

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

BCTF Letter Writing Campaign

The BCTF has recently asked members to communicate to their MLAs via an old-school letter writing campaign. We have had very good success with our email campaigns this year but, a paper letter guarantees a response from the MLA. Many MLAs offices are limited-service right now and emails are not set up. Paper letters hitting a desk is a very strong influence on government officials.

New Education Minister

Jennifer Whiteside has past union experience with HEU and Teri has expressed hope that we will see a committed individual who's going to quickly come up to speed on the issues. The BCTF will be providing briefs to her to help her understand what matters most to us as educators. We shall see how much change we actually see. We still have the same Deputy Minister, for example.

FSAs

The BCTF is strongly advocating for a push-off for this year (at least) of the FSAs. It's pretty easy to see why this is a problem in a Covid environment. Mixing cohorts, cleaning of spaces, kids on remote, stressed test subjects, etc. etc. all pose problems. If the BCTF can't get an agreement, they will roll out a powerful campaign immediately following the Winter Break.

In Solidarity,
Ken

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Please Wear a Mask



The CTA is asking teachers to widely model mask-wearing in schools. We know many are already doing that and we thank you for that effort. We are better positioned to ask for changed conditions if we are meeting standards of practice expected outside schools. It's also just straight-up considerate and unifying. If we all are in this together, the mask shows our common concern for the welfare of others.

Sustainable Mentorship Survey

OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 8, 2021

In the last round of bargaining the BCTF was given a one-time 12 million dollar allotment for mentoring that was distributed to locals based on FTE.

This infusion of funds has pushed us to ask - what can we do better, what can we do differently, what would make for a sustainable Mentoring Program?

Your feedback will be helpful in ensuring that the funds allocated to the CTA are used to the most benefit.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire: <https://bit.ly/3lzt2nX>

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

MLA Letters

WHERE AND WHO TO SEND THEM TO

Hon. Mike Farnworth

Minister of Public Safety and
Solicitor General
Port Coquitlam
107A, 2748 Lougheed Hwy
Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 6P2

Hon. Selina Robinson

Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing
Coquitlam -Maillardville
102 - 1108 Austin Ave.
Coquitlam, BC V3K 3P5

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
padolf@cta43.org 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](#).

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

The link to register to attend, all documents, Zoom meeting ID and password are now posted on the Member Resources/General Information page of the CTA website.

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]



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Coquitlam – Burke Mountain
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Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

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2708 St. Johns St.
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PD POWER

It's hard to believe that there are only two weeks left before Winter Break! Looking even further ahead, our Resilience and Renewal PD Day continues to take shape.

One of our featured speakers is Monique Gray Smith, an award-winning, best-selling author, consultant, and mother. Monique is Cree, Lakota, and Scottish and shares her stories of resilience, healing, and kindness through her presentations and several published works. For younger children her books include *My Heart Fills with Happiness* and her newest release *When We Are Kind*, while intermediate/middle school students will find *Lucy & Lola*, a story about residential schools, and *Speaking our Truth: a Journey of Reconciliation* more level-appropriate. Secondary students can delve into *Tilly and the Crazy Eights* or *Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience*. Check out Monique's books, or visit her site for more info on her online learning opportunities and other works in progress. <https://www.moniquegraysmith.com/>

Have a workshop you'd like to offer at our Joint Burnaby-Coquitlam PD Day? There's only one week left to register your proposal at: <https://cvent.me/zRxb2>

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. [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 Jan 5, 2021 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 to obtain PPE, please contact the CTA office. The PPE we have 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

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

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 Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 1 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
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(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.

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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