

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## *President's Message*

Ken Christensen and Kara Obojski attended the District Retirement function, held at the Westwood Golf and Country Club this week. This annual celebration is for retirees from all three partner groups and is always a very fun affair. Ken Christensen, Stan Marshall (CUPE 561) and Mark Clay (CPVPA) offered responses to the Board toast to retirees and the Gleneagle vocal choir, led by the inestimable Eddie Trovato, entertained us with thrilling renditions of many standards. We are so proud of the collective wisdom, experience and support provided to students by every retiree, whether in attendance at this meeting or already on their new adventure. Below is a list of the 2017-18 retirees from the CTA. Congratulations and best wishes to all and...send photos of your new adventures!

Douglas Adlem  
Kathryn Arduini  
Terry Bates  
Christopher Bell  
Gregory Booth  
Jane Brancati  
Nancy Carl  
Michael Cook  
Rosita DiFruscia  
Olga Dodic

Marie-Lauraine Dube  
Karen Elkan  
Jane Evans  
Brenda Graham  
Debbie Grist  
Pamela Hagen  
Deborah Holt  
Alnoor Jiwa  
Deborah Jumaga  
Tanis Kennedy

Sheila Kopf  
Cari Leach  
Lori Leonard  
Louise Malfesi  
Judy McConnell  
Chryso Methot  
Cameron Morrison  
Jane Ono  
Michael Pledge  
Shannon Pringle

Alexandra Rathgeber  
Susana Ruzic  
Anne Shaw  
Robin Shaw  
Dale Shea  
Carla Smith  
Darcey Sudeyko  
Greg Tjosvold  
Silvia Vanderliek  
Wendy Wallace

## CTA RETIREMENT RECEPTION

The annual CTA/CPVPA Fall Retirement Reception celebrating Coquitlam's retiring teachers and administrators will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday, September 13, 2018

**Time:** 4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Place:** Poco Inn & Suites (PoCo Room)

## ROY KRUTOW SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the CTA awards two **Roy Krutow Scholarships of \$1250.00** to the graduating child of a teacher employed by School District #43 or to the child of a retired or deceased teacher employed by School District #43 at the time of retirement or death. Eligible candidates can attend ANY public school in British Columbia.

**Criteria:** Academic achievement (in case of a tie, school involvement will be considered).

**Application Deadline:** July 1, 2018

Applications are available on our website under "Member Resources"; "CTA Forms"



## STAFF REP/PD REP NAMES FOR 2018/19

School staffs should be selecting their Staff Reps/PD Reps for the upcoming 2018/19 school year. In order to plan for Training Sessions we will need the names and member counts **as soon as possible**. Staff Rep/PD Rep names can be forwarded to the CTA office by emailing [kroberts@cta43.org](mailto:kroberts@cta43.org). Thank you!



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## Terry Fox Teens promote consent culture to stop sexual violence

Submitted by Ryan Cho, Terry Fox Secondary

The Tri-Cities News just published an article about some of the action projects that students in our SJ12 class are doing re: consent culture and sexual assault. It's really good and I wanted to pass it along. It's a great example of the great students we have and how they are connecting what they learn in school to other part of their lives, and beyond.

The article highlights two projects:

1. The day of silent protest (lead by Kayla Tso and Sarah Cronkhite) that took place on Tuesday. The students were focusing on engagement and education around #MeToo and sexualized violence/harassment. Kayla and Sarah had 20 students join them as a part of the day and I know it sparked a lot of good conversations. Thank you to the teachers who offered them their support used it as an opportunity to talk about the subject in their classes.
2. The second project is a really cool initiative by Michael Evans and Carolina Dervalli. Michael is a star football player (defensive Lineman), and he and Carolina, along with 5 other members of the TFox football team, produced **a short video** talking about consent culture and sexual assault.  
-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsjMuHLDhdk&feature=youtu.be>.

