

## **Connect with MPTCA**

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Thank you to Windsor Plywood for supplying the wood needed to make the display tables!

The MPTCA knows that teachers in the Peace Region have some unique needs and they also have a lot of skills and knowledge to share with their colleagues. Having local teachers present at Convention is one of the things that makes our Convention such a success!

Submit a Proposal!

While we can't cover travel or other expenses for local teachers (since our teachers are obligated to attend Convention anyway), we do

provide a \$150 honorarium per session presented. Local teachers who present are still expected to attend 6 sessions during Convention so we cannot book local teachers as presenters for more than 2 sessions.

If you are interested in presenting a session please complete the online proposal form that is now available on our website (mptca.teachers.ab.ca).

Proposals must be received by November 3, 2018. You must complete a form for each session you would like to present. If your proposal is accepted you will be contacted via email by early November. Any questions or suggestions should be directed to the program chair, Jodie Dell, at mptcprogramchair@gmail.com.

## **Convention Evaluations**

The MPTCA appreciates the feedback received from teachers. We know March is a busy time of the year to be completing surveys, but the data is valuable and allows the association to better plan for future years. This year, for every session evaluation teachers completed, they were entered in a draw for a parking spot at #MPTC2018!

## Congratulations to Jamie Lee Biggs and Tarryn Hemmingway for winning the indoor parking spaces at the

## GP Composite High School, and to Beth Ann Caufield for winning the principal's parking spot!

- Some teachers have suggested moving the Convention to Charles Spencer and St. Joe's and this is something that the MPTCA has discussed and will consider. It does involve a lot of research and planning, so it will not happen for 2018.
- Teachers who were registered on Sched for 2017 will automatically be added to our 2018 Sched program. This is so that • teachers will stay up to date with the information for 2018. Sched allows us to email teachers registered for our event and teachers have indicated this is a great way to communicate with them.
- Having our Convention in Grande Prairie, at local schools, does have many advantages. Convention Centers are costly and do ٠ not have the same technologies, CTF/CTS labs, science labs, music rooms, gyms and other unique learning spaces that our schools do. MPTC attendees are also very fortunate to have access to free parking.
- Teachers pay for Convention through their ATA fees. Having vendors at Convention allows us to keep that cost at a minimum. Sometimes that means having vendors who are not providing educational materials. We do invite educational companies to attend our Convention, but sometimes they are not able to due to travel and expense restrictions. If you have any vendor suggestions please contact the Display Chair, Tasha Zboya, at mptcdisplays@gmail.com.