

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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Phishing, again

Apparently, early Friday morning, the School District and, by extension, the CTA were victims of a phishing scam. An email purported to contain information about bargaining was circulated to district teachers. It has suspicious elements to it, like the source address not being a CTA address and some poor grammar and less-than-professional diction. Friday morning an email was sent from my district email stating this wasn't us and we have reported the email to the School District. We will be following up with them to determine the source and ensure members are protected from such things in the future. For reference, we will always communicate using a cta43.org or our cta@sd43 address and will usually link to our website portal. If in doubt, just go to our website coquitlamteachers.com and log in directly.

Meeting with Minister Fleming

I attended the announcement meeting for the Sheffield Elementary School with John Horgan, Rob Fleming and Rick Glumac. The opportunity presented itself to have a few words with Minister Fleming about the state of bargaining provincially. Our perspective was clearly stated that we feel the employer's representatives were proposing concessions that would undermine the class composition language we have and could lead to the loss of many of the 3700 teachers provincially that were restored due to our court win. The Minister also believes a prevalence model will introduce supports into the system earlier than our current testing and categorization model. I don't know what evidence he's relying on for that statement but, I have not seen any data that supports that contention. I did suggest subsequently that, if they felt that was true, why not propose a hybrid where you'd do prevalence k-2 and our current model (with improvements) for 3+. That would at least allow testing the water without throwing the baby out with it...to horrifically mix a couple of metaphors.

The Minister was clearly not happy with the state of negotiations and the BCTF and wasn't too complimentary about our bargaining team and objectives. We need to continue to press for a change to the proposals on the table from the employer that would damage class size, composition non-enrolling ratios. Please contact your MLAs to put pressure on the table to get a reasonable deal by June 30th. The BCTF has an excellent template letter that automatically populates with your MLA's name and text, once you input your postal code. (see p.3)

President's Message

CTA Year End General Meeting Highlights

2019-2020

Released Officers:

President - Ken Christensen

First VP - Kara Obojski

Second VP - Diether Malakoff

Labour Relations - Andy Gilligan

PD Chair - Meggan Crawford

Members at Large Executive Committee:

Teresa Disney

Kay Jasinski

Angie Lundin

Natalie Malakoff

Christine Wong

Lorna Wou

BCTF Local Reps:

Meggan Crawford

Amanda Roberts

(they will join Sandra Cowan and Andy Gilligan who are continuing the second year of their two year term).

Committee Chairs:

Adult Education - Karen Jogha

CASJ - Karen Learmonth

LSA Council - Meggan Crawford

PD Committee - Meggan Crawford

TTOC - Geoffery Kehrig

Local Returning Officer: 2019-2021

Victoria Duncan

Prize Winners:

1. SHARE year end draw (\$100 Cactus Club Gift Card) – **Vicki Duncan** (Seaview)
2. Year End Luncheon for school staff (based on \$5 per member UP to \$200) – **Judi Gardner** (PMSS)
3. The Well teacher Book/BCTF Popsocket – **Victoria Johannsen** (PMSS)
4. BCTF T-shirt/Fitness bracelet – **Michelle Sigismund** (Glenayre)
5. Chapters Gift Card \$20/Mug – **Angie Lundin** (Roy Stibbs)
6. Umbrella/BCTF Tote bag – **Janine Akselin** (Bramblewood)
7. Chiffon Poncho/BCTF Popsocket – **Natasha DeYoung** (Maillard)
8. Wine – **Kay Jasinski** (PMSS)
9. Scarf/Mug – **Tessa Voykin** (Gleneagle)
10. Chapters Gift Card \$20/Umbrella – **Meggan Crawford** (Suwa'lkh)
11. Wine – **Lisa Boddez** (Centennial)
12. The Well Teacher book/Pink shirt day t-shirt – **Sandy Kooner** (Kwayhquillum)
13. Wine – **Hazel Walling** (Moody Middle)
14. Norwex Cloth/BCTF Popsocket/The Well Teacher Book – **Pam Shantz** (Hampton Park)



“The Well Teacher: Everything teachers need to know to be well and stay well in the classroom”

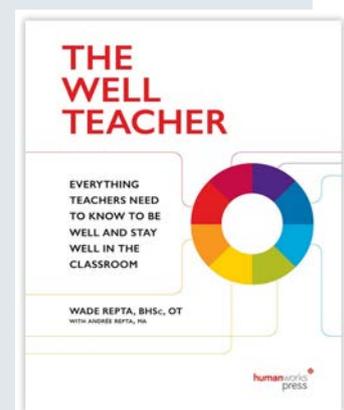
is fantastic book written by Wade Repta, BHSc, OT with Andree Repta, MA and being offered to teachers at a discounted rate of \$35 (plus tax) with free shipping to local offices.

