NOT be an infomercial for speaker's products; some familiar vendors missing	2/24/2015 10:43 PM
92	I'm still finding there is a lack of sessions for High School teachers. There are certainly some sessions that are aimed at grades 8 or 9 that I can easily adjust for my High School classes, but I'd like to see more sessions that are firmly set for Div 4 teachers. I'd also like to see some more academic sessions - things like brain based learning, or psychology based teaching practices. I've found that these type of sessions have been very useful to help me work more effectively with my high needs students. I'd also like to see even fewer jewelery and footwear peddlers in the Exhibition hall. In my mind, any thing more than two vendors for a particular type of product is too many (and even then, two is probably one too many).	2/24/2015 10:22 PM
93	It would have been nice to have a "big name" speaker that may not necessarily speak directly about teaching but is inspirational.	2/24/2015 10:10 PM

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94	The 2 gentlemen keynotes were excellent. I would see them again. I was disappointed that the one session I most wanted to attend was full by 10:25 on Friday, and I was unable to get in. Even though the room next to the Entitlementality session was empty (it seemed the speaker had cancelled), organizers couldn't or wouldn't open up the joining wall and make more space. I'm sure there were enough that were turned away that would have filled the next room. Should tell organizers that this is a pressing issue many wanted to be a part of. Maybe have the gentleman back next year, and in a larger room?	2/24/2015 8:52 PM
95	I felt like the featured speakers were too specific (ie. What if you teach very few boys -- then you don't have any option for your two.) Also, where was the book sale room? Finally there were no rooms listed at the Epcor center for sessions, made it exceptionally confusing to find my way around. Ended up in a few wrong rooms.	2/24/2015 8:39 PM
96	I felt that there was a much better variety of qualified speakers and subject matters this year. I teach a very specific area (French Immersion Kindergarten) but between my general interests and my specific professional development needs I was never left looking for a session that appealed to me. Well done organizers! This was the best convention I have been to since I joined RVSchools 4 years ago.	2/24/2015 8:29 PM
97	I liked the speakers that had some research base to their speeches. The Thursday anxiety talk was great, the entitlementality one was fantastic. It would be interesting to have Dan (forget his last name) or Barry Allen from rocky view schools share what they have done. A variety of ideas from professionals in their field that run pro-d sessions for teachers. The location was good, the red vest volunteers were very helpful. I would love to see a maternity leave information session, a preparing for retirement session for people from ages 20-45. There is a lot of information that you find out as you go that would be useful to have up-front. Some people think that convention is past it's prime. I liked the ed camp sessions. They were very useful and enabled us to make connections with others teachers that we wouldn't have otherwise had the chance to do. Perhaps the opportunity to do a learning walk at a school or to shadow a teacher for a day at a Calgary school that is still in session. I feel that i earn so much when I am able to watch someone in action. I loved the variety of off-site sessions that were available to us. The outdoor education session sounded very interesting and am hoping to get to do it next year. Thank you for all of your hard work, please pass on that I do (we do) really appreciate all of the hard work that goes into making convention a success.	2/24/2015 8:24 PM
98	I'd really like at least one of the key notes to be more entertaining. I really look forward to having my battery recharged. It didn't happen this year.	2/24/2015 7:38 PM
99	The convention format is outdated and does not reflect 21st century learning. It is a complete waste of money. I would prefer to choose my own PD and be allotted the money to make my own decisions. Sessions for those of us who are self-directed are out of date. Attendance to sessions is an embarrassment to our profession. Less than half show up on Friday. Why should I?	2/24/2015 6:48 PM
100	The displays are always the same.	2/24/2015 6:17 PM
101	I found the bracelets awkward and was never checked once. I wondered what the bracelet costs were in comparison to a lanyard and plastic case/printed book. I really found a diverse number of sessions and really had a lot of choices. I did not like that my division had 2 collaborative days just prior to convention as it really took away my enjoyment of convention as adult time/my PD time. I was totally done with PD by Friday - Day 4 for me. That is not anything to do with the convention board but it sure had an affect on my enjoyment of convention.	2/24/2015 4:36 PM
