

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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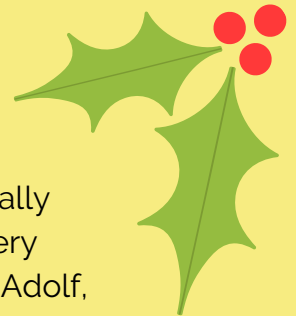
President's Message

Season's Greetings!

There will be a lot of action to come the new year but, I don't really want to detail all of that here. I want to just wish all of you the very best of the season from our whole CTA staff, Kelly Roberts, Pat Adolf, Kelly Stewart, Heidi Davis and our officers, myself, Amanda Long, Kara Obojski, Andy Gilligan, and Holly Stibbs.

Please use the break to reconnect with your loved ones and friends, recharge depleted energy reserves and have a laugh or two at the stresses and strains of modern life. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the CTA and for the hard work you do every day in defense of students and public education!

Just a reminder that CTA Office will be closed for Winter Break starting on Saturday, December 22, 2018 and will re-open on Monday, January 7, 2019.



CTA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Winslow – Gallery Room, 4:00 p.m.

Recorder: K. Roberts

Chairs: S. Cowan/D. Malakoff

Agenda

Recognition of First Nations Greeting

1. Call to Order
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the Representative Assembly held November 14, 2018
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. Adjournment [4:10 pm]

CTA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Winslow Gallery Room, 4:10 p.m.

Recorder: K. Roberts

Chairperson: S. Cowan/D. Malakoff

Agenda

1. Call to order
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held November 14, 2018
2. President's Report
3. TIMED ITEM: (4:15 pm): Election
 - CTA Delegates to the 2019 BCTF AGM
 - BCTF Judicial Council nomination
4. CTA Policy & Procedure Motions
5. School Concerns
6. Prize Draw
7. Adjournment [5:45 pm]



BCTF AGM: Be a Delegate!

The BCTF Annual General Meeting will take place in **Victoria** on **March 16-19, 2019**. We will elect delegates to the BCTF AGM at our General Meeting on **January 23, 2019**. We would like to encourage members to seriously consider attending the BCTF AGM this year.

Please go to:

<http://www.coquitlamteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/cv-agmdelegate.pdf> for the CV form and submit it to the CTA office before **January 14, 2019**.

Event name: Teaching for Joy and Justice - Cross Border Conference 2019

Start date: Mar 02, 2019

Location: North Surrey Secondary School, Surrey

Description:

The Surrey Teachers' Association International Solidarity Committee is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the second Cross Border Social Justice Conference on March 2, 2019. After "Reclaiming Common Ground" last year, this year's conference is focused on "Teaching for Joy and Justice" in our schools. This time we are inviting teachers, activists and artists from British Columbia, Washington and Oregon to imagine our classrooms as spaces where joy is the syncopation that sustains the work for justice.

We are excited that this year's keynote speaker will be **Mercedes Martinez**, the President of the Puerto Rico Teachers' Federation who will be sharing her experiences of the dramatic events post- Hurricane Maria when the government moved quickly to privatize schools, (a classic example of the "shock doctrine,") and how the teachers and parents have resisted. We have had more than a few experiences of "shock" this past year as waves of hate have been regularly crashing against the marginalized in our communities but, we have noticed also that there has been a surge in the popularity of late night comedians who are responding to an apparent need for laughter to lighten the darkness. While our conference will begin with Mercedes as our Keynote, it will end with a Playnote, dancing to the beat of Queer as Funk. In between we will spend the afternoon in workshops on the issues of climate change, LGBTQ rights, Indigenous, poverty, peace and more.

Please join us on Saturday 2 March 2019 as we share ideas and strategies as well as laughter and joy as we re-energize ourselves for the necessary work for justice in our world.

Terry Fox Rock School is proud to present **Rock the Fox** on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 15th, 16th & 17th at 7pm in our Terry Fox Theatre. Tickets are only \$5 each and can be purchased from our rock school students, music office, or at the doors at 6:30pm prior to each show.