Wade Repta has worked with Coquitlam teachers for years through the BCTF Health and Wellness Program and we are excited to share his book with others. We gave some away at our Year End Meeting Wednesday and have more for the Fall. You don't have to wait to win the book, it is available at discount for you now.

The special, shipping-inclusive rate of only \$35.00 + GST is available until June 15, 2019. All orders received during the promotional window will be collated and shipped to your local association office starting on June 16, 2019. To take advantage of this offer, please visit their website:

www.humanworkspress.com and, once you've reached the checkout page, use the promo code: **BCTF2019**

*** Please be sure to also include COQUITLAM 43 as the name of your local association in the “Company” section of the order form.



*recirculated on behalf of The BCTF

NDP MLAs need to hear from you

On May 14, the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) tabled another set of proposals that seek to weaken class size, eliminate the specific ratios for specialist teachers, and delete class composition entirely from our collective agreements.

These proposals target everything we won back when the Supreme Court of Canada restored our collective agreement. Our restored language on class size, support levels for children with special needs, and staffing ratios for specialists has delivered several thousand new teachers for BC. That means more students are getting more support.

Our restored collective agreement language is the reason there is increased funding for our schools and students. We need to protect and enhance those gains, not roll them back.

But that is exactly what BCPSEA is trying to do. Their proposals would mean a huge step back for teachers and students. We need to get this information to BC NDP MLAs so that they know what the employers' association is trying to do in their government's name. Use this **simple form** to send an email to your NDP MLA or the Premier today. It only takes two minutes. This government has a chance to make up for years of bad faith bargaining and underfunding by addressing the teacher shortage and working with us to improve class size and composition.

The BCTF Bargaining Team needs your help. Email your NDP MLA or the Premier today and ask them to tell BCPSEA to stop bargaining like Christy Clark is still the Premier.

Get engaged with the bargaining process

Last week, the BCTF launched an email campaign to help put every member in touch with their local NDP MLA and the Premier. The **simple-to-use form** takes less than two minutes and will help the Bargaining Team get the current concessions of the table.

If you're on Twitter, please **like and retweet this series of tweets** from the BCTF. The Bargaining Team needs your ongoing support to tell the MLAs and Cabinet to give BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) new marching orders.

2019 BCTF Curriculum Change and Implementation Survey

The BCTF invites you to share your experiences implementing BC's redesigned curriculum in your classroom and school. The results from the survey will be used to help teachers and the BCTF make critical assessments of curriculum change over time and continue to advocate for a teacher-led process that enhances public education in BC. This includes working to get you the resources, time, and support you need for the coming school year. Please **click here** to participate in this short survey before June 5.



Are You Retiring This Year?

Congratulations! BC Retired Teachers' Association (BCRTA) and local Coquitlam Branch (CRTA) invite you to test drive membership for a year, for free!

As a BCRTA/ CRTA member, you will have access to a wide range of extended health plan benefits, travel insurance, consumer and travel discounts, and many retirement resources. You will be part of an organization that stands up for pension rights, public education and seniors. You will also find new opportunities for personal connections and learning experiences. It only takes five minutes to join. Go to www.bcrta.ca click on join.

Welcome aboard!

Opportunities for Members

The BCTF is seeking 18 members to participate as BCTF representatives to a Ministry of Education Open School BC committee. The committee will be tasked with reviewing existing Asia Pacific Foundation resources and developing a needs assessment for new resources that connect the redesigned Socials Studies 11-12 curriculum to the Asia Pacific region. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. **Click here** to learn more and apply.



#IGNITE43 – “EXPLORE!”

