

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## *President's Message*

### **Trustee Wine and Cheese**

In the interest of keeping lines of communication open and cordial between the Union and the School Board, the CTA hosted a wine and cheese this Wednesday for the Trustees and the Superintendent. The event was well attended, with almost the entire Board there, many of the members of the Executive Committee and all the released officers as well. It was an opportunity for us to discuss matters of mutual or individual import in an informal way. We are approaching Bargaining very soon here and the CTA feels it is important for the Board to know our concerns with regard to funding, advocacy, negotiations and labour relations. It's also simply, just a pleasant evening and we were very pleased with how it turned out in the end.

### **Education Funding Model Review and Consultation**

The BCTF and locals finally received the Funding Review document from the Ministry before the break. We have known they've had it in hand since August and yet, it didn't appear publicly until December. There are a number of elements here that are concerning to the Union, mainly about the proposed change in funding practice for students with Special Needs that would render the class composition language we just won back null and void. The Ministry have offered an extension to the consultation period but, we want better answers not just more consultation. See the link here for the BCTF's news release on the matter:

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

## BCTF AGM: Be a Delegate!

The BCTF Annual General Meeting will take place in **Victoria** on **March 16-19, 2019**. We will elect delegates to the BCTF AGM at our General Meeting on **January 23, 2019**. We would like to encourage members to **seriously consider** attending the BCTF AGM this year.

Please click **here for the CV form** and submit it to the CTA office before **4:30 p.m. on January 14, 2019**.



Being a PSA member is one of the selection criteria that will be considered in the selection process for this posting.

The **BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF)** is seeking 18 public school teachers willing to participate as BCTF representatives to the Ministry of Education's Framework for Classroom Assessment Teams in the following areas: Science (Grades 10–12), English Language Arts (Grades 10–12), and ADST (Grades K–12).

Information about the work of these teams, the selection criteria, and the application form can be found at **[bctf.ca/opportunities/MinistryCommittees.aspx](http://bctf.ca/opportunities/MinistryCommittees.aspx)**.

The deadline for application is **Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.**

### CTA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

Recorder: K. Roberts

Chairs: S. Cowan/D. Malakoff

#### Agenda

Recognition of First Nations Greeting

1. Call to Order
  - Adoption of the agenda
  - Adoption of the minutes of the Representative Assembly held November 14, 2018
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. Adjournment [4:10 pm]

### CTA GENERAL MEETING

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Winslow Gallery Room, 4:10 p.m.

Recorder: K. Roberts

Chairperson: S. Cowan/D. Malakoff

#### Agenda

1. Call to order
  - Adoption of the agenda
  - Adoption of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held November 14, 2018
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]

## REAL ACTS OF CARING: RAC Week (Feb 10-16, 2019)

RAC is a great student initiative which began in the Coquitlam School District in 2006. Leadership students are encouraging all students in Coquitlam and the province of BC to participate in RAC Week, February 10-16, 2019. They believe that teaching students and giving them opportunities to practice caring and kindness can make our district and province a better place.

Check out the RAC contest to win money for the best RAC photo and story (see contest details on the RAC website:

**[realactsofcaring.org](http://realactsofcaring.org)**). There is also a great article which supports teaching caring and kindness in schools:

**<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/teaching-kindness-essential-reduce-bullying-lisa-currie>**.

Please email Harriette Chang at [hchang@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:hchang@sd43.bc.ca) for more details.

**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.



**The latest issue of BCTF's TEACHER is out. Click the pic.**

Articles of interest:

Bargaining Questions Answered

Teachers tackle how to make meaningful inclusion work

Teachers' Pension Plan Surplus

Resources to integrate indigenous content and perspectives

Health & Wellness: Protect your Voice

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### 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

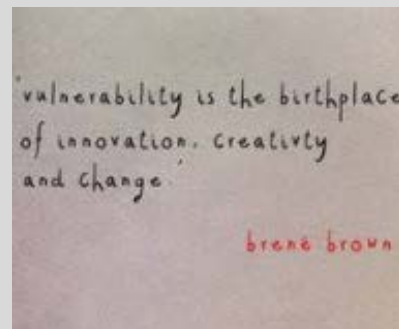
**Geoffrey Kehrig at [gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca)** or

