

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Pension Update

Staff reps have new, detailed information on some good news about the state of the pension plan. Basically, your deductions will go down and your accrual rate will go up, as of January 1, 2019. Staff Reps will address these changes in detail at your next CTA Meeting.

Teachers are well advised, once these changes take place, to reevaluate their pension, as these changes could positively affect projected retirement dates and lifetime pension value. For more information, you can contact the pension plan itself at:

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/>.

New School Board Sworn In

The CTA officers and EC members **Jacqueline Favelle** and **Meggan Crawford** attended the inauguration of the new school board. There was an election for vice chair between new trustees, Craig Woods and Christine Pollock. Christine won the position. Barb Hobson was acclaimed chair.

The CTA will be meeting with the board soon to discuss the budget process for this year so, work begins early for the new board.

CTA UPDATES

CTA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Winslow Gallery Room, 4:00 p.m.

Recorder: K. Roberts

Chairperson: D. Malakoff/S. Cowan

Agenda

Recognition of First Nations Greeting

1. Call to order
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 3, 2018
2. Presentation of Roy Krutow Scholarships (2 @ \$1250)
3. Adjournment [4:15 pm]



CTA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Winslow – Gallery Room, 4:15 p.m.

Recorder: K. Roberts

Chairs: D. Malakoff/S. Cowan

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the Representative Assembly held September 26, 2018
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. Bargaining [In-Committee] [A. Long]
 - BCTF Bargaining Conference – October 26 & 27, 2018
 - Local Bargaining Objectives
4. President's Report
5. BCTF Fall Rep Assembly Update [Nov 2 & 3, 2018] [A. Gilligan & K. Obojski]
6. CTA Resolutions to the BCTF AGM 2019
7. Committee Reports
8. School Concerns
9. Prize Draw
10. Adjournment [5:45 pm]



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Antipoverty Month Resources Week 1: Poverty at the School Level

Issues

- attendance
- accessibility
- food and nutrition
- youth aging out of care.

Addressing the issues

Step 1: Awareness

- The BCTF has two workshops to build awareness among staff members: "Poverty as a Classroom Issue" and "Help End Child Poverty in BC's Classrooms, Schools and Local Communities," both of which can be booked for free.
- Other actions that can be taken include bringing areas of concern to the staff committee, building a school action plan, and enacting policy changes at the school level.

Step 2: Education

- Fly Away Home lesson plan
- The BC Poverty Reduction Coalition has many great lesson ideas including:
 - End Poverty Days activities
 - Poverty Income Budget lesson plan.

Step 3: Action

- This BCTF infographic outlines some of the barriers to attendance that children living in poverty face, as well as ways to support students and encourage attendance.
- If you would like to let the BC government know that your school does not have adequate funding to meet the needs of your students, you can contact the **Ministry of Education** or your local **MLA** (click on the MLA's name for contact information).
- Canada is the **only G8 country** without a national school food program.
 - You could advocate for a national, or at least provincial, school food program, again by contacting the **BC Ministry of Education**, the **BC Minister of Health**, or your local **MLA**.
 - Creating a community garden on school grounds is a great way to link a healthy food source with teachable moments in nutrition and stewardship of the land, along with the aesthetic benefits.
- Support youth aging out of care:
 - Join #FosteringChangeBC in their campaign for a **comprehensive action plan**.
 - If in Metro Vancouver, inform youth aging out of care of **The Friendly Landlord Network** which helps connect youth from care to safe, affordable rental housing.

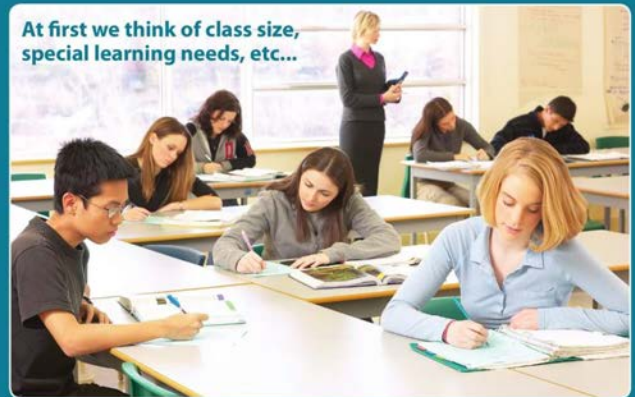
The Ministry of Education has been working on an updated version of the Early Learning Framework. The scope of this document has been expanded to include K–3, with the intention of creating a more seamless transition from Early Childhood Education to the K–12 system. The Ministry has just released a draft version of the framework and is seeking feedback via a survey on their website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/early-learning-framework>.

BCTF members are encouraged to provide feedback by*December 7, 2018. Feedback can also be sent to the BC Primary Teachers' Association at psac55@bctf.ca. (*revised)

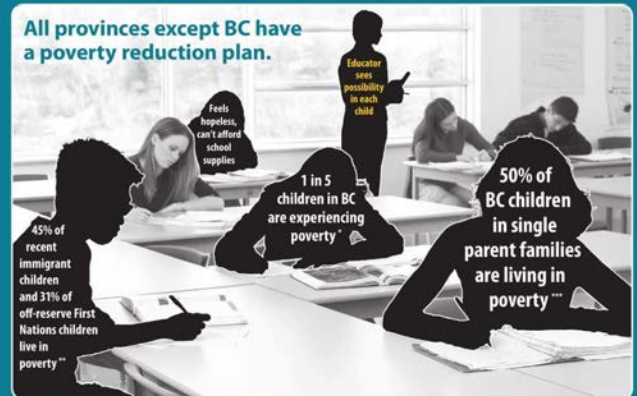
Just an average classroom?

At first we think of class size, special learning needs, etc...