102	It would be nice to have keynote speakers both Thursday and Friday morning.	2/24/2015 4:00 PM
103	More options for CTS courses. Robotics in particular.	2/24/2015 3:48 PM
104	The variety and usefulness of sessions was good. I felt like I could implement what I learned right away.	2/24/2015 2:34 PM
105	I would suggest having comedians as speakers for the keynote. Starts the day off well!	2/24/2015 2:05 PM
106	Eva Ollson was amazing - keynote quality:) Would love to see her session full!	2/24/2015 1:21 PM
107	Anxiety presenter was excellent!	2/24/2015 1:05 PM
108	Everything seemed to go very well. Most of the sessions I attended had plenty of room. I like how there are sessions over lunch so everyone can make their own lunch time. I appreciate that convention is over at 2:45 on the Friday so we can get home at a reasonable time. The amount of money convention costs teachers is very high. While I know this is not the fault of the convention board, perhaps other hotels or cities would be able to offer more affordable rates for parking and hotel?	2/24/2015 12:37 PM
109	It would nice if the keynote speakers were more well known, related more to the world of education, and wasn't there to sell their books. May I suggest someone like Anne Davies, R. Marzano, and bringing back Dylan Wiliam.	2/24/2015 12:35 PM

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110	Need more Level 4 subject specific sessions. Would prefer not to have this convention at all. It is a waste of lots of money for limited benefit. Far too many people skip out - including School Principals. More appropriate and effective PD is done through Specialist Council Conventions.	2/24/2015 11:55 AM
111	I like how the rooms were grouped to a certain extent for FI, Math etc. Not sure why we have wristbands, as they are never checked. I enjoyed convention this year.	2/24/2015 11:15 AM
112	I loved the speakers. I also appreciate how they switched rooms instead of us. Rooms were small so I couldn't get into a few sessions.	2/24/2015 11:06 AM
113	A lot of anxiety sessions. Missed the regular yoga sessions.	2/24/2015 10:53 AM
114	Would like to see more Kindergarten sessions.	2/24/2015 10:15 AM
115	There were some good sessions for secondary math but they were all scheduled at the same time. I wish the keynote speakers were more entertaining and energizing. I found them to specific and more suited to session speakers.	2/24/2015 9:31 AM
116	The website needs to improve on how it displays sessions choices. Perhaps a matrix? Scrolling through all those paragraphs was brutal.	2/24/2015 9:29 AM
117	Alex Russell was amazing. He was my favourite of the conference. The schedule was great. I liked the length of sessions, too. Just right.	2/24/2015 9:25 AM
118	If wifi cost so much, then please move the convention to another venue - or rethink "how" we are offering the convention. Online options? Different sites? I work in an online school with a blended model. There were not the types of presentations I was looking for.	2/24/2015 8:57 AM
119	Just not enough options for Div 4 ELA. Some presenters excellent. Really enjoyed the anxiety key note.	2/24/2015 8:44 AM
120	None of the sessions I attended were "mind blowing" but I learned a few valuable tid bits at each session I attended. For me, that feels like a productive convention. As is often the case, I had some tough decisions to make (choosing between two or three really good sessions). Maybe some of the more popular ones could be repeated. As usual, I was also able to meet new and interesting teachers from other Divisions and re-connect with colleagues I worked with in the past. That is one of the best parts of convention.	2/24/2015 8:43 AM
121	Keynote speakers were excellent	2/24/2015 8:28 AM
122	I really liked how there was much more to choose from for a middle school math teacher, but I wish there was more booths geared towards middle school math	2/24/2015 8:21 AM
123	I enjoyed the keynote speakers.	2/24/2015 8:18 AM
124	With an i theme we need wifi. To solve the cost perhaps we have so many access points we can apply for in advance. Not everyone at PALLISER convention it seems uses a computer or mobile to take notes. We have to solve this problem. Find a sponsor? Move venue? When Calgary convention is on use their schools instead for a venue? The category administration is old school- leadership is more pertinent and would include teacher leader workshops. We need a bigger book provider and more leadership books. Thank you for more technology sessions this year!	2/24/2015 8:18 AM
