

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

Welcome back everyone!

It has been a pretty chaotic summer at the CTA with lots of very difficult and complex stuff going on.

Bargaining continues while we enter a new school year. Eight mediation sessions were scheduled in the weeks leading up to the end of the summer break but, the provincial parties came no closer to concluding a deal. Further sessions of mediation after school year start have led to the mediator asking both sides to take a break until the 23rd of September. This will give the locals a chance to meet with members, update them on the status of bargaining and answer questions. At this point, there is no talk about job action as the BCTF is fully committed to a negotiated settlement. Members are invited to take a look behind the portal at the BCTF website to look at proposals on the table. The unfortunate trend from the past of concession bargaining continues to be in BCPSEA's playbook. Please take the time to look into some of the progress of bargaining and continue to communicate with your MLAs regarding thoughts and desires for bargaining. Additionally, if you see something on social media, share it rather than just liking it. Sharing gets far more eyeballs on our words than the like does. Stay tuned, there will likely be further updates shortly and ask us any questions you have.

Yours, in Solidarity,

Ken

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# CTA Business

## Representative Assembly

**Wednesday September 25, 2019**  
**Winslow Gallery Room, 4 pm**

## Agenda

Presidents Report  
Ratification of Committee Appointments  
2019-2020 Guiding Principles & Priorities  
CTA Budget 2019-2020  
Bargaining (In-Committee)  
School Concerns  
Prize Draw



## Agenda

Teri Mooring BCTF President  
Presidents Report  
Financial Reports (timed item 4:30)  
BCTF Rep Assembly Nov 1 & 2: CTA Resolutions  
Bargaining (In-Committee)  
Other Business  
Prize Draw

## Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday October 2, 2019**  
**Winslow Centre Gym, 4 PM**

## Staff Rep Training

**September 12th, 17th and 19th**  
**Information and schedules were emailed**  
**to reps and administrators on Thursday,**  
**September 5th, 2019**

If you did not receive this info please contact  
Pat at the CTA office as soon as possible  
[padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org)

## The Mentoring Network TTOC Tips and Tricks Workshop

3:45-5:30 on September 12th at Winslow Centre.  
If you'd like to come out please sign up at the following link:  
<https://my432016.sd43.bc.ca/Departments/studentservices/PD/registratio n/Lists/Mentoring%20Network/AllItems.aspx>  
There are other workshops listed and you are welcome to sign up for as many as you like. When you get to the page click 'new' to sign up. As promised at your welcome to the district orientation, I am here to support you in your role. Should you need anything or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. The MST team can support you in the classroom or meet with you before or after school.

We are glad to have you in SD43!  
Tamara Sengotta  
Mentoring Coordinator SD43

# CTA Information

## Dates to Remember

### CTA Retirement Reception

Thursday, September 12th, 2019

### BCTF Staff Rep Training

September 12/17/19

### PD Rep Training

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

### District PD Day

Friday, September 20, 2019

### Orange Shirt Day

Monday, September 30, 2019



## BCTF Summer Conference

A few weeks before the official start of our school year, teachers from all across the province gathered in Kamloops for the BCTF Summer Leadership Conference. This year's theme of "Wellness, Safety, Balance: In life and on the job" started with keynote speakers Dr. Andrew Miki, founder of Starling Minds (a free mental health resource for all BCTF members - check it out at <https://www.starlingminds.com>), and Wade Repta, author of *The Well Teacher* and Vice President of humanworks.

Throughout the rest of the week countless professional development sessions were offered on a wide range of topics and locals had time to connect with their delegations to cap the week off. Coquitlam's delegation found lots to share and chat about and we send our thanks to everyone for volunteering their time to attend this event in the middle of their summer vacation!

## PD Power

Welcome back to another school year! I hope that the summer gave you plenty of opportunity for rest, relaxation, and maybe a book or two.

I am excited to be stepping into the role of PD Chairperson this year, and look forward to supporting you any way that I can.

If you attended any PD this summer please do not forget to complete your conference report and send it to [pd@cta43.org](mailto:pd@cta43.org). Our Provincial Pro-D day is coming up quickly on October 25th - take a look at some of the incredible offerings from the PSAs, sign up, and get your yellow form in soon!

You can read through this year's offerings at <https://bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/PSAs/conferences.pdf> As we head back into the routines of school, I hope that you find time to reflect, but also to challenge yourself to try something new; sometimes our curiosity leads to the best teachable moments and the most fun!

-Meggan Crawford  
CTA PD Chairperson

## Seeking Barbara

The CTA is hoping to speak to anyone who taught with or knew Coquitlam teacher Barbara Vengshoel. We are looking for some historical information.

Please call Kelly R at the CTA office with any info.



# Committee Vacancies

Teachers interested in the following committees should go onto our website or click here for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office ([padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org)).

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 - Action on Social Justice (CASJ)**

- 2 Secondary reps, 2 Middle reps, 2 Elementary reps

## **District Student Services Advisory Committee**

- 2 CTA reps

## **CTA Negotiations Committee**

- 1 member-at-large

## **District French Advisory Committee**

- 3 CTA reps

## **District Student Achievement Advisory Committee**

- 4 CTA reps

## **District Review Panel Committee**

- 1 CTA rep

## **District Student Wellness & Safety Committee**

- 2 CTA reps

## **District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee**

- 1 CTA rep

## **District Elementary School Design Committee**

- 3 Elementary reps

## **New Westminster & District Labour Council**

- 5 CTA reps

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