

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## *President's Message*

### **School District Budget 2019**

The employer has tabled its preliminary budget and a few highlights are, again, no layoff for the third year running, citing retention. There are a few small teacher staffing additions, for particular areas and, unfortunately, some shortfalls in expected revenues from the employer health tax and from re-jigging of the base student funding to more targeted funding. Next Tuesday, there will be presentations made by delegations, including the CTA and, the budget will be discussed by the trustees then. While it is far from some of the bad news budgets of years' past, it's still short of need in many areas. Please come out and witness the budget process in action.

### **BCTF Zone Meeting**

This week, a delegation of CTA officers and other delegates will be going to the BCTF Zone Meeting. There, I hope to test the waters with other local Presidents on areas of concern around violence directed at teachers and outrageous parent complaints. I think it's important to see what other local Presidents are encountering to see if the problem is more widespread than just Coquitlam. Certainly, even the Asst. Superintendents note a marked uptick in parental complaints and there have been several very severe ones this year that are not at all founded in fact. Teachers have been driven off onto sick leave from the stress of these things, into retirement or into questioning everything they do and destroying the joy they take from the job. I am hopeful to work with the Asst. Superintendents to better inform Coquitlam teachers about the processes that are undertaken when these things occur, how they play out in schools and the supports that are in place when teachers face this.

## Summer institutes for teachers to learn more about SOGI-inclusive education

Following the addition of gender identity and expression to the BC Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Human Rights in 2017, all schools must ensure students are safe and included regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity (SOGI). To help educators make their schools and classrooms more SOGI inclusive, UBC is expanding their SOGI Summer Institute offerings to include a course in Kelowna and one in the Kootenays.

These two-day SOGI intensives are designed for district leads, teachers, counsellors, youth workers, and administrators who work in K-12 and want to make their schools and classrooms more inclusive.

Register early as the UBC Vancouver course has sold out the last two years:

Vancouver: [pdce.educ.ubc.ca/sogi-vancouver/](http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/sogi-vancouver/)

Kelowna: [education.ok.ubc.ca/programs/sie](http://education.ok.ubc.ca/programs/sie)

Nelson: [pdce.educ.ubc.ca/sogi-kootenays/](http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/sogi-kootenays/)

## Government takes action to provide free menstrual products in schools

After a lot of advocacy from the BCFED, the BCTF and the United Way, the Minister of Education announced on April 5, 2019, that all BC public schools will be required to provide free menstrual products for students in all schools by the end of the year. The government took the important step of providing some seed money and ordering that districts ensure tampons and pads are easily available, regardless of a student's gender identity. At the announcement BCTF President Glen Hansman said: "Many of our members can share stories of students who have felt shame or embarrassment, or have even gone home, because they did not have access to a tampon or pad or could not afford one. Today's announcement will also help deal with what the United Way's Period Promise campaign calls 'period poverty.' I want to thank the Minister of Education and this government, as well as those working on the United Way campaign, for making this announcement today." See the wording of the updated Ministerial Order here. Section 7 is the new part that has been added. School districts must be in compliance by year end.

## ELECTION OF THE 2019-2020 CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following CTA Executive Committee positions will be filled at the CTA Year End General Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

- **PRESIDENT**

- **1st VICE-PRESIDENT**

- **2nd VICE-PRESIDENT**

- **Local Reps to the BCTF (2)**

- **Members-at-Large (5-6)**

Those interested in running for any of these positions should go to [coquitlamteachers.com](http://coquitlamteachers.com) for a CV form. Email it to [padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org). The **deadline** for receipt of the CV form into the CTA office is **Monday, April 29, 2019 at 4:00 pm.**

**Met the Deadline?** Candidates will have a write-up in the Year End General Bulletin.

**Missed the Deadline?** Candidates can be nominated from the floor of the May 15th Year End General Meeting.

# CTA UPDATES

## Opportunities for members: BCTF facilitators

The BCTF is accepting applications from members who would like to become facilitators for the Federation's Staff Union Rep Training and Professional and Social Issues workshop programs. Teachers who are selected will serve for three-year terms and will receive training in workshop design, facilitation skills, the Teacher Inquiry Framework, and content-specific program areas. Facilitators are provided with release time and expenses to cover travel, meals, childcare, and accommodation when they are giving workshops around the province. Learn more about the programs and **apply online by May 6, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.** There are openings in the following areas:

- Aboriginal Education
- Health and Safety Trainers
- Professional and Social Issues
- School Union Rep Trainers
- Social Justice
- Teachers Teaching On Call



Employee & Family Assistance Program

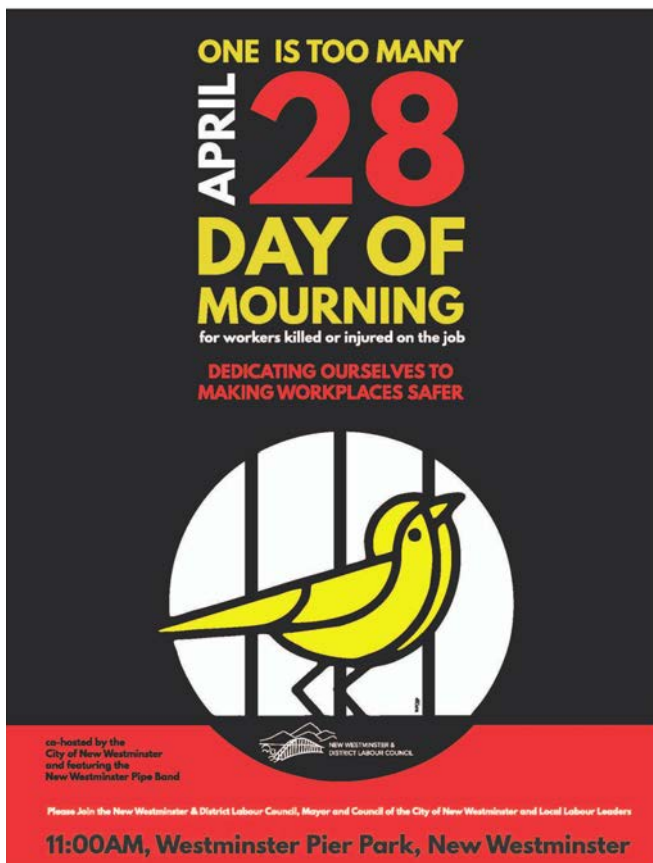
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**ONE IS TOO MANY**  
**APRIL 28**  
**DAY OF MOURNING**  
for workers killed or injured on the job  
**DEDICATING OURSELVES TO MAKING WORKPLACES SAFER**

co-hosted by the City of New Westminster and featuring the New Westminster Pipe Band

NEW WESTMINSTER & DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL

Please join the New Westminster & District Labour Council, Mayor and Council of the City of New Westminster and Local Labour Leaders

**11:00AM, Westminster Pier Park, New Westminster**



**Day of Mourning**

On average, 150 workers die each year in British Columbia. Now families mourn. Let's make our workplaces healthy and safe.

April 28 • Day of Mourning: B.C. Schools Project

www.domschools.ca



## IGNITE43

We are currently looking for presenters for our upcoming Ignite43 tentatively scheduled for May 22nd, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Samz Neighbourhood Pub in Port Coquitlam.




### What is an Ignite?

"Ignite" is a PD evening event hosted at a local venue with amazing presenters, lively conversation and great food. Presenters are given 5 minutes to present their idea, with a maximum 20 slides rotating automatically every 15 seconds. The intention is to spark or 'ignite' an idea and allow time to discuss and share ideas between presentations.

If you are interested in joining us as a presenter, please contact Holly at [hstibbs@cta43.org](mailto:hstibbs@cta43.org)




**April 26th Focus Day**  
PD offerings from Learning Services  
Mental Health:  
Putting the Pieces  
Together in Education



**Keynote: Dr. Linda O'Neill & Youth Mental Health Advocates from Jack.org**

Location: Terry Fox Secondary & Blakeburn Elementary  
Total Participants 800  
Target Audience K-12

Featuring...  