125	I would like to see more middle and high school exhibitors. I'm only interested in exhibitors that relate to education and not home things like pillows and blankets. I feel those are a waste of my time and not useful to teacher's convention.	2/24/2015 8:16 AM
126	The keynotes need to be improved. When I look at other conventions and see speakers like Chris Hadfield and Jay Ingram, then I sit through a session that overstates the obvious that boys like to move, and another that focuses on parenting instead of teaching, and is lackluster, it is frustrating. There needs to be more offsite sessions. The zoo, the Telus Spark, Sait, COP... as non-Calgary teachers we need these opportunities to find out what possibilities there are for off campus learning. Also, quit wasting money on gimmicky garbage as our pass. We aren't children, a snap bracelet that no one is going to check anyway is silly, wasteful, and degrading. Either print a book as usual, or give us simple passes. We don't need free 'toys'. The vendors give away enough of that garbage already.	2/24/2015 8:13 AM
127	Loved the scheduling app.	2/24/2015 8:12 AM
128	The anxiety session was very successful from what I heard. Eva Olsson and the Robb Nash Project had a great message, weather was great, bands were great. Exhibits were full, facilities were great.. Lots of choice in sessions, thank you to program for this. Hyatt was a great host hotel and went out of their way to take care of the teachers.	2/24/2015 6:52 AM



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129	More sessions on early intervention and diversity in the early years	2/24/2015 6:37 AM
130	Wristbands were a good idea that way you did not have to "carry" something with you if you want to be hands free. Not sure how you would improve it unless we had more locals presenting and fewer brought in to reduce cost and to show we have the expertise here. I believe there were more locals this year but not sure.	2/24/2015 5:50 AM
131	The Wellness speaker was condescending and rude. Anxiety, fabulous.	2/23/2015 11:49 PM
132	What went well? Having sessions throughout lunch provided more sessions. Having the outlines of the presentations/PPTs online were useful. If the session description wasn't clear, I went to the handouts to have a look. All sessions that provided handouts should have their handouts also on line. Improvement: The organization of the Epcor art sessions ... a bit of a mix-up this year. Have all handouts online as per the above comment.	2/23/2015 10:52 PM
133	I enjoyed that there were sessions, which met the needs of my program. I teach a program that is neither core nor elementary and specialized sessions have been challenging to find in previous years. There also seemed to be other generic sessions, i.e. wellness that weren't repeats of similar sessions from previous years. The featured speakers were good, however I feel that I miss out when I only have the opportunity to see 2 of the 3.	2/23/2015 10:47 PM
134	I moved from Manitoba where we still have a professional development day across the whole quadrant of the province and I have to say I think there is likely a lot of wasted funding that goes into this format of the teachers convention.	2/23/2015 10:45 PM
135	The two keynotes I saw -- about anxiety and about teaching boys -- were terrific. If I'd attended only those two, they would have made the convention worthwhile. Inter-room traffic is SO much easier now that keynote speakers move while their audiences stay put! :)	2/23/2015 10:38 PM
136	We really need more fine arts, CTS and other options sessions.	2/23/2015 10:16 PM
137	The anxiety presentation was excellent, but I was not impressed with the teaching boys presenter. It felt too much like a sales pitch. The session with Dr. William was also excellent, and I ended up staying for both sessions that he offered. Unfortunately, I found that the other sessions were too basic for where I am, and my school is, in my teaching.	2/23/2015 10:10 PM
138	The keynotes are not relevant or interesting. People walk away not wanting to be there. Improvements would be more dynamic speakers. Even if it's not education related, someone that is interesting to listen to.	2/23/2015 9:52 PM
139	I still prefer a hard copy book.	2/23/2015 9:51 PM
140	Anxiety speaker was very good and a timely topic. The Energize speaker was terrible. For mathematics there need to be speakers that are not just trying to sell something. Perhaps invite someone that teaches AP? Or doing something new in high school.	2/23/2015 9:50 PM
141	The movement of the keynote speakers works so well! less traffic and congestion.	2/23/2015 9:42 PM
