



**Palliser District Teachers' Convention Association**  
**Minutes Hi-lights for All Teachers**  
**January 2026**  
**Convention 2026 – February 19 & 20, 2026**

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

- **Book your Hotel Room:** deadline for convention rate is Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026
  - **Hyatt Hotel** - Single/Double: \$259.00 plus tax per night. Book online or call 403-717-1234 and ask for the PDTCA room rate <https://www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/CALRC/G-PA26>
  - **Fairmont Palliser Hotel** – Single/Double \$249.00 plus tax. Only 10 rooms available <https://book.passkey.com/event/51170068/owner/5615/home>
- **9:00 am start time for sessions**
  - 8:50 -9:00 am – Opening remarks – O' Canada, Land Acknowledgement, Human Rights Statement, House Keeping Information in Keynote Hall
  - 9:00 am – 3:20 pm – Thursday
  - 9:00 am – 2:30 pm – Friday, some off-site sessions go until 3:00 pm
  - 60-minute sessions with 20 minutes in between
- **SCHED: goes live January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**
  - Sched platform will be used with embedded links that will take you to Keynote speakers and individual sessions <https://pdtca2026.sched.com>
- **Pre-registered Sessions** open January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am
  - **"PDTCA SCHED AND YOU: PLAN YOUR TWO DAYS LIKE A BOSS"** (see attached page) for details on how pre-registration and payment for any off-site pre-registration sessions
  - **Please note** – Jody Wilson-Raybould and Clara Hughes speak at one time only. These two keynotes are free, but tickets are required as these events will fill up. Complimentary tickets are available on SCHED January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.
- **NEW! Park and Ride at First Alliance Church** – 12345 – 40<sup>th</sup> Street SE - requires pre-registration - see details on attachment
- **NEW! Off-Site Location – Heritage Christian Academy**, 2003 McKnight Blvd NE
  - Many of our Art, Music, and Phys. Ed sessions are happening at Heritage Christian Academy. These sessions all require pre-registration. A complimentary shuttle will run between the school and Convention center every 30 minutes from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on Thursday and 8:30 to 2:30 on Friday. Free parking is also available at this venue.

- **Keynote Speakers** <https://www.pdtca.org/featured-keynotes.html>  
See info graph regarding keynotes
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- **Honorary President 2026** - Diane Sellars Myshchyshyn (See Website for write up)  
<https://www.pdtca.org/honorary-presidents.html>
- **U of C Preservice Teacher Posters** – Pre-convention area
  - Please visit and support our pre-service teachers on Thursday morning.
- **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** – Need a place to get away from the crowds and regroup? The quiet space is here to help. Please check at the info booth for a key.
- **Goose Chase is on again this year.**
  - Don't forget to download the app and be ready to play.
- **Alternate Professional Development:** Application deadline: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - 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>