

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

The BCTF has provided a brief to the Minister and met with her on the issues and concerns teachers have with public education. The brief wasn't really that...but, it clearly articulated concerns with things like resourcing, assessment and reporting, online learning platforms, FSAs, the funding formula, indigenous resources, commitment to UNDRIP, environmental scanning, early identification of special needs, specialist teacher retention, the impact of Covid 19 on inclusive education, teacher recruitment and retention initiatives and many other topics. It appears that this was a bit overwhelming to the Minister at presentation but, it's imperative that we continue to articulate our messages and concerns at any opportunity and, she is known for being very smart so, it is certain she will understand at some point.

### Plan for Next Year

School Districts are all approaching budget season (April) and that always plays a significant role in what emerges as a plan for the following year. This year, school districts essentially make two parallel plans; one for the resumption of normal operations and one for the continuation of the current unpleasantness. At this point, it is completely impossible to determine what our fate for next year will be. There are clear and obvious pressures on this District specifically, in terms of the assessment and prediction of International Ed revenues. We will be engaging the employer at every step of the way in this process and as soon as more certainty emerges, it will be communicated.

### Federal Expenditures

The second ½ of the Federal monies should be arriving shortly here, as the original idea was for it to emerge around February. Information has been disseminated on how the school districts expended the resources already applied. In the main, the money was spent on staffing and on Covid safety equipment and supplies here. It is strange to see that some districts have not expended this resource the way this district did. We consulted with them on getting that money spent as completely as possible and having the main focus of that resource be on protecting and expanding staffing and making sites safer.

One thing that remains opaque is Provincial expenditures here. The BCTF has been seeking a similar accounting from the Provincial Government, as has the Opposition, for some time now. In an odd turn of fate, the Union and the Opposition actually agree there needs to be more clarity here on what money was devoted to what and how it was spent.

In Solidarity  
Ken

# BCTF AGM DELEGATES

The following CTA members were elected as delegates to the BCTF AGM at our Rep Assembly and General Meeting held January 20th, 2021.

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Chung Yan Ip (Port Moody Sec.)  
Ryan Cho (Terry Fox Secondary)  
Ken Christensen (CTA Office)  
Natalie Malakoff (Kilmer Elementary)  
Ronak Pahlevanlu (Riverside Sec.)  
Karen Jogha (Continuing Ed)  
Thais Pimentel Cabral (TTOC)  
Diether Malakoff (CTA Office)  
Kara Obojski (CTA Office)  
Kate Russell (Summit Middle)  
Ben Whipps (Mountain View Elem.)

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These members will join our Local Reps

Andy Gilligan (CTA Office)  
Amanda Roberts (Port Moody Sec.)  
Sandra Cowan (Seaview Elementary)  
Meggan Crawford (CTA Office)

Representing the CTA at the BCTF AGM  
March 20 - 23, 2021

Congratulations and Thank You for  
volunteering your time over Spring Break

Congratulations to Terri Mae Galligos  
elected to the Executive Committee in the  
position of Indigenous Member At Large at the  
CTAGeneral Meeting held January 20th, 2021.

## NO HEAT IN YOUR SCHOOL?

### HERE IS THE DISTRICT PROTOCOL TO FOLLOW

1. The employee(s) advise(s) the principal of the temperature issue.
2. If the principal is unable to make appropriate temperature adjustments, he/she contacts the Manager of Maintenance for expedited assistance.
3. The principal shares information with the staff, the school site based Health and Safety Committee and will also contact the District Health & Safety Officer.
4. The principal contacts the Assistant Superintendent and, if necessary, discusses alternative arrangements, including relocation within the school or to an alternate site, or student dismissal.

This protocol has been in effect since 2005: District staff and school administration are well aware of the process. In the event that several schools simultaneously experience heating difficulties, the district prioritizes its responses depending on the severity of the various situations. Review AP132 Closure of Schools for Extreme Weather Conditions - Section 6 Deals with school closures due to lack of heat.

## FSA TESTING DATES DELAYED

As you know despite the pandemic, the FSAs will proceed this year. Friday, the government confirmed online that they have been postponed again. **They will now run from February 15 to March 12, 2021.**

You are able to distribute information on FSA testing to parents but should do so following the BCTF/BCPSEA protocol. Here is what you do:

- Inform your administrator that you plan to send/hand out the pamphlets.
- Use the two BCTF/CTA pamphlets.
- Distribute these pamphlets directly to parents, or if sending pamphlets home via students, all pamphlets must be in sealed envelopes clearly identifying that they are produced and distributed by the CTA.