142	I was able to get into all of my chosen sessions and this made me very, very happy!! (no sign saying "session is full".) I would recommend not having any speakers and instead start the day with sessions. I find the speakers are not talking about us as educators or have no idea how it would apply to the classroom. Also, it is very expensive to have the speakers and the money could be used elsewhere to improve our PD.	2/23/2015 9:40 PM
143	More giant schedules posted in walls at telus, keep the online publication of the sessions.	2/23/2015 9:39 PM
144	This year, I feel there was a wider variety than usual. I enjoyed all the sessions I attended. I feel it was well organized and I could get into most sessions I wanted to. Well done, committee!	2/23/2015 9:38 PM
145	Movement of people between sessions due to variety and very little over crowding in rooms.	2/23/2015 9:35 PM
146	I love convention times :)	2/23/2015 9:31 PM
147	Seemed that most of the sessions that were applicable to my teaching area were scheduled for Friday. Very little on Thursday. Forced to skip a session in order to have time to eat on Thursday - would rather have a lunch break scheduled, or longer spaces between sessions to allow enough time to find food somewhere nearby.	2/23/2015 9:30 PM
148	Dr. Russell was excellent. The gal was not a motivational enough speaker to motivate me.	2/23/2015 9:29 PM

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149	I like how we are all able to get together to share thoughts and ideas - I love the comradery. Most sessions are full of fluff - topics we already know and experience on a daily basis in our schools. We are professionals in the teaching profession. We should not have to have the same ideas, presented to us in new ways that only deliver the same message from year to year. This is make work time that does not authentically help me to be better at my job or help me reflect. Teachers reflect everyday and every night (while trying to sleep). I feel we need revisit the idea of convention and what its purpose is and what it should be. Do I know what we should do? No. But I know it needs to change if we actually want to make it something worth spending time and money on.	2/23/2015 9:28 PM
150	More inquiry based support. More project ideas.... anything like that.	2/23/2015 9:27 PM
151	More topics associated to complex needs would be great. I appreciate the featured speakers rotating, and us being able to stay.	2/23/2015 9:25 PM
152	I found the speaker Dr. Alex Russell very useful and informative. I also went to a couple sessions on creativity which were useful and fun. the large jumbo screens are great and would have been useful in some of the other long narrow room sessions.	2/23/2015 9:21 PM
153	I think the bracelets were not a good idea. I rather the lanyard. No one checked mine at all.	2/23/2015 9:19 PM
154	Closing date for presentation submissions is WAY too early. I was able to present at the ATA Science Council Conference in November, yet the deadline for Palliser had already closed. I've presented many conferences in my career and chaired symposie: the submission deadline is far, far too early.	2/23/2015 9:17 PM
155	Alex Russell was engaging and had relevant content to teaching and parenting. I had not thought of anxiety as being adaptive in nature.what a great start to the convention.	2/23/2015 9:17 PM
156	More topics on diversity in education would be preferred.	2/23/2015 9:14 PM
157	They was much greater access to the smaller sessions by offering speakers through the lunch hour.	2/23/2015 9:14 PM
158	I thought the keynote speakers were really interesting. There could be more exhibits relating to teaching.	2/23/2015 9:12 PM
159	Signage was good. Online schedule app was fantastic. Would be grateful to see free wifi next year during sessions to support work flow of hands-on in-services.	2/23/2015 9:09 PM
160	I loved the topics this year! Well done.	2/23/2015 9:09 PM
161	Very good session speakers, really enjoyed them this year! Would love to see some more famous key note speakers like in years past!	2/23/2015 9:09 PM
162	I like how the keynote and exhibits switched rooms this year, way better traffic flow. I was looking for more sessions on interactive whiteboards - Mimio in particular but Smart also - and was disappointed that the "I teach" theme didn't have more technology choices.	2/23/2015 9:08 PM
163	The keynote speakers were very dry and uninteresting. I attended the Robb Nash session and would find him to be a much better keynote. The keynote should be more engaging. Also, as a music teacher, the space was not appropriate for the Deion. So many people due to a limited selection and the space was too small for the activities listed.	2/23/2015 9:04 PM
