



Coquitlam Teachers' Association News

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September 29, 2017
No. 5

CTA Annual General Meeting

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

Agenda

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

Implementation Update:

Improvement in Primary Class Size and Composition Situation

Primary teachers have made it clear that they were not happy to be ineligible for remedy for Class Size and Composition, unlike their colleagues in grades 4-12. Recent discussions between the CTA have reversed that position. K-3 classes that exceed the MOA/contract limits will now be remedied, regardless of flex being in play or not. To sum up the benefits of the restoration of the contract language for K-3; there are smaller class sizes generally, the ability to negotiate improvements to the language in 2018 and now, remedy, like other teachers.

New Administrative Procedures

Recently, the employer put out two Administrative Procedures, one on Code of Conduct and one on Conflict of Interest. The CTA raised a number of concerns around the enforceability of the Code of Conduct AP and issues of too sweeping language, privacy and sign off by teachers with the Conflict of Interest procedure. Teachers should not be concerned that there will be a crusade undertaken by the Board here. These procedures are required by the Public Sector Employer's Council (PSEC) and they have been given direction to make them. The employer is required to review these procedures with staff and you can expect your principal to present these at your October staff meeting. The CTA is willing to keep an eye on any implementation of these procedures to ensure that it is fair and reasonable. In particular, if you are asked to sign anything, give us a call first for advice, before you do so.

Supervision

The CTA has received a number of concerns regarding attempts by site-based administration to increase the amount of supervision performed by teachers. Now, we have long-standing advice with regard to this. This is an item best discussed at the Collaborative Decision Making Committee within your school. The admin should be able to present a good reason for the increase. Teachers can present counter arguments there as well. If the admin still wishes to increase supervision over the teachers' objection, they'd need to put their reasons in writing. If more supervision is undertaken, it is our long-standing expectation the Principals and Vice-Principals participate in this supervision, every time it occurs, barring an emergency. This is a good reason to have a vibrant and strong CDMC in your school.

WANTED: District Design Committee for New Elementary Schools (7 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.*

Canuck Teacher Appreciation

The Vancouver Canucks are offering members, friends and families of the CTA an exclusive offer to our Home Opener against the Edmonton Oilers and other games!

- Game 1:** Edmonton Oilers Home Opener - Saturday, October 7th at 7:00 PM.
Cost – Lower Bowl \$134, Upper Bowl \$77/\$119
- Game 2:** Pittsburgh Penguins – Saturday, November 4th at 7:00 PM
Cost – Lower Bowl \$132, Upper Bowl \$106
- Game 3:** Carolina Hurricanes – Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM.
Cost – Lower Bowl \$54, Upper Bowl \$42

To purchase tickets please email Mischa.Smolkin@canucks.com or call 604-899-7708

PD Power

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." Dalai Lama

Hi Colleagues,
Our October PSA Day is less than a month away! What great workshops or conferences are you planning to attend? But first, you might be wondering what PSA Day is and why there aren't many in-district choices.

October 20th is our Provincial Day where many of our Provincial Specialist Associations host workshops and conference across the province. PSA Day is an opportunity for teachers around the province to get together and learn from each other, share ideas and network across districts and zones. This is where we cross-pollinate and spark ideas by hearing what is going on outside our own schools and districts.

Here are a few workshops and conferences that colleagues in SD43 are already attending (I know because those yellow PD Assistance forms are arriving on a daily basis now). ***Remember to drop off your yellow PD Assistance form before 4:30 p.m. on October 6th.**

Conference & Location	Description	Cost	After PD Assistance	For more details and to register
PSA Super Conference (Vancouver)	30 remarkable keynote presenters sponsored by 25 different PSAs	\$150	\$35	https://www.psasuperconference.ca
BC Montessori PSA (Surrey)	Montessori in the 21 st Century with keynote Dr. Paul Epstein	\$125	\$22	https://www.bcmontessoripsa.org/2015-fall-conference
QDPE Conference (New West)	PE-BC's annual conference - over 40 workshops of dynamic learning activities that can be applied K-12	\$150	\$35	https://www.douglascollege.ca/-/media/BCDD67EA4C0E479F93B5C467E3831DD8.ashx?la=en
BCAMT (Burnaby)	Keynote Marc Garneau & a variety of workshops for K-12 mathematics	\$150	\$35	http://www.bcamt.ca/fall2017/
PORT MOODY MUSEUM (Port Moody)	Introductions to different tours including a one-hour boat tour of Indian Arm	\$40	\$0	http://www.coquitlamteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/PoMomuseum-proDday.jpg
Minerals Ed (Vancouver)	<i>Natural Resources in Vancouver Harbour Cruise</i>	\$25	\$0	https://mineralsed.ca/site/assets/files/3977/mineralsed_connections_fall_2017.pdf

Whatever you choose, enjoy your day of professional learning!

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#IGNITE43 – Professional Learning in Action!

Thank you to our wonderful Ignite43 presenters last night at Milestones. What a great way to bring partner groups together with District Staff, Trustees, CPVPA, and CTA sharing laughter, meaningful conversation and great food!

- Liz Bell** (Pinetree Secondary) - Supporting Diverse Learners
- Bryn Williams** (Westwood) - Teaching With Heart
- Amanda Long** (CTA) – The Ripple Effect
- Dario Demetlika** (James Park) – The Hulk in All of Us
- Colleen Castonguay** (Walton) – Bowron Lakes – Lessons Along the Way
- John Sarte** (Inquiry Hub) – (Not) Another Purpose For Schools
- Michele Reid** (Mary Hill) – Finding Your Creativity
- Jody Colbourne** (Riverview Park) – One Teacher's "Eureka!" Moment About "Eureka!" Moments
- Kelsey Keller** (Baker Drive) – Ah – F#*k: The Power of Words
- James Gill** (Meadowbrook) – Teaching in China
- Craig Mah** (Walton) - Emcee

The event was trending strongly on Twitter throughout the evening. Here is a sampling of what was being shared:



Thank you to **Craig Mah** for documenting our event : <https://storify.com/craigmah/ignite43-eureka>
CTA will be hosting another Ignite43 event in the spring. Watch for details!