Staff reps and teachers who still require packages for parents need to contact the CTA with the number of packages (pamphlets, envelopes & labels) required for your school.

**The CTA Office will supply the materials – please call or email Kelly S. @ [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org).**

## NEW TEACHERS' NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

This year the BCTF will offer various opportunities for new members to network and connect with each other, with their local union and with their provincial family. There will be a New Teachers' Zoom Gathering on January 27th from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, this is a new event to allow new members to gather informally and chat together as well as the New Teachers' Conference on February 26th!

### New Teachers' Zoom Gathering (FREE)

<https://members.bctf.ca/Event.axd?e=2251>

### New Teachers' Conference (registration fee \$25)

<https://www.bctf.ca/NewTeachersConference2021/>



**PORT MOODY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **MISSING PERSON**

**January 20, 2021**

**RE: Missing Person: Trina June HUNT / PMPD File 21-310**

The Port Moody Police Department is seeking the assistance of the public in locating Trina June HUNT, aged 48 years. Trina was last seen at her Heritage Mountain residence on the morning of January 18, 2021. She is believed to be wearing a black North Face jacket with a teal green collar, pink and purple shoes. She is 5 feet 4 and weighs 120lbs.



If you have any information on the whereabouts of Trina June HUNT, please contact the **Port Moody Police Department at 604-461-3456.**



# PD POWER

Did you know that the BCTF offers workshops for teachers, free of charge? Many schools are looking ahead to school based pro-d days in the last few months of this school year and it is worth checking out the available workshops that schools and groups can book.

(<https://bctf.ca/ProfessionalDevelopment.aspx?id=31878>).

Workshops vary in topic and length, but timing can often be adjusted to fit your day's schedule. Not all of the workshops are available online, but the facilitators of these workshops have put a great deal of time into making sure that a wide selection are still available to us while we maintain distance.

A list of those workshops is available at the site linked above.

At our February 26th PD day there will be several of these workshops, including Staying Well at Teaching, Antiracist Strategies for Educators, Dealing with Stress in the Workplace, and Classroom Management for TTOCs. Keep an eye out for these and over 110 other workshops – details will be sent out in the next few weeks!

Do you follow @ctapd on Twitter and @cta\_pd on Instagram? Follow now to stay up to date on the latest information about PD in Coquitlam and for the chance to win prizes on our pd day!



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**ONLINE  
CONFERENCE  
FEBRUARY 12**

EARLY BIRD PRICING  
UNTIL JANUARY 24

**OVER 60  
WORKSHOPS  
FOR K-12  
EDUCATORS**

**KEYNOTE  
DAVID BOUCHARD**  
METIS AUTHOR & EDUCATOR  
ENGLISH & FRENCH WORKSHOPS

**EMMA JOE**  
FELT SALMON: IMAGINATIVE PLAY  
AND INDIGENOUS TRADITIONAL  
LIFE SKILLS IN EARLY YEARS



## 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.

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](mailto:hdavis@cta43.org).

## Committee for Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

CASJ committee meeting (3rd Thurs of each month):

Thur, Feb 18, 2021 3:45 pm via Teams

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.

CASJ book club (2nd and 4th Thurs of each month):

Thur, Jan. 28th at 4pm via Teams

We'll be discussing the last part of "So you want to talk about Race" starting with chapter 15. New members are always welcome, for more info please contact committee chair

Karen Learmonth [klearmonth@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:klearmonth@sd43.bc.ca) or Diether

Malakoff [dmalakoff@cta43.org](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org) with any questions.

## CTA CASJ BOOK DRAW

Congrats to book draw winners Aliisa Sarte (Port Moody) and Athena Dam (TTOC)!

If you have any recommendations for racial justice oriented books, please let us know, your recommendations may form a focus for a future book club or book draw prize. Forward comments/questions to Diether ([dmalakoff@cta43.org](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org)).

Thank you to all those who entered.