164	I liked that one of the keynotes had messages that are counter to what we are taught/told. I.E. that anxiety is normal and healthy and denying it to students its ultimately to their disadvantage. Most positive change only occurs by making someone or some group angry. I like presenters who are not afraid to speak what they perceive the truth to be regardless of others' sensibilities.	2/23/2015 7:39 PM
165	Do not worry about keynote speakers, focus more on sessions. Do not worry about braclets. Was not asked to show it during any session.	2/23/2015 6:49 PM
166	The anxiety session was wonderful! I can't think of any improvements at this time.	2/23/2015 5:43 PM
167	As an elementary teacher, I felt there was a great selection and I learned some useful things.	2/23/2015 5:10 PM
168	Thank you for all your hard work. It was a wonderful convention as always. Amazing that it is put on by volunteers.	2/23/2015 4:39 PM
169	Robb Nash would make an excellent Thursday morning Key note speaker.	2/23/2015 3:58 PM
170	Loved the sessions. I'do r to see more repeat sessions so I can attend more of the ones I am really interested in. The ones I set as priority usually end up scheduled for the same time.	2/23/2015 12:09 PM

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172	I would like to see convention reduced to one day. Sessions are too short to delve into any depth and that is frustrating. I also felt as though the sessions I wanted to see were at the same time and then there would be nothing in the next time block that caught my attention.	2/23/2015 8:17 AM
173	Bring in better key note speakers - encouraging, well-known, speakers. Also, provide more info for those attending, the bracelet was a horrible idea!	2/22/2015 10:30 PM
174	Bracelets were uncomfortable and made my wrist sweat. Didn't like the mobile stick that was on it. Made the bracelet stick out. Need more division II science sessions	2/22/2015 5:09 PM
175	The speakers were excellent! The variety of sessions were terrific! The movement of teachers was extremely smooth this year. The pre-registration process was seamless and the links worked well. Thank-you for your work to organize the convention!	2/22/2015 1:09 PM
176	Schedule .or didn't work on android platform.	2/22/2015 11:44 AM
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179	I like the 3 choices for keynote speakers and the venues are good. The variety of exhibits is good, but it would be handy to have an exhibit map posted or moline as it was hard to find some specific booths due to the reconfiguration of the booths this year.	2/22/2015 10:54 AM
180	Good variety of speakers to reach the needs of teachers. More Google classroom and blended education sessions will be needed next year to meet the needs of this unstoppable trend in education.	2/22/2015 10:32 AM
181	To try and schedule sessions that are really excellent not at the same time. I found that there were 3 physed sessions that I would have loved to have attended, but I had to pick and choose because they were all on at the same time.	2/21/2015 10:45 PM
182	Best convention in the last 4 years! Variety. Very helpful.	2/21/2015 2:02 PM
183	Thanks to the committee for a job well done!	2/21/2015 1:06 PM
184	I originally made the mistake of registering for the central convention and there were so many great sessions offered that many times I had two at the same time I wanted to attend. I would like to see more sessions on assessment, junior high math and report cards.	2/21/2015 10:51 AM
185	The session variety were great. The theme was perfect with a focus on anxiety and helping students deal with it through different strategies. It's important to have a theme that helps pull convention together. Books should be made available to teacher who want to purchase them. I did not use my bracelet at all a big waste of money. I liked the idea of running sessions over lunch. We need coffee at the basement near MacLeod Hall for teachers to buy if necessary. It is important that presenters have all their documents available for teachers to followup by assess our website so we can print out what we need.	2/21/2015 8:00 AM
186	Parking is always an issue. Lots of room in sessions. Loved the special registation choices.	2/21/2015 6:52 AM
187	You need to ensure the room size is adequate for the type of presentation.	2/20/2015 10:31 PM
188	Overall the Convention as a whole, was excellent. A great deal of planning and time goes into this and the convention committee should be proud. I was a bit disappointed with one of the keynote speakers and that I missed out on another one. The exhibits seem to be dwindling in numbers each year but the ones that were there were good. Great variety of sessions offered...sometimes difficult to choose which one to attend.	2/20/2015 9:33 PM
