



# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

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December 22, 2017  
No. 17

## CTA Representative Assembly/General Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
Winslow – Gallery Room, 4:00 pm

### Rep Assembly Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. Adjournment (4:10 p.m.)

### General Meeting Agenda

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| 1. Call to Order  | 5. Committee Reports       |
| 2. <b>TIMED ITEM:</b> 4:15 p.m.<br>CTA Delegates to the 2018 BCTF AGM | 6. School Concerns         |
| 3. G. Hansman, BCTF President   | 7. Prize Draws             |
| 4. President's Report   | 8. Adjournment (5:45 p.m.) |



## Happy Holidays Everyone!

The officers and staff at the CTA wish you a very happy holiday and positive prospects for the new year. It has been a challenging fall with a volume of change unprecedented before; curriculum, reporting, remedy, in addition to the more routine work of starting new classes and rolling out the new school year. The challenges have extended to this office as well, with many items requiring our attention down here and a significant increase in the complexity of the items we are dealing with.

That aside, we remain hopeful the new year will bring new opportunities and renewed optimism amongst teachers moving forward. The power of the work we do with the children we serve remains undiminished and is changing lives every day. It is sometimes hard to keep that in sight, with all the myriad minutia that plague us daily but, it is something to be truly thankful for.

Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of students and colleagues in the district. It is our fervent wish that you enjoy every happiness this season brings to you and your family.

Ken, Amanda, Kara, Andy, Holly and the staff Kelly, Heidi, Kelly S. and Pat

### **December Remedy Form Deadlines Extended**



We have received the following communication from the School Board regarding December remedy forms:

*“As December is a short month, we are at the point where we are getting ready for teachers to submit their electronic remedy forms.*

*We recognize that December will be a little different as the last day of December is followed by the 2 week Winter Break.*

*Therefore, the last day for administrators to approve the teachers electronic remedy submission is Tuesday, January 9, 2018 for December remedy totals to be included in the January mid-month pay statement bank.*

*Forms that are approved by the above timeline will have the totals added to the teacher's mid-January pay statement. Those that are not approved by that timeline will get submitted for the end of January pay period.*

*In many instances there has not been a lot of change with class size or composition, we anticipate this will especially be true for the week before Christmas. Therefore, we recommend that teachers start putting in their remedy forms starting Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, so that you can approve those completed on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.”*

As you can see, it is recommended teachers get the form in sooner but, they can still be submitted later than the end of this month.

### **BCTF AGM 2018: Be A Delegate!**

The **BCTF Annual General Meeting** will take place on March 17-20, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. This year, we will elect delegates to the BCTF AGM at our General Meeting on January 17, 2018. We would like to encourage members to seriously consider coming to the BCTF AGM this year.

Please go to our website for a curriculum vitae and submit it to the CTA Office before **Monday, January 8, 2018.**



# PD Power

"We do not learn from experience... we learn from reflecting on experience" ~ John Dewey

As we head into the holidays, it's important to disconnect from school and to relax with friends and family. It can also a time for quiet reflection, to think about how you will continue to move your practice forward in a way that balances both your needs and the needs of the students you are working with this year.

Check out this 9 minute video clip from our CTA PD Day keynote presenter, Dr. Martin Brokenleg, co-author of Reclaiming Youth at Risk: Our Hope for the Future:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=dr+martin+brokenleg+circle+of+courage+video&&view=detail&id=9CDB53733356849A57149CDB53733356849A5714&FORM=VRDGAR>

Wishing you all a very restful holiday break.

Holly



## **BCTF Committee Vacancies**

**The BCTF has asked us to share the following opportunities for members with our members.**

Full details can be found at [CTA website/General Info](#)

**Working and Learning Conditions/Bargaining Advisory Committee (WLC/BAC)**

- 1 vacancy to June 2020

**Deadline for applications is January 10, 2018**

**Six facilitators who self-identify as women**

- Terms to end June 30, 2019

**Deadline for applications is January 9, 2018**

**Adult Education Advisory Committee**

- Two, 3-year terms

**Deadline for applications is January 5, 2018**

## **Updating NonSD43 Email Addresses**

The CTA is collecting personal emails for the purpose of communicating union business such as bargaining, implementation work, strike support, etc. Due to District policy's and further to privacy regulations we would like to contact members regarding specific information through personal not employer-based email addresses. We will not share your personal information with any third party.

Please complete the survey on our [website](#) or send your information directly to

[membership@cta43.org](mailto:membership@cta43.org)

(First name, Last name, Employee number, nonSD43 email address).



## **Committee Vacancies**

Teachers interested in the following CTA committees should go onto our website for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office by

**Monday, January 22, 2018.**

*If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.*

**New Westminster & District Labour Council**

- 5 CTA reps

**CTA Multiculturalism & Anti-Racism Committee**

- 3 elem. reps, 1 middle rep, 2 sec. reps, 1 MAL

**CTA PD Committee**

- 2 elem reps, 1 middle rep, 3 secondary reps

**CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee**

- 5 members-at-large

**CTA Policies & Procedures Committee**

- 1 member-at-large

**CTA Negotiations Committee**

- 6 members-at-large

**CTA Social Justice Committee**

- 1 elem. rep, 2 middle reps, 1 secondary rep

**District Student Services Advisory Committee**

- 2 CTA reps

**District French Advisory Committee**

- 3 CTA reps

**District Student Achievement Advisory Committee**

- 4 CTA reps

**District Review Panel Committee**

- 1 CTA rep

**District Technology Advisory Committee**

- 5 CTA reps

**District Student Wellness & Safety Committee**

- 3 CTA reps

**District Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Education**

- 1 CTA rep

Join us!

## **WANTED: District Reporting Template Feedback and Review Team (K-5) and (6-8)**

- 4 CTA members (Grades K-5)
- 4 CTA members (Grades 6-8)

The Feedback and Review Team will collect feedback regarding the District Reporting Template, review that feedback, consider the use of technology and other supports for the reporting process – K to grade 5 (one group) and Grades 6-8 (second group). They will be asked to provide recommendations to the Assistant Superintendent responsible for communicating Student Learning.

*Please go to our website for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office by January 22, 2018*