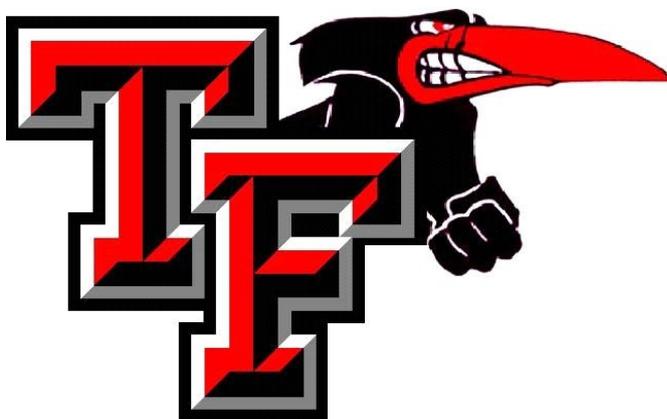
Carolina (who is from Brazil) even spoke about how culture and gender influence this conversation and its context (there might even be a core competency related to that...). Part of their action project is to get the video seen by as many people as possible, so if you can help them with a view and share, it would help give them more to report on in class when they do their post-action presentations to me on Monday!



Carolina Dervalli, front, with fellow Terry Fox students Sarah Cronkhite, Kayla Tso and Michael Evans are raising awareness about the #MeToo movement, the prevalence of sexual assault and the need to adopt consent culture to reduce sexual violence. The campaign was an end-of-year project for their Social Justice 12 class.

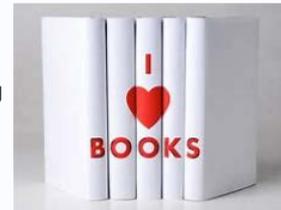
Photograph By DIANE STRANDBERG

The full news article is here: Check it out:  
<http://www.tricitynews.com/news/teens-promote-consent-culture-to-stop-sexual-violence-1.23335001>

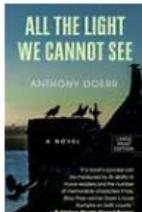


## Professional Learning Ideas for Summer Part 1: Books We Love

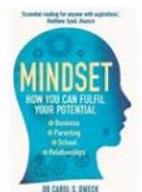
Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas for summer reads! Below you will find titles from different genres for your interest to enjoy as recommended by colleagues. Do you have any suggestions for our viewing audience? **Professional Learning Ideas for Summer Part 2** will feature TED Talks, movies, documentaries, etc. Please send your ideas to [hstibbs@cta43.org](mailto:hstibbs@cta43.org).



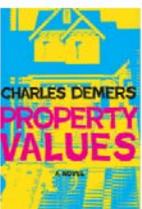
**YOU CANNOT OPEN A BOOK WITHOUT LEARNING SOMETHING ~ CONFUCIUS**



**All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr** (Scribner, 2014) is about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. **(Elaan Bauder, TST)**



**Mindset by Carol S. Dweck, PhD** (Ballantine Books, 2007) shows how success in school, work, sports, the arts, and almost every area of human endeavor can be dramatically influenced by how we approach our goals. Mindset reveals how great parents, teachers, managers, and athletes can put this idea to use to foster outstanding accomplishment. **(Christine Yeager, Blakeburn)**

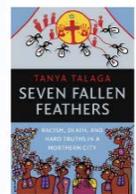


**Property Values by Charles Demers** (Arsenal Pulp Press, 2018) explores the comic lengths a man will go to in order to become a home owner in today's market. Set in the Lower Mainland with a plot that links drug gang violence to another local crime scene, the insane bubble that has driven up real estate costs beyond human comprehension and beyond the ability of anyone outside the fabled one per cent to afford.

