

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

OHS and CDMC

The Occupational Health and Safety Committee and the Collaborative Decision-Making Committee are critical ways to develop and improve protocols in schools for addressing the Covid reality we are all facing. It's imperative these committees are up and functioning well. We can help with setting either of these committees up and we welcome hearing from schools about what items are debated and decided in these forums.

Exposure and Protocol

Cases of exposure remain mercifully low here in Coquitlam School District, thankfully. This suggests people are following protocols and protecting themselves and others. The structure in place for information is limited only by Fraser Health's restrictions on information disseminated. The CTA discussed extensively with the employer what protocols they would follow if an exposure occurred, around cleaning, messaging to parents and staff, additional supports and they have followed the protocol in each case thus far. The CTA and other local associations in the Fraser Health region are trying to meet with Fraser Health to discuss our concerns around information. The BCTF is also going to meet with the PHO shortly, to discuss similar issues.

In Solidarity,
Ken

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School Visits

To address the inability to have a regular school visits, the CTA will be running online zone meetings for all school staffs starting next week (October 20, 2020).

We want to know what's going on in your school, please log in and join us for a chat!

Staff Reps were sent a schedule of the zone meetings to share with their school staffs this week. We want to hear from teachers directly about what's happening in schools.

If you haven't received your school's scheduled time/zoom link it can also be found on the CTA website/member resource/general info page.

HEALTH AND SAFETY RESOURCES

If you're a Health and Safety Rep or are looking for resources there are many informational items posted in our CTA portal.

Click on Member Resources, then General Information:

<https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/portal/portal-page/general-information/>

Many resources for Joint Occupational Health and Safety committees can be found by logging into SD43 and clicking on Departments > Human Resources > Occupational Health and Safety. There's information on COVID 19 and safety legislation. Cleaning product information can be found by clicking on Access to Safety Data Sheets.

Occupational Health and Safety Training Sessions

OHS Part 1 – training for brand new JHSC members, or members can take as a refresher

OHS Part 2 – prerequisite is OHS Part 1 Course

8am to 4pm at Winslow Gallery room, class size 16

October 20 OHS Part 1

October 28 OHS Part 2

October 29 OHS Part 1

November 19 OHS Part 1

Teachers can email JHSC@sd43.bc.ca to attend one of the sessions listed above.

Executive Committee Vacancies

There are currently two vacant Executive Committee positions

Indigenous Member At Large - 1
Member At Large - 1

If you are interested in running for one of these positions [please go to our website to get and submit a CV](#) to Pat Adolf padolf@cta43.org by Nov. 9, 2020

CTA Candidate Survey Provincial Election

The CTA submitted a questionnaire to all candidates running in the four ridings in our community.

A notice of our intention to send the survey was sent to all Tricities candidates.

The only submission received before the deadline was from the Libertarian candidate in Port Moody-Coquitlam, Logan Smith. The CTA did receive a response from the NDP candidates after the deadline and every candidate supplied the same answer. Those responses can be found on the CTA website home page. The absence of any discussion of education at the provincial leaders' debate was disheartening. We offered local candidates an opportunity to broadcast their positions on matters that were important to our members and their families.

We are now tasked with ensuring that MLAs do not avoid the hard conversations that are needed to move education forward, to ensure that funding is brought to or above the national average. It is up to each of us to engage with elected officials such that these matters can not be avoided.

The CTA will continue to do this work, if you would like to be part of these efforts, please reach out to us.

PD POWER

Next Friday is our provincial professional development day - hopefully you have found something that meets your needs and interests and are looking forward to attending.

In the last week we have processed 599 yellow forms to reimburse your pd costs! Huge thanks go to Heidi Davis, one of the incredible CTA office staff, for all of her hard work on getting these requests processed so quickly!

If you're wondering how much reimbursement you can expect, it's all based on the formulas set out in our CTA policy. You will receive 100% of the first \$80 and up to half of the remainder of your registration costs. We cannot cover taxes, ticketing fees, meals, or parking.

