

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

### Meetings and Letters

You will have all no doubt received the information from the BCTF on the meeting held with Dr. Henry and the concerns raised there so, I won't review that here. Know also that the CTA wrote a letter to the head of the Fraser Health Authority, Dr. Elizabeth Brodtkin. The focus of the letter was transparency of information-sharing in school sites from the Fraser Health Authority and on the variation in health restrictions in the general public versus what is happening in school sites. We believe that information here can be a dialogue, rather than a one-way communication. We can help them with their contact tracing and ensure incidents don't slip through the cracks. We can be trusted with confidential information, as we have shown for decades. Also, the Metro West Presidents sent a letter to Dr. Brodtkin, asking for a joint meeting on similar subjects.

On the subject of variation in safety protocols, the CTA has advocated for a universal mask mandate since day one. We remain concerned that there seem to be two different sets of rules for interaction; one for the general public and one for school teachers. We want to be part of a discussion to clarify and improve these rules, to better defend teachers against COVID 19. These points will be among the points made in any meetings scheduled in the future and are part of our messaging now.

The CTA will continue to advocate to improve the response to this developing situation. The BCTF will most certainly do the same and, it appears the meeting with Dr. Henry in that regard was positive.

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## Elementary Reporting

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The CTA has been in contact with Learning Services over reporting at Elementary school. We have been assured that the reporting template has been simplified, in an effort to make less work for teachers.

They are responding to complaints from teachers that there were too many clicks to create the report in MyEd so, they simplified the content.

\*A single box covering SEL, strengths and stretches, goals to support learning.

\*Teachers are no longer required to put comments in the subject box about what they are doing in the classroom. Teachers can communicate that in a way that works for them and there is a link to the relevant curriculum in the box now.

Thus, the teacher only clicks on the proficiency scale and the letter grade.

CTA members are hard at work within Learning Services to make sure the template works better and to provide support for colleagues. Please reach out for assistance, if that is required.

## Gradual Entry Reporting

There have been many questions on gradual-entry students and reporting requirements for them. The template is not any different for them but, what you can actually report on might well be. If you've had no interaction from them, please involve your Principal in that, as they can reach out and assist with cooperation. You may not be able to assess some of the elements you can more easily assess in person. Again, involve your Principal in your decisions here. You CAN use the District assessment packages to base an assessment upon. You DO NOT have to evaluate the work packages sent home from LS, via you. If you choose to do something on your own, know you are accepting responsibility for the transmission, instruction and evaluation of that work.

The CTA is always wanting to hear how these processes, and any other, is hitting the ground in schools. What is not reported to us we cannot act upon so, if you are encountering challenges with this or anything else, send us an email or call the office.

In Solidarity,  
Ken

### 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](mailto:padolf@cta43.org) by Nov. 9, 2020

## Occupational Health and Safety Training Sessions

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

**8am to 4pm at Winslow Gallery room, class size 16**  
**November 19 OHS Part 1 (10 spots open)**

Teachers can email [JHSC@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:JHSC@sd43.bc.ca) to attend this  
session.

## STAFF REP TRAINING

**November 3 - 5, 2020**

**9:00 am - 2:30 pm via Zoom**

For those registered for the Wednesday Nov. 3, 2020  
session, Zoom links were emailed to you Oct 30th.

If you have not received the links for the Wednesday  
session please contact Pat Adolf [padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org)

If you have not booked your TTOC in CADs please do so  
ASAP. Registration is now closed but if you would like  
to attend please contact Pat at [padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org).

If you experience technical difficulties attending the  
zoom sessions please contact Kelly at  
[kroberts@cta43.org](mailto:kroberts@cta43.org).

## New to a role?

Contact Tamara Sengotta,  
Mentoring Coordinator  
[tsengotta@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:tsengotta@sd43.bc.ca)  
to join the mentoring network.

# PD POWER

It may only be the end of October, but planning for February's CTA PD day is well underway! As we move this event to a virtual space we are looking for your suggestions and recommendations for who and what you'd like to see pro-d about! This is your day, so please take a moment to consider what past pro-d sessions have been the most impactful for you and send the info about it to me. If there is a specific speaker, subject area, topic, or skill that you would like to see a session about, now is the time to let me know.

Our keynote speaker is Monique Gray Smith who will be speaking about resilience – we hope that this day will be an opportunity to connect, share ideas, and rejuvenate ourselves!

Please send your ideas and recommendations to [mcrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mcrawford@cta43.org) as soon as possible!



POPARD is offering FREE Family School Liaison Workshops via Zoom on a variety of topics such as Executive Functioning and Self Regulation for the Home, School and Community in November and December.

Visit <https://autismoutreach.ca/upcoming-training-dates/> to register before they fill up!

## Committee for Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

**BOOK CLUB –Thurs, Nov 12, 2020**

**4-5 pm via Teams**

We will be continuing our work with Ijeoma Oluo's "So you want to talk about race". The next meeting will cover chapters 6 and 7 exploring police brutality and affirmative action. New members welcome.. even if you haven't attended earlier sessions, we are inviting all interested folks to join the conversation.

**Committee Meeting - Thurs, Nov 19, 2020**

**4-5 pm via Teams**

Agenda is still being developed. We will debrief committee initiatives and seek new ones! There's interest in looking to work with the district mentorship program to develop more supports for teachers interested in exploring notions of racism and related topics in their classroom. All CTA members welcome, please join us on FB to keep track of what's going on within the committee (search "CTA CASJ").

Contact Karen Learmonth [klearmonth@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:klearmonth@sd43.bc.ca) or Diether [dmalakoff@cta43.org](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org) for more info.

## PD Reimbursement for PSA Day

**Remember that conference reports and receipts for PSA Day reimbursements can be sent now**

**Don't wait!** Get your documents in soon.

**YES!** You do need to send your receipt in again Conference report and receipt must arrive together.

**Email** your documents to [pd@cta43.org](mailto:pd@cta43.org)  
no need to send in school mail.

Please DO NOT send jpgs or links to receipts and conference reports

## TTOC Committee

**TTOC Townhall S2E2 – Tuesday, Nov 3rd, 2020**

**4-5 pm via zoom**

Join us for an informal meeting with Morgan, Diether, and other members of the TTOC committee and TTOC community. If you have any questions that you'd like answered, please forward them to us ahead of the meeting in case the matter requires some research.. you're also welcome to bring questions to the meeting.

Latest developments of interest to TTOCs will be briefly presented followed by Q&A. All CTA members welcome.

**TTOC Committee Meeting - Monday, Nov 9th, 2020 3:45-4:15pm via zoom**

Agenda is still being developed. We will be making decisions on how to distribute BCTF provided face shields to TTOCs among other items of business. Find us on Facebook at "CTA TTOCs".

New members welcome!



## ***How EFAP Can Help***

Information to help with work and life

**Confidential · Immediate Assistance · 24/7/365**

**Morneau Shepell · 1-844-880-9142**

**workhealthlife.com**

## **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](mailto: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**

- 2 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](mailto: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.**

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**(Last names G-L)** Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President  
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**(Last names M-R)** Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President  
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**(Last names S-Z)** Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer  
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## **PD related questions**

Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - [mcrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mcrawford@cta43.org)

## **CTA Administration**

(anything not covered by anyone in the list below)

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - [kroberts@cta43.org](mailto:kroberts@cta43.org)

## **Accounting/Finance**

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

## **Scholarships, Committees, CTA PD Day**

Pat Adolf, Administrative Associate - [padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org)

## **Membership info & website access**

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto: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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