All ticket sales will fund the Terry Fox Rock School and Recording Arts Programs.

This year our students will be presenting 30 bands over three nights and will be performing some great original songs and amazing cover tunes by the following artists:

Tuesday, January 15th:

Bob Dylan, Pink Floyd, Tom Petty, Cold Play, Imagine, Eurythmics, Lin Manuel Miranda, Sara Barallies, Randy Newman, Taye McRae, Kodiline, Ben E. King, Kaleo, The Tragically Hip, Sonic Youth, Chelsea Wolfe, Iggy Pop, and Metallica, as well as original student compositions..

Wednesday, January 16th:

Joan Jett, Billie Eilish, Rhianna, Shawn Mendes, Ben Rector, Kanye, Frank Ocean, Twin Shadow, Jackson 5, Beyonce, Outcast, Jorgia Smith, Trip Lee, Fieh, Grace Potter, Jimmy Eat World, Wheatus, Sum 41, Green Day, Nevermore, Jeff Loomis

Thursday, January 17th:

Ella Mur, Kanye, Bulow, Panic at the Disco, Beach House, Tom Cochrane, King Krule, City and Colour, Bryan Adams, Bachman Turner Overdrive, In Flames, as well as original student compositions.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1443699792427634/>

24th Annual Labour Community Christmas Dinner

The BC Federation of Labour is asking for your help!

They need the following:

- unwrapped toys and teenager gifts
- non-perishable foods
- gift cards and passes
- new and gently used, washed clothing for men, women and children (jackets, hats, socks, gloves)

Volunteers are also needed in Vancouver at the Maritime Labour Centre (1880 Triumph Street) on:

December 21st - unloading trucks with food and toys at 10:00 a.m.

December 22nd - filling hampers, setting up the hall, and sorting clothes at 10:00 a.m.

December 23rd - filling hampers, sorting toys and clothes at 10:00 a.m.

December 24th - loading the moving truck at 9:00 a.m., then volunteer for dinner at 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed in Surrey at the Whalley Legion (13525 106 Avenue) on:

December 24th - volunteer at the dinner starting at 3:30 p.m.

Please send your name and contact information to labourxmasdinner@hotmail.ca advising if you are available to work the above days in Vancouver or Surrey. For more information please call Marisha Zuckerman at 604-430-1421 or cell 604-306-4156.



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How do I apply?

CVs can be found on our CTA member portal at www.coquitlamteachers.com and emailed to Pat at padolf@cta43.org or dropped off at the CTA Office. If you have additional questions please contact **Geoffrey Kehrig at gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca** or **Kara Obojski at kobojski@cta43.org** to discuss. We would love to have you!

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, January 14, 2019.** If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

New Westminster & District Labour Council

- 5 CTA reps

CTA PD Committee

- 1 elem. rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 7 members-at-large

CTA Policies & Procedures Committee

- 2 member-at-large

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

- 4 CTA reps

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA rep



WANTED: District Learning Resource Working Group

(2 CTA members)

The District Learning Resource Working Group will work on revising Administrative Procedures 213 & 265 to ensure compliance with the new Ministry Policy for Learning Resources

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/learning-resources>

This working group is project-specific and will help produce supporting materials to assist teachers. Release time will be provided as necessary. The working group will meet periodically between November and January. Ideally candidates should have familiarity with the use of a broad variety of learning resource categories, including books, textbooks, digital and physical manipulatives. Knowledge of ERAC offerings is also an asset.

Please go to our website for a curriculum vitae. <http://www.coquitlamteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/eccv.pdf> and submit it to Pat Adolf, padolf@cta43.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS: submit your details to kstewart@cta43.org for posting.

DECEMBER

Schools close for Winter Break (last day in session) Friday, **December 21**

JANUARY

Schools reopen from Winter Break Monday, **January 7**

Rock The Fox...Terry Fox Secondary, **January 15, 16, 17**
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/1443699792427634/>

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **January 16**
CTA Rep Assembly/General Meeting...Winslow Gallery Wednesday, **January 23**
CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **January 30**

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