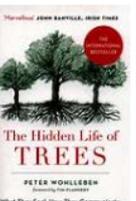
**\*Special Note: Charlie Demers is our CTA February Day keynote speaker!**



**Refugee by Alan Gratz** (Scholastic, 2017) A heart-wrenching escape story, a coming-of-age tale, a treatise on the hopes and traumas of refugees the world over—with the civil war in Syria still raging and immigration a hot-button issue across the world, Refugee could not be more timely. **(Julianna Chiew, Banting Middle)**



**Seven Fallen Feathers by Tanya Talaga** (House Of Anansi Press Inc, 2017). In 1966, 12-year-old Chanie Wenjack froze to death on the railway tracks after running away from residential school. An inquest was called and four recommendations were made to prevent another tragedy. None of those recommendations were applied. **(Christy Wong, CET)**



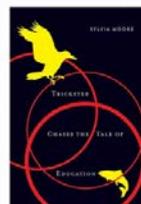
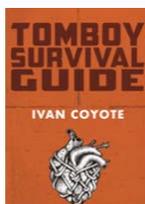
In **The Hidden Life of Trees, Peter Wohlleben** (Greystone books, 2016) shares his deep love of woods and forests and explains the amazing processes of life, death, and regeneration he has observed in the woodland and the amazing scientific processes behind the wonders of which we are blissfully unaware. Much like human families, tree parents live together with their children, communicate with them, and support them as they grow. **(Jill Della Vedova, Student Services)**

**Through the Labyrinth: The Truth about how Women Become Leaders by Alice Eagly and Linda Carli** (Harvard Business Press, 2007) examines why women's paths to power remain difficult to traverse. This important and practical book addresses such critical questions as: How far have women actually come as leaders? Do stereotypes and prejudices still limit women's opportunities? Do people resist women's leadership more than men's? And, do organizations create obstacles to women who would be leaders? **(Amanda Long, CTA)**

**Tomboy Survival Guide by Ivan Coyote** (Arsenal Pulp Press, 2016) is a funny and moving memoir told in stories, in which Ivan recounts the pleasures and difficulties of growing up a tomboy in Canada's Yukon, and how they learned to embrace their tomboy past while carving out a space for those of us who don't fit neatly into boxes or identities or labels. **(Amanda Roberts, PMSS)**

**Trickster Chases the Tale of Education by Sylvia Moore** (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2017). Using the power of storytelling, dreams, trickster figures and their teachings, humour, and contemplative silences, Sylvia recounts her own and other Mi'kmaq community members' attempts to Indigenize education. **(Greg Sutherland, SFU)**

**Wishtree by Katharine Applegate** (Feiwel & Friends, 2017). This story is told from the perspective of an ancient oak tree who has seen it all. Bestselling author Katherine Applegate gets readers rooting for the old tree, along with the people and animals who come to depend on it. Funny, deep, warm, and nuanced, this is Katherine Applegate at her very best—writing from the heart, and from a completely unexpected point of view. **(Karen Leonard, Moody Middle)**



# COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Teachers interested in the following committees should go onto our website for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office by: **Monday, June 18, 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**

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

## **CTA PD Committee**

- 1 elem. rep, 1 secondary reps

## **CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee**

- 5 members-at-large

## **CTA Policies & Procedures Committee**

- 1 member-at-large

## **CTA Social Justice Committee**

- 2 middle reps

## **District Student Services Advisory Committee**

- 2 CTA reps

## **District French Advisory Committee**

- 2 CTA reps

## **District Student Achievement Advisory Committee**

- 4 CTA reps

## **District Review Panel Committee**

- 1 CTA rep

## **District Technology Advisory Committee**

- 1 CTA reps

## **District Student Wellness & Safety Committee**

- 3 CTA reps

## **District Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Education**

- 1 CTA rep



**UPCOMING EVENTS:** submit your details to [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org) for posting.

### RETIREMENT EVENTS:

For full details, please see the information posted on the my43 Community Relations <<http://my43.sd43.bc.ca/departments/CommunityRelations>> site.

- **Naomi Lane** from Glenayre Elementary is retiring. A celebration on Thursday, June 21 from 4 - 7 pm at Glenayre Elementary Gym. \$25 includes Chinese dinner and gift or \$10 for gift only. **RSVP to [mbarnes@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mbarnes@sd43.bc.ca)**
- **Louise Malfesi & Dale Shea** from Learning Services are retiring. A joint celebration on Wednesday, June 20 from 4 - 6 pm at Winslow Gallery Room. \$15 for reception only or \$10 per retiree for gift only. **RSVP to [gbogren@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:gbogren@sd43.bc.ca)**

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