

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Meeting with Fraser Health and Local Presidents

Disappointing (but not entirely surprising) to announce that the meeting scheduled for Local Presidents and Fraser Health has been delayed, by Fraser Health. We are still attempting to get a reschedule of this important meeting where we can articulate concerns around transparency, information-sharing, the state of classrooms and education in the pandemic, etc. The CTA already articulated its concerns via a letter, anticipating that something like this would occur. Sorry to have to say stay-tuned on this but, we remain committed to it.

Government

Now that our election results in BC have led to the new government being sworn in, perhaps we can now get some more action from them than we could when they were in caretaker status, from the point when the election was called. The BCTF did not just sit back and wait for the swearing-in; they have been engaging with government representatives on the same subjects they were dealing with them as before: the COVID response, the situation in BC schools, the management and situation of the economy, etc. Premier Horgan is set to announce his Cabinet Thursday so, by the time you read this, we should see many new faces in Cabinet.

In Solidarity,
Ken

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Mask Wearing and BCTF Mask Posters

The CTA has had a long-standing agreement with the employer that they will not stand in the way of a teacher wearing PPE in the performance of their work, nor will they stand in the way of a teacher trying to establish a positive, open, mask-wearing culture in the classroom. Now we have the signs from the BCTF, which led to a bit of consternation at first from them, fearing this was going to turn away from the agreement and turn into arguments, directives and making education contingent upon wearing a mask, which we cannot do. We met with the employer earlier this week and allayed their concerns about that. We said the intention is to open discussion, broaden understanding, encourage voluntary compliance and not to vary the existing agreement we had with them. So, feel free to put the signs up in your classroom and open the discussion around mask-wearing there, in the spirit and letter of the agreement above. You can download the mask poster here <https://www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/CCD/2020%20Student%20face%20mask%20poster.pdf>



Executive Committee VACANCIES

**Two Executive Committee
positions are currently open**

**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 January 11, 2021

CTA Representative Assembly/General Meeting Wednesday, January 20, 2021

CTA Representative Assembly 4:00 PM, Zoom

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. Adjournment

CTA General Meeting 4:10 PM, Zoom

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Election
CTA delegates to the 2021 BCTF AGM
3. President's Report
4. Bargaining [In-Committee]
5. School Concerns
6. Prize Draw
7. Adjournment [5:45 pm]

BCTF AGM DELEGATES

We will elect delegates to the BCTF AGM at our General Meeting, January 20, 2021.

The 2021 AGM will be held
March 20 - 23, 2021

it will be held in an online format

We encourage members to seriously consider attending the BCTF AGM this year.

**Please submit your CV form to the CTA office before January 11, 2021
no nominations will be able to be taken from the floor all CV's must be in before the deadline.**

Forms can be found on our website
by clicking [here](#).

PD POWER

This past week was an exciting one for Coquitlam Pro-D: I can now officially announce that our February 26th, 2021 PD day will be a collaborative event with the Burnaby School District! Our two districts and the various PD Committees have been working hard to coordinate and figure out how we could make this day even better by collaborating and combining our resources. This virtual day will now have even more big name speakers (Monique Gray Smith & Jo Chrona for starters!), teachers sharing what works in their classrooms, and opportunities to collaborate. As we move forward in planning and organizing this day, please consider submitting a workshop proposal for our day at <https://cvent.me/zRxlB2>

Follow @ctapd on Twitter and @cta_pd on Instagram for the latest information on all things pd related!

Committee for Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

Congratulations to Coquitlam teacher and CASJ member Amrita Kauldher on the publication of her article in the recent edition of the BCTF Teacher magazine. [The publication is available here and Amrita's article starts on pg12.](#)

CASJ book club continues to meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. New members welcome. We hold to a strict 1hr duration to respect peoples' time. Feel free to join us even if you haven't attended earlier sessions. Please contact committee chair Karen Learmonth klearmonth@sd43.bc.ca for Teams invite or with any other questions.

CASJ meetings will continue on Teams on the third Thursday of the month. We are in the process of exploring options for gathering racial justice oriented teaching resources with an eye on planning workshops for the CTA PD day in the new year.

If you have any interest in this regard, please join us at our next meeting which is currently scheduled for **Thur Dec 17, 2020 at 3:45pm via teams.** Please contact committee chair Karen Learmonth klearmonth@sd43.bc.ca or Diether Malakoff dmalakoff@cta43.org with any questions.

Resilience & Renewal

A JOINT PRO-D DAY WITH
BURNABY & COQUITLAM
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

FEATURING JO CHRONA &
MONIQUE GRAY SMITH

FEBRUARY 26, 2021
ONLINE



TTOC COVID HARDSHIP FUND

A motion was passed through the September 30, 2020 CTA Representative Assembly : That the CTA Executive Committee establish a TTOC COVID Emergency Hardship Fund for the 2020-2021 school year to support TTOCs, prioritizing those who have not benefited from CERB or EI. This aid is to take the form of grocery store gift cards.

The grocery gift cards are \$50 President's Choice cards, the application form can be found on the [CTA website](#) member resources/covid page (at the bottom of the page) on a first-come first-serve basis.

Once you have filled out the application it should be emailed to Heidi at hdavis@cta43.org. Successful applicants will be contacted soon afterwards to arrange distribution.

TTOC Committee

TTOC Townhall

Tue Dec 1, 2020 at 3:45pm via zoom

TTOC Committee meeting

Tue Dec 8, 2020 at 3:45pm via zoom

Townhalls will occur on the first Tuesday of each month followed by a committee meeting on the second Tuesday. All CTA members welcome.

If you were not able to connect with us, please contact the CTA office, The PPE is for all teachers who are currently available to TTOC at least one day a week. You are eligible if you have contract work for less than 5 days per week.



How EFAP Can Help

Information to help with work and life

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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

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

- Currently Full

District French Advisory Committee

- Currently Full

CTA PD Committee

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

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 5 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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