



Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association

Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers

January 2025

Website: www.pdtca.org

Convention 2025 – February 20 & 21, 2025

- **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
- **Pre-registered Sessions**
 - **Pre-reg opens February 1st at 10:00 am** – see attached page “**PDTCA SCHED and You**” for details on how pre-registration and Sched works this year.
- **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 and <https://pdtca2025.sched.com>
- **SCHED** platform will be used with embedded links that will take you to Keynote speakers and individual sessions <https://pdtca2025.sched.com>
- **Thursday Keynote Speakers** <https://www.pdtca.org>
 - **Exhibition Hall** (beside exhibits)
 - Jessica Janzen – 9:00 – 10:00 & 10:20 – 11:20 am
 - Walter Schwabe – 1:00 – 2:00 & 2:20 – 3:20 pm
- **Friday Keynote Speaker** <https://www.pdtca.org>
 - **Exhibition Hall**
 - Jesse Wente – 9:00 – 10:00 am & 10:20 – 11:20 am
- **Francophone Keynote**
 - **Macleod Hall C**
 - Elizabeth Rush
- **Featured Speakers**
 - **Vanessa Vakharia** - Thursday
 - **Dr. Jared Cooney-Horvarth** – Thursday and Friday
 - **Laurie McIntosh** – Friday
 - **Mr. Jason Schilling**, ATA President: Friday
- **Honorary President 2025** – Bertha Yagos - retired teacher from Livingstone Range School Division (See Website for write up) <https://www.pdtca.org>
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- **U of C Preservice Teacher Posters** – Pre-convention area

- Please visit and support our pre-service teachers on Thursday.

➤ **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!

➤ **The Quiet Space** – New this year – need a place to get away from the crowds and regroup. The quiet space is here to help. (Location TBA)

➤ **PDTCA uses Instagram and Facebook for social media**



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➤ **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.

➤ **Coat Check:**

- 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, except for MacLeod/Exhibition.

➤ **Goose Chase is on again this year.**

- Don't forget to download the app and be ready to play.



➤ **#Red4Ed**, We encourage you to wear red on Friday to provide a strong and highly visible message that we stand together.

➤ **Alternate Professional Development:** Application deadline: February 5th, 2025

- 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-pdconvention-or-attendance-release-request.html>

➤ **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>