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Samz Neighbourhood Pub
2342 Elgin Avenue, Port Coquitlam
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

\$20 TO REGISTER, email: pd@cta43.org



TRIBES 2019

What: A 24-hour experiential process of achieving community in the classroom by working together to reach the same goal, while coming to understand the meaning of accountability through demonstrating not only a responsibility to one's own learning, but also the learning of the other members of the classroom. The Tribes TLC model encompasses all the Core Competencies of Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social. Maximum number is 30 participants.

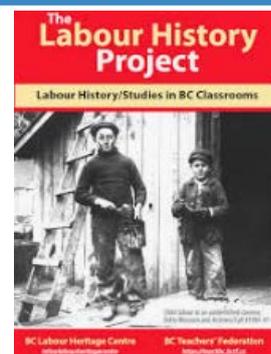
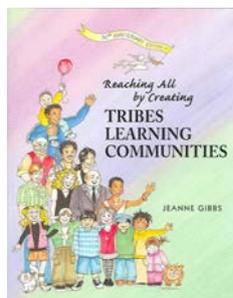
Where: Gilmore Community School, Burnaby

When: August 19, 2019 to August 22, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$350.00 includes the textbook and refreshments.

Deadline: June 24, 2019

For more information contact Sandra Sokugawa at 604 296 9013 or email Sandra.Sokugawa@burnabyschools.ca



The **Labour History Curriculum Project** is looking for new members to join the group for the following school year. The LHCP is a joint initiative of the BCTF and the BC Labour Heritage Centre. We are looking for teachers to join the group who have an interest/specialty in Labour history and want to help spread the word and support teachers through lesson and unit plans and perhaps in-service opportunities. We have a number of initiatives planned for next year and have particular interest in Elementary, Indigenous Learning, and Science Humanities Teachers joining our group. We have formal meetings twice a year and teachers work independently on project throughout the year, release time is provided where needed.

If you are interested please contact Wayne Axford at waxford@shaw.ca for further information.

WELCOME!

I'm excited to share the news and welcome **Meggan Crawford** (Suwal'kh) to the position of **PD Chairperson!** Meggan has been an integral member of our PD Committee for the last few years helping organize our February PD Days and shaping our vision for PD as we look for ways to meet the needs of members. Meggan has made my decision to return to the classroom that much easier.

Congratulations, Meggan!

-Holly

TWS Urban Writer's Retreat: Summer 2019

Would you like to dedicate a week to your writing this summer? **The Writer's Studio** is pleased to host an Urban Writer's Retreat, which is an opportunity to spend four distraction-free days on your writing. Intended for emerging and established writers looking to start or develop a writing project, this retreat will allow you to learn from published authors, participate in structured writing time, work in a supportive community of writers and participate in optional social events (see below for schedule). Plus, you don't have to worry about packing a lunch; we'll provide that as well. This is an opportunity for you to take time off work and dedicate it to your writing.

You can find more information about the retreat, including schedule and cost, here: www.sfu.ca/continuing-studies/courses/cpw/TWS-urban-retreat.html

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, May 27, 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 for posting.

MAY

Victoria Day Stat Monday, **May 20**
CTA Old/New Executive Committee Wednesday, **May 29**
BCTF Representative Assembly Fri -Sat, **May 31 & June 1**

JUNE

Info Session/Ratification Vote Wednesday, **June 5**
Ratification Vote Thursday, **June 6**
Ratification Vote, Friday, **June 7**
CTA Old/New Executive Committee Wednesday, **June 12**
School Year Ends – Administrative Day Friday, **June 28**

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

June

- 1: Injured Workers' Day
- 2–8: Canadian Environment Week
- 5: World Environment Day
- 9: Canadian Rivers Day
- 12: World Day Against Child Labour
- 20: World Refugee Day
- 21: National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 27: Canadian Multiculturalism Day

CTA Local Agreement Ratification VOTE

Wednesday June 5
Info Session and Advance Polls
Winslow Centre Gym
4pm-7pm

Thursday June 6
CTA Office 8am-6:30pm
Winslow Gallery Room 3:30-6:30pm
Westwood Elementary Library 3:30-6:30pm

Friday June 7
CTA Office 8am-5:30pm
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IMPORTANT COME VOTE!
ON LOCAL MATTERS AGREEMENT

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



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