

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

### Trends, Covid Leave, SIP and Worksafe

There has been a bit of a disturbing district-wide uptick in exposures, sick folks, and isolations in the last couple weeks. We know we aren't doing anything differently than we've done all year and the circumstances across the district present as community factors, in the main. We certainly don't want to see anyone getting sick on the job but here are a couple reminders in terms of related things. The employer now has the COVID leave coded into CADS for people who are asymptomatic and are required to quarantine by Fraser Health. The code is "Self-Isolation Report". Just follow the prompts as usual. If you didn't get documentation but were just told by Fraser Health to isolate, do not worry when the system prompts you to add documentation. Just go past it and book the absence. Please do ask the name of the person of the public health official asking you to isolate, if you are contacted verbally. There is a box for this on the form and you can't proceed without a name. A request to isolate from a doctor or 811, volunteering to take a COVID test or self-choice to isolate are not considered to be adequate for this leave at this time. Know that if you do get sick at work, Worksafe has designated COVID 19 an industrial disease so, you can make a claim and get sick days restored. Call 604-231-8888 to make the claim. If you are sick and short of sick days, that the BCTF is here to help with Salary Indemnity Plan. This wage-replacement plan provides up to 120 days of short-term wage replacement for people out of sick time at about 80% or net pay. Call us for more information at 604-936-9971 or the BCTF at 604-871-2283 and ask for the Income Security Division.

In Solidarity  
Ken

# INTERESTED IN WORKING with the CTA?

## Labour Relations Officer

The CTA Labour Relations Officer position is filled on an annual basis. The CTA is now seeking members interested in the position for 2021-22.

Release time for this position is currently 1.0 and the responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- dealing with member problems and issues
- researching, preparing and presenting grievances
- collaborating with Table Officers
- maintaining confidentiality

The successful candidate will have excellent presentation skills and the ability to deal effectively with confrontational and stressful situations.

**Members interested in either of these positions should go to our website for a curriculum vitae form (Member Resources/Forms), which must be submitted to Pat padolf@cta43.org at the CTA by Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:30 p.m.**



## Retiring Soon?

Visit <https://bcrtc.ca/workshop/> to sign up for an online workshop from the BC Retired Teachers' Association or <https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/online-courses-and-webinars> for Pension specific workshops.

## Staff Rep Training

**February 23, 24 and 25, 2021**

If you are a staff rep and have not received information regarding these dates please contact Pat Adolf [padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org)

**If you have not booked your leave for these dates please do so as soon as possible!**

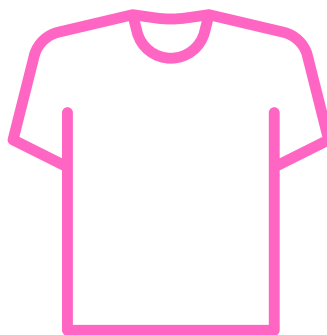
## PD Chairperson

The CTA Professional Development Chair position is filled on an annual basis. The CTA is now seeking members interested in the position of Professional Development Chair for 2021-22.

Release time for this position is currently 0.4 and the responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- chairing the PD Committee, the CTA PD Day Committee and LSA Council
- planning, developing, organizing and implementing professional development activities for the CTA Professional Development Day
- processing applications for PD assistance and course fee assistance
- maintaining a liaison between the CTA and the BCTF in matters of Professional Development

The successful candidate will have a sound knowledge of and be highly committed to, professional development; will be well organized and will support a collaborative and collegial office atmosphere.



## PINK SHIRT DAY

**February 24th, 2021**

## Executive Committee VACANCY

**The CTA is currently seeking to fill  
One (1) Member At Large position on the EC**

If you are interested in running for this position please go to our [website](https://cta43.org) to get and submit a CV (Member Resources/Forms) to Pat Adolf [padolf@cta43.org](mailto:padolf@cta43.org) by Wednesday, April 7, 2021



# PD POWER

The February 26th, 2021 Burnaby-Coquitlam Resilience and Renewal PD Day is one short week away! Today you should have received an email with the links to all of your sessions. If you did not receive it, please contact [mccrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mccrawford@cta43.org) now, instead of waiting until the last minute. We have noticed some errors made when people entered their email addresses and are correcting them as we come across them, but with more than 3000 registrants it's likely we have missed some. Also, please keep an eye on your inbox as details of publisher/vendor sessions will be arriving next week! We have done everything we can to try and make this virtual event easily accessible, but we know that there will be some glitches – please be patient as we work through them on the pd day. If you aren't already, follow @cta\_pd on Instagram and @ctapd on Twitter to stay up to date with the latest info and win some amazing prizes.



## 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 [mccrawford@cta43.org](mailto:mccrawford@cta43.org) and they might be shared in our next newsletter!

The day that a filter got the best of a lawyer...and a kitten spoke in the 394th District Court in Texas: <https://globalnews.ca/news/7631634/cat-lawyer-zoom-filter/>

A beautiful art piece created in Finland with snowshoes and creativity: <https://apnews.com/article/finland-snowshoe-art-d869ce56c1abdd152bc346e7b0c6a41>

Raising \$1.8M for charity and lasting over 252 hours, this hockey game is a New World Record: <https://www.cbssports.com/nhl/news/worlds-longest-hockey-game-lasts-252-hours-raises-1-8m-for-charity-in-alberta/>

Google "Nasa Perseverance" to enjoy the fireworks and take a look at NASA's livestream (start at 1:35:00 for the dramatic landing process) as the Perseverance Rover successfully lands on Mars: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gm0b\\_ijaYMQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gm0b_ijaYMQ).



## Committee for Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

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

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

Following up on last meeting's discussion, we will be considering options regarding work on a CTA anti-racism policy. We also are looking to build on the success of our first book club series. New members welcome!

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

Thur, Feb 25th at 4pm via Teams

This will be our first discussion regarding Tanya Talaga's *Seven Fallen Feathers*. We'll be discussing the first two chapters. A PDF a small section of the book is available on teams and we are working on getting copies of books to folks that need them. New members are welcome, we're looking forward to great conversation.

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.

## TTOC Committee

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

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

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

Next meeting will be Tue Mar 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)).

The TTOC Hardship Fund \$50 grocery store gift cards are still available to qualified TTOCs. The application form can be found on our website, member resources/covid page. Please submit your completed application to Heidi [hdavis@cta43.org](mailto:hdavis@cta43.org)



## ***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**

Currently Full

## **District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee**

Currently Full

## **District French Advisory Committee**

Currently Full

## **CTA PD Committee**

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, 1 Elementary rep,

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

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

**(Last names S-Z)** Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer

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

## **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.**

[www.coquitlamteachers.com](http://www.coquitlamteachers.com)

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