



# Coquitlam Teachers' Association News

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## CTA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2017  
4:00 p.m. Winslow Centre – Gym

## CTA Representative Assembly

Wednesday, September 27, 2017  
4:00 p.m. Winslow – Gallery Room



## Welcome Back!!!

We hope everyone had a restful and rejuvenating summer. We are heading back to a year that is full of significant change, over and above the change that has already been undertaken in terms of curriculum redesign and reporting.

Now we are looking at the results from all the meetings and discussions with the Board around implementation of the restored contract language that have taken place over the last year. The CTA has worked hard to ensure the district is entering the year in compliance with the Collective Agreement, as much as possibly be done in the short time frame. We are continuing to press them on the longer-term solutions to facilities problems and teacher shortages. The competition for teachers out there is fierce right now and we expect them to continue to do their best to show Coquitlam is a preferred place to work.

We can expect bumps in the road here. It has been extremely difficult to integrate this language back into the Collective Agreement in a way that matches current best practice while still honouring the terms and spirit of the original language. We will need staff reps and staffs generally to be inquisitive and vigilant with what is occurring in schools this fall. We stand ready to train Staff Reps early this year to help them and to answer any questions that members have about what the language means in practical terms. By and large, the language improves learning conditions, particularly for classroom teachers and, provides a substantive base for non-enrolling that must be staffed. Some areas of non-enrolling staffing remain challenges to overcome, as some aspects of the language restored are inferior to practice as it has evolved over the last 15 years. We have a grievance in on this to support the BCTF with a provincial grievance on that same point, as many locals across the province are finding similar problems.

We thank you in advance for your work, particularly staff reps who will be taking the lead on the oversight of this implementation in schools. Best wishes with your new classes!

## PD Power

If you are seeking reimbursement for conferences or workshops you attended over the summer, here's what you need to know about deadlines.

### Pre-Approval (summer deadlines):

For conferences and workshops with start dates after July 14<sup>th</sup>, CTA accepts yellow form applications up until **Friday, September 8, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

### Friendly Note Re District Mail Bag:

Drop your yellow form off in person. The hard copy of your yellow form must arrive at the CTA office on **Friday, September 8, 2017 by 4:30 p.m.** Do NOT use district mail to meet this deadline.

### Post-Conference (summer deadlines):

Receipts and conference reports must arrive to the CTA office by **Friday, September 29, 2017 by 4:30 p.m.** for ALL summer workshops. Receipts and conference reports can be scanned and forward to [pd@cta43.org](mailto:pd@cta43.org).

Check out the 2017-18 CTA Calendar [click here](#)

## **IMPORTANT – Staff Rep/PD Rep Names for 2017/18**

School staffs should be selecting their Staff Reps/PD Reps for the 2017/18 school year. In order for Staff Rep/PD 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 phone (or emailed to Pat ([padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org))). Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Staff Rep Training**

Upcoming training dates are as indicated below:

- Dates: Thursday, September 14, 2017
- Monday, September 18, 2017
- Tuesday, September 26, 2017
- Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Place: CTA Office (Conference Room)
- Staff reps will be assigned to attend one of the training dates above and should receive a package by email shortly.
- Please note:** When accessing the online Leave Management Web System through CADs to book your TTOC – (CTA-Staff Rep Training).

### **WANTED: District Design Committee for New Elementary Schools**

- 8 CTA members
- The District Design Committee will work with the Architect and Facilities Personnel to provide feedback on designing new elementary schools in School District #43. The time commitment will be approximately 2-3 meetings per month from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. over a period of 3-4 months during the fall of 2017 and early 2018. There will be documents and drawings to review between meeting. *Please go to our website for a curriculum vitae and submit it to the CTA Office.*

### **CTA/CPVPA Fall Retirement Reception**

The annual Fall reception celebrating Coquitlam's retiring teachers and administrators is held on:

- Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017
- Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Place: Poco Inn & Suites (PoCo Room)  
1545 Lougheed Hwy, PoCo

Everyone is welcome!

### **Keep Wednesdays Free in 2017-18**

Listed below are the dates of the scheduled 2017-18 CTA Rep Assemblies and General Meetings. Teachers and schools should not be scheduling any meetings or events that conflict with these specific dates. These Wednesdays are set aside for attendance at CTA meetings.

- September 27 (Rep Assembly)
- October 4 (Annual General Meeting)
- November 15 (Rep Assembly/General)
- January 4 (Rep Assembly)
- January 17 (Rep Assembly Meeting/General)
- February 14 (Rep Assembly)
- April 11 (Rep Assembly/General Meeting)
- May 9 (Rep Assembly)
- May 16 (Year End General Meeting)

## **Vacancy: CTA Executive Member-at-Large**

The CTA has a vacancy for a member-at-large for the 2017-18 school year. As per CTA policy, Executive Committee vacancies can only be filled at General Meetings. Therefore, an election for this position will be held at the Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, October 4, 2017**. Any CTA members interested should go to our website and fill out a CV form and send it to the CTA office by **Wednesday, September 27, 2017**.

### **Opportunities for Members**

The BC Teachers' Federation is looking for members to apply for a vacancy on the Committee for Action on Social Justice as well as for trustees of the G.A. Fergusson Memorial Award. Visit the Federation's Opportunities for Members [page](#) to learn more and apply.

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### **Committee Vacancies**

Teachers interested in the following [CTA committees](#) should go onto our website for a curriculum vitae and submit it to the CTA Office by **Monday, September 18, 2017**. If you have questions, call the **CTA Office** at 604-936-9971.

#### **CTA Negotiations Committee**

- 3 members-at-large

#### **CTA Multiculturalism & Anti-Racism Committee**

- 1 elem. rep, 1 middle rep, 1 sec. rep, 1 MAL

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

- 5 CTA reps

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

- 3 members-at-large

#### **CTA Policies & Procedures Committee**

- 1 member-at-large

#### **CTA Professional Development Committee**

- 1 secondary rep

#### **CTA Social Justice Committee**

- 2 middle reps, 1 member at large rep

#### **Summer Learning Ad Hoc Committee**

- 1 Elementary rep
- 1 Middle rep

#### **District Reporting Design Team (K-5) & (6-9)**

- 1 CTA member (K-5), 2 CTA members (6-9)

#### **District Student Services Advisory Committee**

- 2 CTA reps

#### **District French Advisory Committee**

- 3 CTA reps

#### **District Student Achievement Advisory Committee**

- 3 CTA reps

#### **District Review Panel Committee**

- 1 CTA rep

#### **District Technology Advisory Committee**

- 1 CTA rep

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

- 1 CTA rep

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