

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Vaccination Rollout Announced!

Well, it appears bell-ringing outside everyone's door and yelling real loud may actually have some effect. Yesterday we were made aware that all school-based teachers in SD43 were to be priority for vaccination. Notification went out from the employer late yesterday and people are already booking appointments. I hope the rollout goes smoothly. It isn't everything I asked for and a few people will still have to wait but, it's a wider swath than anyone else got. Others out there in VCH were having vaccination targeted to specific schools or neighbourhoods, which was my nightmare. Vaccine supply remains a serious problem here in BC, for wider vaccination. How important this is, at this time, can't be overstated. We will now have a full vaccinated teaching force by school year start. There is no going back from here. There will be tough times ahead and setbacks but, the march is forward, only, from this point. I can't describe how relieved I am to be able to tell you this today. Thank you for all your efforts in keeping kids and schools safe.

In Solidarity,
Ken

BARGAINING SURVEY

Our Collective Agreement is up for re-negotiation in 2022, giving us a fresh opportunity to work together to solve our collective problems and secure better working conditions for educators in our district. If everyone takes the time to complete a short bargaining survey, we will strengthen our local bargaining team. They can then go to the bargaining table knowing that they are bringing forward our goals and knowing that we are all committed to the changes and improvements we are seeking.

Our local Bargaining Committee will use the results of this survey when crafting local bargaining objectives and all local members will have the opportunity to vote on them prior to the opening of local bargaining.

The survey includes both local and provincial items. Survey links were sent to all personal emails through mail chimp. If you are having issues accessing the survey or have any other questions of concerns, please contact Kelly Roberts at kroberts@cta43.org

Responses will be collected from April 5 to April 19, 2021 only; after Monday, April 19th, the survey will be closed.

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

CTA Representative Assembly/General Meeting Wednesday, April 21, 2021

All documentation is now up on the Member Resources/General Information page of the [CTA website](#). The link to register to attend & Zoom meeting ID and password are posted as well.

Meeting protocols will be posted soon.
Please have patience with us for this meeting as this is the first live meeting of this size we will be holding.
We hope to see you there.

CTA Representative Assembly

**April 21, 2021
4:00 PM, Zoom**

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. Election - Negotiations Committee
4. Adjournment

CTA General Meeting

**April 21, 2021
4:10 PM, Zoom**

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Election - CTA Executive Committee
Member-at-large position
3. President's Report
4. SD43 Budget 2021-2022
5. Bargaining [In Committee] [Kara Obojski]
6. BCTF
AGM 2021
Metro West Zone Report Out
7. Committee Reports
8. School Concerns
9. Prize Draw
10. Adjournment [5:45 pm]

ELECTION OF THE 2021-2022 CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following CTA Executive Committee positions will be filled at the

CTA Year End General Meeting Wednesday, May 12, 2021

- President
- Second Vice President
- First Vice President
- Local Reps to the BCTF (2)
- Members - at - Large (6)
- Member - at - Large who identifies as Indigenous (1)
- Member - at - Large who identifies as a person of colour (1)

Those interested in running for any of these positions should go to coquitlamteachers.com for a CV form.

Deadline for receipt of CV form to the CTA office is Monday, May 3, 2021.

Please submit forms to padolf@cta43.org.

CTA connections



The BCTF has provided locals with a grant to provide supports that combat the isolation caused by COVID-19. Thanks to this grant, the CTA is sponsoring a Health Challenge and several social events in the last three months of the school year. If you are looking for some fun and support to be more physically active, join the **CTA Health Challenge** with a team of 1-5 teachers. The health challenge is focused around being active and building healthy habits, but will never be about weight, what you should/should not eat, or any medical advice. It is about finding what works for each individual. [Sign up for the health challenge here](#)



We are also excited to be offering three **Zoom paint nights with Zealous Art at 7pm on April 22nd, May 10th, and June 11th**. The cost of the instructor will be covered by the CTA, but attendees will need to provide their own supplies – a list will be provided in advance. April 22nd is the butterfly, [register here](#).

The CTA will also be hosting three team **Quiz nights on April 27th, May 19th, and June 24th**. In teams of no more than 5 your challenge is to answer a series of questions on various general knowledge topics. For quiz nights, make sure each of your team members register so they receive the link to the Zoom. [Register for quiz night here](#). Registration for all events will be through Capacity for all events is limited so links CANNOT be shared, Registration will open two weeks before the date of the event.

