

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## *President's Message*

### **Enjoy your Break!**

It's always a tough pull right up to Spring Break, every year. Kids are excited, teachers are tired and everyone is looking a bit further ahead than they normally would day to day.

Please take the time to re-energize yourself for the upcoming annual excitement of budget season, postings, and organization that always seems to come too fast after the break. Enjoy family time and just down time, however you measure that.

The CTA office will be closed for Spring Break but voice mail messages will be checked and forwarded in the first week. The officers will be at the AGM with our CTA delegation from Saturday to Tuesday.

### **Email Scams, Go Phish!**



'Tis the season (as if it ever isn't) for email phishing scams. Please be aware that the Employer will never ask you for personal information online nor ask you to click a link or open an attachment to do a task. We are hearing about a little uptick in this kind of stuff and we want members to protect themselves from these criminals by simply using an abundance of caution before submitting any information. If in doubt, ask your Principal or Information Technology Department about anything odd you encounter.

### **Ministry Satisfaction Surveys**

Also, 'tis the season for the Ministry Satisfaction Surveys. Teachers are encouraged by the BCTF not to participate in this survey as, historically, participation has not resulted in any positive change in our working conditions. If students choose to participate in their version, we don't need to weigh in on that. Members are advised to not do the teacher version at all though.

## BARGAINING UPDATE

The BCTF portal has added updates to Bargaining. There has been some progress and you can read more on the portal. [www.bctf.ca](http://www.bctf.ca)

Locally, we had our first bargaining meeting and will continue to meet after Spring Break. We will have updates on that at our next General Meeting April 10, 2019 at Winslow Centre. We hope to see you there.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHAIR 2019-20

The CTA Professional Development Chair position is filled on an annual basis. As such, the CTA is seeking members interested in the position of Professional Development Chair for 2019-20.

Release time for this position is currently 0.4 and the responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- chairing the PD Committee, the CTA PD Day Committee and LSA Council
- planning, developing, organizing and implementing professional development activities for the CTA Professional Development Day
- processing applications for PD assistance and course fee assistance
- maintaining a liaison between the CTA and the BCTF in matters of Professional Development

The successful candidate will have a sound knowledge of and be highly committed to, professional development; will be well organized and will support a collaborative and collegial office atmosphere.

Interested members should go to our website for a curriculum vitae form, which must be submitted to the CTA by **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:30 p.m.**

## LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICER 2019-20

The CTA Labour Relations Officer position is filled on annual basis. As such, the CTA is seeking members interested in the position of Labour Relations Officer for 2019-20.

Release time for this position is 1.0 and the responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Dealing with members' problems and inquiries
- Researching, preparing and presenting grievances
- Collaborating with the Table Officers
- Maintaining confidentiality

The successful candidate will have excellent presentation skills and the ability to deal effectively with confrontation and stressful situations.

Interested members should go to our website for a curriculum vitae form, which must be submitted to the CTA by **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:30 p.m.**

## CTA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 10, 2019  
Winslow Gallery Room, 4:00 p.m.

Recorder: K. Roberts

Chairperson: S. Cowan/D. Malakoff

### Agenda

First Nations Greeting

1. Call to order
  - Adoption of the agenda
  - Adoption of the minutes of the General Meeting held January 23, 2019
2. President's Report
3. SD43 Budget 2019-2020
4. BCTF AGM 2019
5. Bargaining [*In-Committee*]
6. Committee Reports
7. School Concerns
8. Prize Draw
9. Adjournment [5:45 pm]



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kobojski@cta43.org) or Geoffrey at [gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca](mailto: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, April 15, 2019.**

If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

## **CTA PD Committee**

- 1 elementary rep

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

- 4 members-at-large

## **CTA Policies & Procedures Committee**

- 2 members-at-large

## **CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)**

- 2 Secondary reps, 2 Middle reps, 2 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**

- 1 CTA rep

## **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**

**Frankie Brovold** (Aspenwood Elementary) - CASJ Committee





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

## CMTA - Around the District

Wednesday, April 10th – Elementary Guitar and Ukulele Jamboree at Roy Stibbs Elementary

Wednesday, April 10th – Secondary Spring Sing at Pinetree Secondary

Friday, April 12th – Advanced Band Day at Eagle Mountain Middle School

Friday, April 26th – District Elementary Honour Choir at Cape Horn Elementary

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

April	
2:	Equal Pay Day
4:	Refugee Rights Day
7-13:	National Wildlife Week
10:	International Day of Pink
12:	Day of Silence (against LGBTQ2S+ name calling)
14-20:	Prevention of Violence Against Women Week
22:	Earth Day
28:	National Day of Mourning

\*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](http://www.coquitlamteachers.com)

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