There is, however, a second part to complete in order for you to receive your reimbursement: within thirty days of the conference/event you must submit a conference report (available on the CTA website) and your receipt in Canadian dollars (or a receipt along with a credit card statement showing the exchange rate) to pd@cta43.org. Once that is submitted I will read your reports and sign off again on your form. Please take the time to fill in the recommendation section of the conference report as it helps us find incredible speakers for our February CTA day - yes, I do read these and take your suggestions! This process, along with the issuing and mailing of cheques, is somewhat slower this year due to limitations from COVID, so please be patient in waiting for your reimbursement to arrive. Our hope is to have everyone's reimbursement out to them by winter break at the latest.

ELECTIONS CORNER

How are you staying informed on election matters?

If you have any suggestions for podcasts, websites, or other sources, please email details to Diether (dmalakoff@cta43.org). A CTA member offered the following recommendation: Politicoast - Covers British Columbia, Canadian and sometimes international politics from a West Coast lens.

PolitiCoast was launched in October 2016 by Ian Bushfield & Scott de Lange Boom.

Committee for Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

The next CASJ bookclub meeting will be held Thursday, November 22, 2020, 4 pm at Centennial. You can also join the meeting via teams. Contact Karen Learmonth (klearmonth@sd43.bc.ca) or Diether (dmalakoff@cta43.org) for more info.

TTOC Committee

S2E2 Tuesday, November 3rd at 4pm on zoom. Check Facebook for the link or email Diether (dmalakoff@cta43.org).

Provincial Election

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Vote in person on General Voting Day on October 24, in advance from Thursday, October 15 to Wednesday, October 21, or at a district electoral office from now until 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 24.

Additional advance voting opportunities have been added to reduce the number of voters in voting places.

[Information on safety measures can be found here.](#)

Vote by mail, you don't need a special reason. Voting by mail is a great option for voters who are not comfortable voting in person because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Request your mail in package here.](#)

STAFF REP TRAINING

SURT will be held
November 3 - 5, 2020
via Zoom

Info will be out soon.
Please check your email for
more information.



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Information to help with work and life

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CTA Website Login

Information is posted on our website as quickly as we have it. Please make sure you are able to access the site. If you have any questions about login please contact

Kelly Stewart kstewart@cta43.org

Questions about your pension?

Go straight to the source for answers.

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/pension-basics>

Online workshops and learning

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/learning-resources>

Retirement Health Coverage

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/retirement-health-coverage>

Committee Vacancies

District Student Services Advisory Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

- 4 CTA reps

District Review Panel Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 3 CTA reps

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District French Advisory Committee

- Currently Full

CTA PD Committee

- 1 Secondary Rep, 1 Middle Rep, 1 LSA Council Rep, 1 TTOC Rep, 1 Adult Ed Rep, 1 Elementary Rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 6 members-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

- 1 Secondary reps, 2 Middle reps, 2 Elementary reps,
- 1 member-at-large

New Westminster & District Labour Council

- 5 CTA reps

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go onto our website or click here for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (padolf@cta43.org). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at **604-936-9971**.

Contact Us:

Please see the list below for the officer or staff member best able to help you.

(Last names A-F) Ken Christensen, President
kchristensen@cta43.org

(Last names G-L) Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President
kobojski@cta43.org

(Last names M-R) Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President
dmalakoff@cta43.org

(Last names S-Z) Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer
agilligan@cta43.org

PD related questions

Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - mcrawford@cta43.org

CTA Administration

(anything not covered by anyone in the list below)

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - kroberts@cta43.org

Accounting/Finance

(reimbursements, scholarship payment) & CTA newsletter
Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - hdavis@cta43.org

Scholarships, Committees, CTA PD Day

Pat Adolf, Administrative Associate - padolf@cta43.org

Membership info & website access

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

If your situation is already being handled by an officer not matching your alpha assignment, then please continue to liaise with that officer.

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