



Coquitlam Teachers' Association News

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CTA Rep Assembly

Wednesday, September 27, 2107
4:00 p.m. Winslow – Gallery Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. President's Report
3. CTA Budget 2017-18
4. School Concerns
5. Prize Draw
6. Adjournment



CTA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
4:00 p.m. Winslow Centre – Gym

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. President's Report
3. **Timed Item (4:20 pm):**
Election of 2017-18 CTA Executive Committee MAL
4. Financial Reports
 - 4.1 Auditor's Report
 - 4.2 Financial Statements
 - 4.3 2017-18 Finance Recommendations
5. BCTF Rep Assembly (Nov 3 & 4, 2017): CTA Resolutions
6. Other Business
7. Prize Draws
8. Adjournment

SCC Implementation Update

Electronic Remedy Form

With small steps, we work on the various parts of this machine until it is hopefully going to run smoothly. Lately, we have had a presentation from the Board on an electronic form for remedy tracking. This is something not imminent at this second but, we need to train Staff Reps on how this will work. That training will take place starting next week, within the Staff Rep training scheduled.

Middle School Straightening

Some teachers at Middle school may see the employer coming to them with a form about straightening and wanting the teachers to sign off on no remedy for teacher-straightened classes. This was a bit of a trade off in discussions between the CTA and the Board. The District's primary job is to create classes in compliance with the language. If they can do that, they must, according to "best efforts" in the Memorandum of Agreement and the contractual language on class size and composition. Teachers who decide to subsequently straighten those classes and find them now no longer compliant are opting out of remedy for those classes. That is what the form articulates. The MOA does not contemplate straightening in any way and we are advising teachers against straightening if it puts them in a position of non-compliance with the contract. If the desire is still there to straighten, sign the form and proceed with the classes as newly configured.

PD Power

"If we want meaningful change, we have to make a connection to the heart before we can make a connection to the mind." — George Couros, *The Innovator's Mindset*

Welcome back! There is always so much to think about as we get back into routines and schedules, it's easy to miss some of the details.

Here are the PD dates to add to your calendar for 2017-18:

September 22 – District PD Day (school-based)

October 20 - Provincial PSA day

February 23 - CTA PD day

April 20 - District Focus Day

*Remember to check you school's calendar to add in your other 2 school based PD dates

Please make sure that your school has a PD Rep. Our first PD Training date is an after school information session on September 19th at the CTA office.

Take care,

Holly Stibbs, PD Chairperson

Check out the 2017-18 CTA Calendar [click here](#)

Staff Rep Training

Upcoming training dates are as indicated below:

Dates: Thursday, September 14, 2017

Monday, September 18, 2017

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place: CTA Office (Conference Room)

Staff reps will be assigned to attend one of the training dates above and should receive a package by email shortly.

Please note: When accessing the online Leave Management Web System through CADs to book your TTOC – (CTA-Staff Rep Training).

Pacific Blue Cross Lockout

Workers from CUPE 1816 have been locked out since July 7 by management at Pacific Blue Cross. This after over a year of concession bargaining. We can help by following CUPE 1816's request to send in forms by mail, being patient for processing and by visiting CUPE's picket line at 4250 Canada Way, Burnaby. More info can be found at <https://1816.cupe.ca>.

WANTED: District Design Committee for New Elementary Schools

- 8 CTA members

The District Design Committee will work with the Architect and Facilities Personnel to provide feedback on designing new elementary schools in School District #43. The time commitment will be approximately 2-3 meetings per month from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. over a period of 3-4 months during the fall of 2017 and early 2018. There will be documents and drawings to review between meeting. *Please go to our website for a curriculum vitae and submit it to the CTA Office.*

CTA/CPVPA Fall Retirement Reception

The annual Fall reception celebrating Coquitlam's retiring teachers and administrators is held on:

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Place: Poco Inn & Suites (PoCo Room)
1545 Lougheed Hwy, PoCo

Everyone is welcome!

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Join the CTA for an evening of conversation!

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Location: Milestone's Restaurant
(Lounge) 2745 Barnet Highway,
Coquitlam

Cost: \$20 (includes 3 course meal and 9 presenters)

To register please click onto this link

<https://www.regonline.com/ignite43sept28>

Opportunities for Members

The BC Teachers' Federation is looking for members to apply for a vacancy on the Committee for Action on Social Justice as well as for trustees of the G.A. Fergusson Memorial Award. Visit the Federation's Opportunities for Members [page](#) to learn more and apply.

Upcoming PD Information Session

Are you interested in finding out how to apply for PD reimbursement for workshops and conferences? Are you new to the role of PD rep at your school? Are you passionate about PD and looking for ways to support PD in your school? Do you need ideas for planning school-based PD? Would you like to learn more about CTA's group applications for PD? Are you wondering about upcoming PD opportunities? This informational session is for you!

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Time: 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Location: CTA Office

Summer PD

A reminder that if you are seeking reimbursement for conferences or workshops you attended over the summer, the hard copy of the yellow forms are due before 4:30 today. Receipts and conference reports must arrive to the CTA office before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2017 for ALL summer workshops. Receipts and conference reports can be scanned and forwarded to pd@cta43.org

Vacancy: CTA Executive MAL

The CTA has a vacancy for a member-at-large for the 2017-18 school year. As per CTA policy, Executive Committee vacancies can only be filled at General Meetings. Therefore, an election for this position will be held at the Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**. Any CTA members interested should go to our website and fill out a CV form and send it to the CTA office by **Wednesday, September 27, 2017**.

New School Year Starts with Key Changes from the Provincial Government

Welcome back to school! The 2017–18 school year will be the beginning of a positive new chapter in the history of public education in BC. Thanks to our Supreme Court of Canada win and the implementation of our restored collective agreement language, there are more than 3,000 new teaching positions in place and many teachers in full-time contracts for the first time. This week also marks the [reopening of Springwood Elementary](#) in Prince George. Thanks to our collective fight, students and teachers are back in the hallways of Springwood for the first time in seven years. Hopefully, this is the first of many more school re-openings!

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TTOC Committee

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: CTA Office