189	Organization	2/20/2015 9:20 PM
190	The off-site kayak session was great. It was a good change to listening to a speaker for a session. I would prefer that the vendors starting at 8 instead of 8:30am. Had a great time at convention.	2/20/2015 8:48 PM

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191	-Bracelets good idea except didn't know what to do when done -more exact locations for Epcor centre events - nice variety of speakers and subject areas -please consider offering the kayaking again next year -Bollywood session a keeper	2/20/2015 7:27 PM
192	A majority of the learning support sessions were Friday afternoon. It would have been nice to have some spread on Thursday so that I could have attended more than 1.	2/20/2015 7:08 PM
193	Felt like I had limited choice as a secondary science teacher. Most science sessions seemed geared more to elementary and junior high years. I enjoyed the ATA presentations and very much enjoyed Alex Russell and his session.	2/20/2015 5:26 PM
194	Not enough for K-1	2/20/2015 4:12 PM
195	There was such a variety of sessions this year - many options for everyone. The sessions and presenters were very applicable to teaching and learning today. I liked that you grouped like sessions together. It made it easier if one was full to get to another one quickly. Online handouts were great. I wish more presenters would do it. I would have liked to see a few more repeat sessions since I couldn't get to some of them in their time slot. Thanks for working so hard to put on such a great convention!	2/20/2015 4:08 PM
196	There were more technology sessions this year! Disappointed that the book sale was not present.	2/20/2015 4:03 PM
197	Several sessions of interest. Perhaps more repeat sessions, since ones of interest may be scheduled at the same time.	2/20/2015 4:02 PM
198	There were more technology sessions this year! Disappointed that the book sale was not present.	2/20/2015 4:02 PM
199	Exhibitors for middle and high school. Session survey didn't work for Thurs 2:50 session.	2/20/2015 3:23 PM
200	For me, this was the best convention in the past 6 years. Sessions were much more applicable, and much better quality (Joel Hilchey, in particular, should be invited back). It would be great if exhibits were more geared towards education. There's getting to be far too many booths with pressure socks and jewelry.	2/20/2015 3:06 PM
201	Make sure that the presentations match the written descriptions on your websites.	2/20/2015 2:06 PM
202	It was well organized in terms of location and room sizes but I think that havin all of the art sessions during the same two time slots is frustrating. Some of the art session should be put on the Thursday afternoon so that people can attend more than one or two.	2/20/2015 12:28 PM
203	Anxiety talk was good. Helping boys talk wasn't.	2/20/2015 11:03 AM
204	In my opinion, the wristbands provided were very wasteful as almost all will end up in the landfill. For those who chose to wear them they did not stay on but for most they were never even taken out of a purse or bag and will go straight into the trash. I am certain that the money silent on these could have been better used. It was very disappointing to have no access to wifi without paying \$50. That is an outrageous charge to be placed on teachers who attend the conference. Offering sessions that require you to bring a device that requires wifi is essentially charging for people to attend the session.	2/19/2015 5:57 PM
205	Thank you for moving key note speakers and not teachers. The wristbands are a good idea - just find the stylus annoying and in the way. The session rooms fill up - maybe find a way to take an interest tally prior to the session (separate from pre-registration) so you can predict number of people that want to attend. Speakers were turning lots of people away because they had no room. Maybe repeat more of the session people indicate interest for if rooms are small. This will also help when sessions that people want to go to overlap each other.	2/19/2015 5:37 PM
206	Thank you for moving key note speakers this year instead of all the teachers. I really like the idea of the wristbands instead of the lanyards but the stylus tool is annoying and gets in the way. It is not very useful. My biggest complaint is sessions are in such small rooms and fill up making it difficult to get into sessions you want to go to. Solutions - maybe track interest online ahead of time (not necessarily pre-registration style though) so you can better predict numbers that want to attend a session and plan room sizes accordingly. Or offer more repeat sessions. Many good sessions all overlap at the same time and there are very few repeat opportunities to catch missed sessions later.	2/19/2015 4:51 PM