

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Education Funding, Budgets and Funding Review

As discussed in the last newsletter, we have some concerns with the amount of education funding coming forth from the Ministry, particularly in the area of operational funding. We continue to work with our partner groups, including the school district, to advocate for more resources. Many other locals are also participating in active advocacy here as well.

On the local budget front, we are approaching budget season again in April. Teachers are encouraged to attend budget meetings, give submissions and recommendations in their areas of interest, as in past years. There are three weeks of budget-related school board meetings on April, 9th at 7:00 pm, April 16th at 6:30 pm and April 23rd at 7:00 pm.

The employer has created a detailed analysis of the Funding Review that has been put on hold for the year. We are looking at their analysis and concur with the conclusions that are shared as concerns within it: Prevalance-based funding, per student funding and DL funding are shared worries from this document.

The CTA is very willing to work with the Board, CUPE, CPVPA and DPAC to continue to ensure our shared concerns are heard and remain live over the coming year.

Provincial Bargaining Updates

Please log into the BCTF portal to read regular updates from the table. www.bctf.ca.

Staff Reps received updates on provincial and local bargaining this week at Staff Rep Training and can report out on that information "in-committee" (which means privately in a CTA – only meeting).

All members are invited to our April 10 General Meeting for updates on bargaining and other CTA related news and issues. We will also keep updates on our CTA portal

www.coquitlamteachers.com



Jim Mattson

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of long-time Coquitlam teacher, James (Jim) Mattson.

Jim was 88 years old and taught for over thirty years in the district, at Centennial for many years in the 1980s and 1990s. He was one of the creators of the Fish and Wildlife Program at Centennial. He was also a recipient of the Governor General's Award for Teaching Excellence. Jim's daughter, Melanie, carries on his legacy and currently teaches at Centennial as well.

At this time, the family has not announced details of a Celebration of Life but, we will put out those details as soon as they become available.

Our deepest condolences go out to Jim's family, friends and the many teachers and students he positively impacted over the years.



New Westminster is the first and only school district in B.C. to fund free pad and tampon dispensers at all its schools. Selina Tribe and Janet Andrews of New West District Labour Council and Neal Adolph of United Way of the Lower Mainland appeared before the New Westminster school board Tuesday to advocate for free sanitary pads and tampons in New Westminster schools. The school board voted to supply free menstrual products in school bathrooms.

BCTF has a number of research papers available that may be useful in understanding some current educational issues:

<https://bctf.ca/research.aspx>



From District Occupational Health and Safety

It is important to always report any injuries, violent incidents or near misses in the workplace! Documentation is key and in cases that involve WorkSafe you will require the reports filled out in a timely fashion. Please see your site based Healthy & Safety person if you have questions about this process, or give us a call at the CTA and we would be happy to assist.

PowerSchool is the new(er) program teachers can access to file reports on workplace injuries, violent incidents and near misses. Here are instructions on how to access these important reports:

A) To Report a Workplace Injury / Violent Incident with an Injury

If injury requires First Aid:

1. First Aid attendant provides treatment and submits their First Aid report (for treatment provided only)
2. Injured worker completes their report of injury through the TASK sent to their district email with submission of First Aid report, MUST COMPLETE this step
 - *select the Violent Incident check box if it applies

If injury requires NO First Aid:

1. Injured worker informs supervisor/administrator
2. Injured worker makes their own report of injury through my43 (go to your my43 -> myInfo -> myForms -> look for the "Injury Reporting" link under the OHS Folder)
3. First Aid attendant is not involved
 - *select the Violent Incident check box if it applies

B) To Report a Violent Incident – No Injury

- Make your report via the form in the OHS Folder (go to your my43 -> myInfo -> myForms -> look for the "Violent Incident" link under the OHS Folder)
- Inform your Supervisor/Administrator and participate in the investigation

C) To Report a Near Miss

- Make your report via the form in the OHS Folder (go to your my43 -> myInfo -> myForms -> look for the "Near Miss" link under the OHS Folder)
- Inform your Supervisor/Administrator and participate in the investigation

TTOC CORNER: BOARDGAMES & PIZZA SOCIAL

The TTOC Committee invites you to our first ever Board Game Social! Please bring a game or two and it's an extra bonus if it could be used in a classroom setting to connect to skills and/or curriculum. We have limited space so please RSVP to secure your spot. It's an opportunity to connect, make new friendships, ask questions, and have fun.

Pizza will be provided and the evening will also include a raffle draw.

WHEN: Thursday, April 11th from 4-6pm

WHERE: CTA Office, Large Conference Room

RSVP: email Geoffrey at gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca by April 5th. Please advise of any food allergies.



TTOC Committee Meeting

Our next TTOC Committee meeting is Thursday, March 7th at the CTA Office starting at 4:15pm. If you are a TTOC and would like to come see what we're about please come by. Email Kara at kobojski@cta43.org or Geoffrey at gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca

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, March 11, 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

- 4 members-at-large

CTA Policies & Procedures Committee

- 2 member-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

- 2 Secondary reps, 2 Middle reps, 3 Elementary 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



CONGRATULATIONS

-**Alexa Romilly** (Banting Middle) School Moves Working Group

- **Morgan McKee** (TTOC) TTOC Committee



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

MARCH

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **March 13**

Schools Close for Spring Break (last day in session) Friday, **March 15**

BCTF Annual General Meeting [Victoria] Sat –Tuesday, **March 16-19**

APRIL

Schools re-open from Spring Vacation Monday, **April 1**

CTA General Meeting - Winslow Gallery Room Wednesday, **April 10**

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **April 17**

Good Friday Stat Friday, **April 19**

Easter Monday Stat Monday, **April 22**

District PD Day Friday, **April 26**

March

- 3–9: International Women’s Week
- 8: International Women’s Day
- 18: National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day
- 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21–27: Week of Solidarity with People Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination
- 22: World Water Day
- 31: Transgender Day of Visibility



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