Session Topics Include

- Trauma Informed Education
- Mental Health Literacy
- Vaping & Cannabis Info
- Mental Health Promotion
- Understanding Mental Illness

More information to come -- Registration will open on April 5

**ACE 2019**

**ADULT CENTRED EDUCATION CONFERENCE**  
MAY 16 & 17, 2019 COQUITLAM, B.C.  
[WWW.ACECONFERENCE.NET](http://WWW.ACECONFERENCE.NET)

*Join us for an engaging two-day conference focused on instruction for adult learners in a range of educational settings.*

**LINDEN MACINTYRE – KEYNOTE SPEAKER – AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST AND BEST-SELLING AUTHOR**



Linden MacIntyre is best known as the award-winning former host of Canada's premiere investigative television show, CBC's the fifth estate, as well as an internationally bestselling novelist. MacIntyre was the host of the fifth estate for 24 years, ending his tenure in 2014. His work for the program garnered him an International Emmy, ten Gemini Awards, and the Gordon Sinclair Award for Best Overall Broadcast Journalist and Best Anchor or Interviewer. Speaking on topics ranging from mass media and democracy to justice and public policy, MacIntyre brings provocative points and impeccable analysis to every stage he graces. We look forward to hosting, "Mass Media: A Pillar of Democracy" at ACE 2019.

**BCTF** **GAINING GROUND**  
NEW TEACHERS TOGETHER, LEADING THE WAY



**May 10 in Nanaimo**

**BCTF New Teachers' Conferences**  
New Teachers, New TTOCs, and Teacher Candidates

There are still some spaces available at the **BCTF New Teachers' Conference** in Nanaimo on May 10 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. Learn more and register at [BCTF.ca/NewTeachers](http://BCTF.ca/NewTeachers). There will be excellent workshops, exhibitors with great up-to-date resources, and delicious food! Participants are also invited to attend the welcoming ceremony on May 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to meet the keynote speaker and other colleagues from around the province.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
Vancouver Campus

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Investigating Our Practices

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**IOP**

Professional Development for Educators

**22nd Annual IOP Conference**  
Investigating Our Practices

Saturday, May 4th, 2019

UBC Vancouver



**22nd IOP conference**

**BCTF**

Need Assistance?  
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[conferences.pdce@ubc.ca](mailto:conferences.pdce@ubc.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



## **Opportunities for Members: BCTF advisory committees**

The BCTF has several advisory committees that meet throughout the year to discuss current topics affecting teachers, make recommendations to the BCTF Executive Committee, design resources, and plan training events. They are an important part of the Federation's overall engagement with members and cover such topics as bargaining, pensions, health and safety, and social justice. Learn more about the various committees and **apply online by May 24, 2019.**



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

### APRIL

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **April 17**  
Good Friday Stat Friday, **April 19**  
Easter Monday Stat Monday, **April 22**  
District PD Day Friday, **April 26**

### MAY

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **May 1**  
CTA Representative Assembly Winslow Gallery Wednesday, **May 8**  
CTA Year End Meeting (Elections) Winslow GYM Wednesday, **May 15**  
Victoria Day Stat Monday, **May 20**  
CTA Old/New Executive Committee Wednesday, **May 29**  
BCTF Representative Assembly Fri -Sat, **May 31 & June 1**

### CMTA - Around the District

District Elementary Honour Choir at Cape Horn Elementary - **April 26**  
District Junior Jazz Band Day at Maillard Middle School – **May 1**  
Music Monday – National event – **May 6**  
Elementary Choral Jamboree at Aspenwood Elementary – **May 8**  
Beginning Band Day at Moody Middle School – **May 10**  
Rock the Fox at Terry Fox Secondary – **May 14, 15, 16**  
Big Band Night at Heritage Woods Secondary - **May 31**

### 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



### May

- 3: World Press Freedom Day
- 5: International Family Equality Day
- 11: World Fair Trade Day
- 15: International Day of Families
- 17: International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
- 21-25: Aboriginal Awareness Week

### Asian Heritage Month



\*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

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