What else is there to see? Take a closer look.

All provinces except BC have a poverty reduction plan.



Working together we can make the difference for children living in poverty.

Classism—A culture worth changing

*Source: 2017 Child Poverty Report Card (Based on 2016 BC Child and Youth Poverty Coalition Report on 2017 Education Access and Equity) **Source: First Steps (From 2007 Child Poverty Report Card) ***Source: First Steps (From 2017 Child Poverty Report Card)



Coquitlam Teachers' Association invites you to attend an Induction to welcome teachers new to the district and to induct teachers new to the profession into the BC Teachers' Federation.

Thursday, November 22, 2018
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Milestones Bar & Grill
2745 Barnet Hwy. Coquitlam, BC

Please RSVP to **Pat Adolf** at (padolf@cta43.org)
by Friday, November 16, 2018

November

- 5–11: Veteran's Week
- 11: Remembrance Day
- 11–17: BC Multiculturalism Week
- 20: National Child Day
- 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 23: Buy Nothing Day
- 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women—16 days of action begins



Antipoverty Month

From BCTF News:

<https://bctf.ca/publications/BCTFNews.aspx?id=51770>

Apply for up to \$2,000 for a social justice project in your school
Do you have an idea for an activity in your school or classroom that promotes socially responsible teaching in an inclusive, safe, and healthy environment?

The Ed May Social Responsibility Fund (<https://bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/SocialJustice/EdMaySocialResponsibilityEducationFund.pdf>) provides up to \$2,000 for teachers to implement projects in areas such as violence prevention, antiracism, antipoverty, gender equity, peace and global education, environmental justice and, sexual orientation and gender identity. The deadline is November 21, 2018.

CTA Social

Committee of Action on Social Justice

The CTA warmly invites all interested teachers to a social evening to learn about our **new CASJ model** that has replaced our Social Justice, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism, and Status of Women Committees. We'll be sharing information about this exciting new committee and how to apply. There will be a range of social justice resources available to use in your classroom, time to mingle, and food to snack on.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

When: Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 4-5pm

Where: CTA Office, large conference room

RSVP: Kelly at kstewart@cta43.org by Friday, November 23rd



Have you submitted your conference report and receipts for our October PSA Day? **These are due into the office on or before 4:30 p.m. on November 19th.**

CTA reimbursement for conferences includes two parts:

- 1) Pre-approval – yellow forms are due a minimum two weeks in advance
- 2) Post- conference – submit your conference report and receipts within 30 days

You can drop these off in person at the CTA Office, or submit electronically by scanning to email first to yourself for your records, then forwarding to pd@cta43.org.

Conference reports can be found here: <http://www.coquitlamteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/PD-Conference-Report.pdf>

DO NOT USE THE DISTRICT MAILBAG

Why do we say that? Well, you've left it too late. Mail is picked up once a week on Wednesdays. It then goes to the board office to be sorted. It should be delivered the following week but, delays do happen.



Our CTA Day is held on the last Friday in February. This CTA/CSB sponsored Professional Development Day is a teacher planned and driven day bringing teachers from across the district, as well as outside districts, together for a day of learning, collaboration and professional growth. Planning for February 2019 is underway! This year's theme is **"All Work and No Play... Creating Balance"**.

To register as a facilitator or presenter, please use the following link:

<http://www.coquitlamteachers.com/professional-development/pro-d-day/>



Click on "Speakers/Presenter Registration" **The registration code is 9971.**

The deadline for registering is November 29th.



Coquitlam Continuing Education is proud to present:

An Evening with Margaret Trudeau

Coquitlam Continuing Education and the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce are proud to present:
An Evening with Margaret Trudeau - Changing My Mind - Nov. 19, 6:00 PM

Berry Fox Theatre 1200 Riverwood Gate Port Coquitlam, BC. Lobby Opens at 6:00 p.m., Theatre Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.
Thanks to Phoenix Truck & Crane all attendees will receive a FREE copy of "Changing My Mind" by Margaret Trudeau. A book signing opportunity is available for certain seats. For more information - www.c43.com or www.cta43.com

<https://bit.ly/2POYAXK>

Or visit www.eventbrite.com and search for "Margaret Trudeau"

An inspiring look at mental health.

COQUITLAM CONTINUING EDUCATION

Promocode SD43TICKET

"Baby Boomer Retirement Planning: A Financial Plan to Ease Your Mind"

This workshop is intended for members who are beginning to plan for their retirement as well as members who continue to move closer to their final working days. The session will explore elements of members' pension income streams including CPP & OAS, the best wealth accumulation strategies for retirement income, the implications of different types of retirement savings relative to the tax consequences and the best solutions to transform accumulated wealth into a lifetime of income. This session will help members identify the financial situations, attitudes, and opportunities that will have a lasting impact on your quality of life in retirement. ***Sponsored by IG Wealth Management**

Please **pre-register** by emailing Kelly Stewart kstewart@cta43.org. There are 30 spots available. Another session will be held sometime in the Spring of 2019 and we will advertise again for that.

Date: November 20, 2018

Location: CTA Office

Time: 3:45 – 5:30 pm

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, November 19, 2018.**

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 the CTA Office.



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

NOVEMBER

BCTF Representative Assembly Fri-Sat, November 2 & 3
CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, November 7
Curriculum Implementation Day Friday, November 9
Remembrance Day Stat Monday, November 12
CTA Rep Assembly/General Meeting-Winslow Gallery Room Wednesday, Nov. 14
CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, November 21
New Teacher SURT Training Tues/Wed/Thur November 20/21/22
CTA New Teacher Induction Thursday, November 22
BC Federation of Labour Convention Mon-Fri, November 26-30

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



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The CTA can be found on Facebook and Twitter. You can also email us or check out the website

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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