



Coquitlam Teachers' Association News

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November 3, 2017
No. 10

CTA Representative Assembly

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 -- Winslow, Gallery Room 4:00 p.m.

Agenda

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| 1. Call to Order | 4. CTA Guiding Principles & Priorities |
| 2. Adoption of Minutes | 5. Adjournment [4:15 p.m.] |
| 3. Ratification of Committee Appointments | |

CTA General Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 -- Winslow, Gallery Room 4:15 p.m.

Agenda

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| 1. Call to Order | 5. CTA Resolutions to the BCTF AGM 2018 |
| 2. Presentation of Roy Krutow Scholarships
(2 @ \$1250) | 6. CTA Policies & Procedures motions |
| 3. President's Report | 7. Committee Reports |
| 4. BCTF Fall Rep Assembly Update
[Nov 3 & 4, 2017] | 8. School Concerns |
| | 9. Prize Draw |
| | 10. Adjournment [5:45 p.m.] |

Remedy Form Update

After some final tweaks to the Remedy Form brought about by decisions at the Provincial table, the Remedy Form is finally online and ready for completion. It is available on My43, if you select your name in the upper right of the page after you log in, select My Info and then, My Forms on the next page. Please wait while the form loads. It may show a blank screen while this is occurring. Your admin has been trained in how to fill in the forms as well so, direct any questions you have to the Principal. If there are any disputes, please bring them here and we will help you get the resolved.

BCTF letter to MLAs

The BCTF has sent a letter out to MLAs, outlining our ongoing concerns with education funding, class size and composition, ttoc shortages, non-enrolling staffing reductions and an encouragement for the MLA to work with the local association to identify and remedy these situations. The whole text of the letter can be found behind the portal on our website www.coquitlamteachers.com

Interested in a Masters of Education

SFU is offering a unique M.Ed in Educational Leadership. Three of the CTA officers and many Coquitlam teachers have taken their M.Ed under Educational Leadership from SFU. It offers unique opportunities for developing various kinds of leadership, not just administrative leadership. Participants speak highly of their experience with this M.Ed and the interesting opportunities it offered for leadership within it, like planning and running a Symposium Series on Reimagining Educational Discourse, for example.

More info can be found at the link below but, this doesn't really explain well what makes this M.Ed unique. Hopefully the above testimonial encourages you to look into this M.Ed, if you are interested.

<http://www.sfu.ca/education/gs/degreediploma/masters/el-k12-2018.html>

There will also be an information sessions held November 21st at SFU's Surrey Campus, Rm #5140, and on November 23rd at SFU's Vancouver Campus, Harbour Centre Building, Rm #2520. Contact SFU for the times of these meetings.

Coquitlam Teachers' Association invites you to attend an Induction to welcome teachers new to the district and to induct teachers new to the profession into the BC Teachers' Federation.



Thursday, November 23, 2017, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Milestones Bar & Grill, 2745 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam, BC

ONLY teachers hired from November 1, 2016 to October 31st, 2017 will be inducted.

Please RSVP Pat (padolf@cta43.org) by Friday, November 17, 2017

PD Connections is Back!

CTA and Learning Services are excited to announce our afterschool workshops are back! The purpose of our afterschool series is to introduce teachers to topics of interest, but more importantly, begin a conversation. First up in our 2017-18 line-up is "WE Schools Professional Learning" facilitated by Maureen Dockendorf, the new Director of Educational partnerships for WE Schools.

Date and Time: November 20, 2017 / 3:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Gallery Room - Winslow Centre

Registration is on the district website:

<https://my43.sd43.bc.ca/departments/studentservices/PD/registration/Lists/WE%20Schools%20Session/AllItems.aspx>

New Teacher Training

Dates: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 **OR** Thursday, November 23, 2017
Times: 8:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Location: Winslow Centre – Gallery Room

This day workshop is for new teachers who have been teaching 3 years or less and is a **paid** day. Come and learn about:

- Professional Relationships
- Rights & Responsibilities
- Professional Learning and more

REGISTER NOW

Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. To register please email Pat (padolf@cta43.org).

PD Power

“We know from science that nothing in the universe exists as an isolated or independent entity”
~ Margaret Wheatley

Plans for our **February 23rd, 2018** CTA PD Day are well underway! Based on feedback provided by the membership, the PD Committee created a ‘shape of the day’ that we feel will allow for choice while creating more time for conversations between sessions. **Please consider sharing your passion for teaching and learning with colleagues on our CTA PD Day.**

Our theme this year is *“Perspectives in Teaching and Learning”*. Talk to your colleagues about co-presenting. Encourage others to share. Register as a facilitator to bring together teachers in a specialty area for collegial conversations.

Here’s what you need to know:

- Sessions are 90 minutes long
- Facilitators can sign up to facilitate a morning session, an afternoon session, or both morning and afternoon

To register as a facilitator or presenter, please use the following link [click here](#)

The registration code is 9971. **The deadline for registering is November 24th.**

The PD Committee is working hard to create an awesome day filled with a variety of professional development opportunities. Look for more details next week in PD Power!

Thank you, *Holly*

TTOC Experience Credit **Transfer Nov. 15th Deadline**

Have you recently converted to a continuing status teacher and have TTOC experience credit? Teachers often make the choice to transfer TTOC experience credit to their contract experience credit bank to increase their pay scale when they stop working as a TTOC. Teachers have two “banks” of experience credit that count towards salary increments. One is for every day working as a TTOC you get one day in your TTOC bank. The other is for every day working on contract, you get one day in your contract bank. Once you no longer TTOC those TTOC days sit in the bank unless you request a transfer. This can happen twice a year and the next deadline is approaching. If you are no longer working as a TTOC and would like to transfer your TTOC experience credit to your continuing teacher experience credit bank, the form is available on the SD43 website: log into Mysd43, click on Forms, and click on Human Resources to find the form LOU 16(c). This form is due by **November 15th, 2017**. For the purpose of transfer, 17 FTE days of TTOC experience credit will be converted to one month of experience credit in your continuing teacher bank. The transfer will become effective as of **December 31st**. Please phone or email the office if you have any questions.

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TTOC Committee

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: CTA Office

Resource Fair Share

For Early Career Teachers and TTOCs.

When: Tuesday, November 28th
Date: 4:00 p.m. door prizes/speakers,
Resource Fair 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Where: Gallery Room, Winslow Centre
Door prizes, snacks, and free resources! Please come and meet our Mentoring Support Teacher, Tamara Sengotta, District Principal, Jason Hewlett, and the CTA TTOC Committee. It’s a great opportunity to make new connections, ask questions, and shop for free resources. Light snacks and beverages will be supplied.

Accepting Resource Donations!

The TTOC Committee is looking for relevant, gently used, K-12 resources such as: novels, classroom décor, craft supplies, cds, kits, DVDs, toys, centre activities, and teacher guides. Please drop donations off at:

Date: Tuesday, November 28th
Location: Elm Room - Winslow Centre
Time: 12:00–4:00 p.m. on Tuesday,

Please contact Denise at dlumagbas@sd43.bc.ca for any assistance. Thank you for supporting our early career colleagues!

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