



Coquitlam Teachers' Association News

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CTA Rep Assembly

Wednesday, September 27, 2107
4:00 p.m. Winslow – Gallery Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. President's Report
3. CTA Budget 2017-18
4. School Concerns
5. Prize Draw
6. Adjournment



CTA Annual General Meeting

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. President's Report
3. **Timed Item (4:20 pm):**
Election of 2017-18 CTA Executive Committee MAL
4. Financial Reports
 - 4.1 Auditor's Report
 - 4.2 Financial Statements
 - 4.3 2017-18 Finance Recommendations
5. BCTF Rep Assembly (Nov 3 & 4, 2017): CTA Resolutions
6. Other Business
7. Prize Draws
8. Adjournment

Implementation

The CTA continues to work through the understanding of the contractual language and, particularly, the practice of remedy with the employer, as that will be upon us October 1. These conversations also continue between the Provincial parties and we receive new information regularly from them. As the understanding and practice clarifies, we will communicate with members via Staff Rep Bulletins on any changes. As mentioned before, this is the most complex thing we've ever undertaken and we appreciate your patience with any uncertainties.

FSA Testing

FSA testing is upon us again, starting on October 2nd. While the test has been changed significantly, the CTA and the BCTF remain concerned with protections that will prevent misuse of the data by third parties. The current government has not as yet agreed that these protections will be implemented. As such, no matter how the test is reconfigured, we cannot support it. If your school would like the latest parent information pamphlet and the withdrawal form, contact us at the office office and we will prepare the numbers you need.

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**.

PD Power

PD is a process of ongoing growth, through involvement in programs, services and activities designed to enable teachers, both individually and collectively, to enhance professional practice
- BCTF Members' Guide

A wonder: *What will you do to enhance your professional practice within the context of your school community?*

Professional Learning requires a balance between individual autonomy and responsibility to the collective. Many of us just attended our first PD day of the year which can be a great way to bring staffs together but also signals that it's time to plan ahead with regards to setting your own professional learning goals for the year (and beyond). What's your plan?

A reminder: *Please make sure your school's PD Rep name has been forwarded to CTA.*

Article F.22 of our collective agreement encourages schools to establish a PD committee by September 30th each year. Your school-based professional development committee is an advisory body that is involved with school-based staff development and the use of non-instructional days. Staffs are also asked to have a site-based PD rep to receive information from CTA about upcoming PD opportunities, advise your PD Chair on school-based issues, and among other things, sign those yellow forms for PD assistance. Remember this is a volunteer position. Be sure to take a moment to extend your thanks to your rep for accepting this role!

Take care, Holly Stibbs, PD Chairperson

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Register Now

Join the CTA for an evening of conversation!

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location: Milestone's Restaurant (Lounge) 2745 Barnet Highway, Coquitlam, BC
Cost: \$30 (includes 3 course meal and 9 presenters)

To register please click onto this link <https://www.regonline.com/ignite43sept28>

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.

Learning Specialist Associations

If you are looking to share and collaborate with teachers in your specialty area, consider joining or starting a Local Specialist Association (LSA). An LSA is a group of teachers who are interested in the promotion and advocacy of professional development in their specialist area. Last year Coquitlam was home to a dozen LSAs who worked to bring meaningful Pro D opportunities to teachers in a variety of ways. Most LSAs are connected to a PSA (Provincial Specialist Association). To receive funding from the CTA, LSAs must complete the required grant application by **October 15th**.

For more information, contact **Meggan Crawford** (mcrawford@sd43.bc.ca).

October PSA Super Conference **October 20-21, 2017**

Please check out this conference as an option for the October 20, 2017 PD day, it's open to everyone, **even if you are not a PSA member!** Register now for \$150.

NOTE: PD Assistance forms need to be received at the CTA before **4:30 on October 6th**.

Please click onto this link for more information and to register: www.psasuperconference.ca

Committee Appointment

Congratulations to the following CTA member who has agreed to donate voluntary time to serve colleagues on the following committee:

PD Committee:

- **Jody Rowat** (Eagle Mountain Middle)

Walk for Reconciliation

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, Vancouver is hosting a Walk For Reconciliation:

Date: Sunday September 24th.
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: 650 Cambie Street, Vancouver

The Walk follows a 2km route from Cambie Street and Georgia Street to Strathcona Park. Please click onto this link for more information:

<https://canada150plus.ca/walk-for-reconciliation/>

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, October 2, 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

- 5 members-at-large

CTA Policies & Procedures Committee

- 1 member-at-large

CTA Professional Development Committee

- 1 elementary 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

- 4 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

- 3 CTA reps

District Review Panel Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District Technology Advisory Committee

- 3 CTA reps

District aSafe Schools Advisory Committee

- 3 CTA reps

District Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Education

- 1 CTA rep

Employee Assistance Program Review

- 2 CTA reps

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Date: Thursday, October 10, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: CTA Office