

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## *President's Message*

### **Remedy Update**

As you may recall, the CTA reached an agreement with the Board that any leftover Remedy resources at the end of the year would revert to the CTA. This is a one-year deal and the purpose behind this was to ensure the resource was not lost and that teachers could continue to access it going forward. This decision also addresses the Union's concern that payouts create damage to our bargaining position and to the moral implications of payouts.

Barring emergent operational challenges, the CTA should be able to be more flexible in meeting teacher needs with Remedy than the employer was (and is) willing to be. We made many suggestions for how Remedy could be used differently and the employer would not take up any of them. They had their mind set on the cheapest and easiest out for them, which was the payout option.

The CTA is in consultation with our office staff on how we, as an organization could operationalize the numerous ideas that teachers have given us, plus the ideas we have come up with that the board rejected previously. We have struck a sub-committee of the Executive to look at the ideas and to work on the operational details with our TFEU staff.

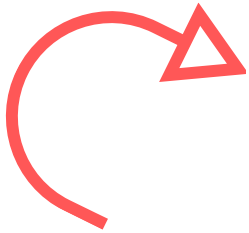
Please continue to watch this space for updates, and we will also be communicating our decisions to Staff Reps as soon as we have made them.

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**CTA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

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

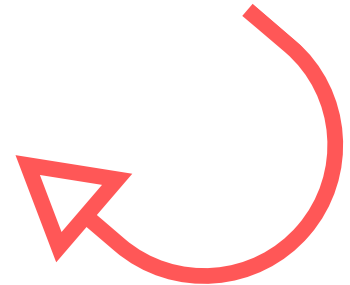
Recognition of First Nations Greeting

1. Call to Order
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. CTA Secondment motion:
4. Adjournment [4:10 pm]

**CTA GENERAL MEETING**

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

1. Call to order
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]



**SFU will be offering this Grad Diploma:**

Sessions will be held at the following times:

Jan 17 - 3:45 pm Burnaby North

Jan. 31 - 3:45 pm Burnaby North

Feb. 7 - 3:45 pm Burnaby School District Office

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Location: S.D. #41, Burnaby

Suited for: K-12 teachers

Start Term: Summer 2019 (Late April)

End Term: Spring 2021 (April)

Apply: Now!

Applications close: March 22, 2019

2018/19 Tuition: \$307.84/unit  
(Students register for 5 units per term)

CONGRATULATIONS!

to the following committee members, who have agreed to donate their time to serve colleagues on the following committees:

### Committee Appointments:

**Adult Education** - Azmeet Dhillon, Jo-Ann Dykstra, Marg Koetsier (Continuing Education)

**Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)** - Karen Learmonth (Gleneagle)

**District French Advisory** - Christopher Blizzard (Banting)

**Health & Safety** - Mike Roest (Heritage Woods)

**Policies & Procedures** - Diether Malakoff (Centennial)

**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.



### TTOC CORNER

#### How do I apply?

CVs can be found on our CTA member portal at [www.coquitlamteachers.com](http://www.coquitlamteachers.com) and emailed to Pat at [padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org) or dropped off at the CTA Office. If you have additional questions please contact **Geoffrey Kehrig** at [gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca) or **Kara Obojski** at [kobojski@cta43.org](mailto: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 (padolf@cta43.org) by: **Monday, January 28, 2019.**

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

## **CTA PD Committee**

- 1 elem. rep

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

- 6 members-at-large

## **CTA Policies & Procedures Committee**

- 2 member-at-large

## **CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)**

- 8 CTA reps

## **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**

- 4 CTA reps

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

- 2 CTA reps

## **District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee**

- 1 CTA rep

## **New Westminster & District Labour Council**

- 5 CTA reps



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

## JANUARY

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

## FEBRUARY

BCTF Representative Assembly Fri-Sat, **February 1 & 2**  
CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **February 13**  
School Not in Session Friday, **February 15**  
BC Family Day Stat Monday, **February 18**  
CTA Representative Assembly, Winslow Gallery Wednesday, **February 20**  
CTA District PD Day Friday, **February 22**  
CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **February 27**  
Staff Rep Training (Session 2) Tues-Thurs, **February 26, 27, 28**

\*Back issues of the previous school year CTA Newsletters can be found on our website.



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