**Kara Obojski at [kobojski@cta43.org](mailto:kobojski@cta43.org)** to

discuss. We would love to have you!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Check out these great PD opportunities for 2019



## January Focus Day "Anchored in Competencies"

Keynote: Dr. Sabre Cherkowski

When: January 28, 2019

Location: Riverside Secondary

Time: All Day

Hosted by: Learning Services

Registration: **Click Here** - Space is limited to 700

**January 28 Focus Day**  
**PD Offerings from Learning Services**  
*Anchored in Competencies*

**Keynote: Dr. Sabre Cherkowski**  
Noticing, nurturing, and sustaining flourishing in schools: Shifting mindsets and building capacities for teacher wellbeing with Sabre Cherkowski  
Check out [Lecture Video](#) & [UBC Profile](#)

<p><b>Location:</b> Riverside Secondary</p> <p><b>Total Participants:</b> 700  <b>Target Audience:</b> K-12</p> 	<p><b>Session Topics</b>  <small>A variety of sessions will be offered in English and French:</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Competency-driven Curriculum</li> <li>- EAL, Gifted &amp; Student Services</li> <li>- Technology Integration</li> <li>- Restorative Practices</li> <li>- Physical Health Education</li> <li>- Numeracy &amp; Literacy Sessions</li> <li>- and more...</li> </ul> <p><b>Featured Speakers</b></p> <p><small>Dr. Leyton Schnellert - Literacy (4-9)                  Dr. Miriam Miller - SEL (K-8)                  Michael Pruner - Numeracy (4-12)                  Tom Morton - Social Studies PD/PELT - Literacy (K-5)                  Tammy Renyard - Ministry of Education                  Bryan Gidinski &amp; Dan Adrian - SDGI</small></p>
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**More information to come...**

**!** Registration will open after winter break via email.  
 Space is limited...register early to secure your spot!

## SD43 Aboriginal Education Dinner Series: Indigenizing Mathematics

When: February 7th, 2019


Location: James Park Elementary

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by: SD43 Aboriginal Education

Registration: [abedinfo@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:abedinfo@sd43.bc.ca)

SD43 Aboriginal Education  
 Presents  
**Dinner Series**



**Indigenizing Mathematics**

**Date:** Thursday, February 7th, 2019  
**Time:** 4:30pm—8:00pm  
**Location:** James Park Elementary  
 1761 Westminster Avenue, PoCo  
Open to ALL staff of SD43—Register early (limited space)  
**RSVP:** [abedinfo@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:abedinfo@sd43.bc.ca) / 604-945-7386  
 with your: Name/School/Grade/email



[www.coquitlamteachers.com](http://www.coquitlamteachers.com)

## CTA PD DAY

Featured Speakers include:

**Dr. Sabre Cherkowski** on Teacher Wellbeing

**Alison Bell** on Difficult Conversations

**Steve Andrews** on Preventing Pre-Teen/Teen Relationship Abuse

**Diana Cruchley** on The Power of Extreme Writing

**Sheldon Franken** on The Social Emotional Learning Toolbox

**Michael Pruner** on Thinking Classrooms

**And...** over 75 more sessions facilitated by our own SD43 Colleagues!



Keynote: Charlie Demers

**Charlie Demers** has been called, "the West Coast's funniest political comic". In this session, join Charlie for 45 minutes of comedy about teachers and education followed by a 15 minute Q&A opportunity. Charlie combines political humour that's never shrill or self-righteous with broader jokes that are never thoughtless.



Registration opens January 30th!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019

## All Work & No Play... Creating Balance

Pinetree Secondary School

# 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](mailto:padolf@cta43.org)) by: **Monday, January 14, 2019.**

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 Pat Adolf, [padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org).



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

## JANUARY

Rock The Fox...Terry Fox Secondary, **January 15, 16, 17**

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/1443699792427634/>

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **January 16**

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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[www.coquitlamteachers.com](http://www.coquitlamteachers.com)

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