## TTOC Committee

**TTOC Townhall (first Tuesday of each month)**

Next Townhall will be Tue Feb 2 @3:45pm on zoom

**TTOC Committee Meeting (second Tues. of the month)**

Next meeting will be Tue Feb 9 @3:45pm on zoom

All meeting links and additional information will be posted in the CTA TTOC facebook group. If you're not on facebook and would like to attend, please contact committee chair Morgan McKee ([chair.ttoc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.ttoc@gmail.com)) or Diether Malakoff ([dmalakoff@cta43.org](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org)).

## Moments of Joy

Let's get back to celebrating the moments that make us smile, laugh, and enjoy our days - send Moments of Joy to [mcrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mcrawford@cta43.org) and they might be shared in our next newsletter!

A UK Competition re-envisioned how elderly people are represented in a campaign to redefine what old age 'looks' like: <https://www.positive.news/society/dancing-duo-replaces-dodderly-pair-in-age-positive-road-sign-overhaul/>

This cat does not know about the 'everything in moderation' rule and won't stop when there's catnip in front of them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0OB9p0zqx0>

Politics aside, the world took notice when this impressive young poet stepped to the mic: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/tv/celebrity/poet-amanda-gorman-speaks-at-the-biden-harris-inauguration-2021/vi-BB1cVLOk>

# Community and connections for early career teachers

## February 26, 2021

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

[bctf.ca/NewTeachersConference2021](https://bctf.ca/NewTeachersConference2021)

BC Teachers' Federation hosts its first

## New Teachers' ZOOM Gathering

- An informal, open discussion for teachers with less than 5 years of teaching experience.
- Share ideas, initiatives and resources with new teacher colleagues from across the province.
- Connect with new teachers from your local.

**DATE:** Wednesday January 27, 2021

**TIME:** 3:30pm to 4:30pm

**ZOOM:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86921862246?pwd=WFVaVEZtdTYyQXRaZ2l4QUl5aWJ0Zz09#success>

I am surprised by...  
My favourite teaching moment is...



## Being Outdoors: Connecting Children with Nature, especially during COVID-19

via Zoom on Thursday January 28, 2021

Please join us from 10am-10:30am for SACCA's Annual General Meeting about our mission and work, then stay for our workshop from 10:30am-12:00pm. In partnership with the [Vancouver & Burnaby Supported Child Development Program](#), SACCA presents [NatureKidsBC](#) to explore how we can care for children while connecting outdoors with nature, particularly through the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. We intend to create a space for dialogue and idea-sharing on the topics of:

- the **benefits** of children's outdoor learning and play
- **mindsets to carry** when supporting children's outdoor learning and play
- common **challenges** to prepare for overcoming
- selected samples of **outdoor learning/play activities** and ways to find more

Christina Chowanec is the Program Coordinator of NatureKidsBC and has a biology degree and a background in planning and delivering outdoor adventure tours and expeditions.

Rebecca Clapperton Law is the Executive Director of NatureKidsBC and the mother of three middle-school kids that trail-run, camp, swim, build stuff, de-construct stuff, grow stuff in the veg garden – there is no end to playful adventures in Nature!

### Registration:

Free for SACCA members

\$35.00 for non-members (which includes an annual membership!)

To Register: Send your name, email address, and employer name to [info@saccabc.org](mailto:info@saccabc.org) and we will follow-up.

Other Questions?: [info@saccabc.org](mailto:info@saccabc.org)

# Resilience & Renewal

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

**FEATURING JO CHRONA &  
MONIQUE GRAY SMITH**

FEBRUARY 26, 2021  
ONLINE



## Quick Links

**Exploring Modern  
Ways of Teaching  
and Learning**

February 1  
**FOCUS DAY**



**Dean Shareski**  
Keynote Presenter

### Featured Speakers:

Katie White (Assessment)  
Kim Barthel (Trauma Informed)  
Miriam Miller (SEL)  
Discovery Education (STEM)

### Other Sessions:

ADST & Making  
Technology Integration  
...and more!

Registration will open after winter break.  
Register early to secure your spot!





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

- 1 CTA Rep

## **District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee**

- Currently Full

## **District French Advisory Committee**

- Currently Full

## **CTA PD Committee**

- 1 Secondary Rep, 2 Middle Reps,

1 Adult Ed Rep, 2 Elementary Reps

## **CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee**

- 5 members-at-large

## **CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)**

- 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.**

**(Last names A-F)** Ken Christensen, President

[kchristensen@cta43.org](mailto:kchristensen@cta43.org)

**(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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