BCTF Member Opportunities

Earth Day webinar

The Environmental Justice Action Group invites classes to attend an Earth Day Webinar on April 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The webinar is for Grades 4 to 12. We will hear from youth activists, and classes will have a chance to take part in discussions. The webinar focuses on Earth Day through an Indigenous lens. Optional pre- and post-webinar activities will be provided.

To register, click on the Events tab in the Member's Portal.

Advisory Committee openings

The BCTF has several openings on a variety of advisory committees. Advisory committee positions are volunteer positions with two- or three-year terms. Please visit the [Opportunities for Members](#) page online for descriptions of each committee, and details about committee members' roles.

The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2021.

Cultivating SOGI in Classroom Contexts

Please register by April 30th, 2021
Contact Rachel French (rfrench@sd43.bc.ca)
for more information

Bryan Gidinski (District SOGI Lead for the Burnaby School District) will share practical and engaging lesson examples designed to bring LGBTQ+ identities and SOGI understandings into classroom contexts in ways that connect to curriculum, focus on building robust and broad understandings, are embedded in long term unit planning instead of single or separate SOGI focused lessons, minimize controversy and maximize inclusion.

Attend the workshop relevant to your grade range where Bryan shares practical examples of classroom activities to adapt and explore in your classroom.

Register here for K-5 focus

Tuesday, May 4, 3:30 – 4:30 Zoom Workshop

Register here for Middle and Secondary focus

Wednesday, May 5, 3:30 – 4:30 Zoom Workshop

Attend a follow up workshop (all participants K-12) to share and debrief experiences and consider next steps
Tuesday, May 25, 3:30 – 5:00 Zoom Workshop
You will be automatically registered for the follow-up. A link for this session will be shared closer to the date.

2021 ACE Conference

Adult Centered Education Conference
Friday, May 21st - 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
On Microsoft Teams

*All registrants will be provided a free Office 365 account

We are happy to announce our keynote will be
Danny Ramadan, Syrian-Canadian author
and LGBTQ-refugees advocate.

For more information please visit our website
<http://www.aceconference.net/index.html>

PD POWER

Now that we are in mid April there are some deadlines coming up in connection to yellow form reimbursements. Each fiscal PD year a teacher is entitled to up to two completed reimbursements through yellow forms – that year runs from May 1st to April 30th. If you've already received two yellow form reimbursements from May 1st, 2020 to April 30th, 2021 you will again be eligible to submit yellow forms for events after May 1st of this year. As always, please remember to get your form into the CTA office at least two weeks in advance of the event with program details printed out and attached.

The CTA Health Challenge starts on Monday! Please try to get your team registered before Monday so that you don't miss out on anything. Though the main effort is around increasing our activity, there will also be non-activity based challenges each week with points up for grabs. Get a team of no more than five together and let's have some fun! [Register at https://bit.ly/3fMlrC9](https://bit.ly/3fMlrC9)

Thanks to a small grant from the BCTF, the CTA is hosting three paint nights and three team quiz nights (teams of no more than five). Registration for each event opens two weeks before. [Register Here](#).

- Meggan Crawford, CTA PD Chairperson

TTOC Committee

TTOC Committee Meeting (second Tues. of the month)

The TTOC committee has decided to add a townhall component to our committee meetings and not have a separate town hall event.

Please join us at our next committee meeting on Tue May 11, 2021 at 3:45pm. The link has been posted on Facebook.

All meeting links and additional information will be posted in the CTA TTOC facebook group. Please contact committee chair [Morgan McKee](mailto:chair.ttoc@gmail.com) (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or [Diether Malakoff](mailto:dmalakoff@cta43.org) (dmalakoff@cta43.org) for more information.

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 and they might be shared in our next newsletter!

Six Labrador puppies...one bucket...yes, they all fit: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/video/news/video-2128902/Video-Adorable-moment-six-Labrador-puppies-squeeze-bucket.html>

An 82 year old woman continued to put on her best clothes for church, even when it was virtual, and did not repeat an outfit for the entire year! <https://www.ctvnews.ca/lifestyle/sunday-best-82-year-old-woman-posts-selfies-of-her-delightful-outfits-for-virtual-church-1.5372622>

A couple of seniors host an hour long musical show called "Stump the Maestro" each day – they play music, take requests, and if you can stump this former Broadway composer he will look up your request and play it the next day! <https://apnews.com/article/religion-music-jazz-coronavirus-pandemic-movies-0f9691c50f6e90858f2561ea014c87e1>



**COMMITTEE FOR
ACTION ON SOCIAL
JUSTICE**

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

Thur, May 20, 2021 3:45 pm via Teams

Ongoing work to be done, come on out to add your thoughts! You can check the records of recent meetings on our Teams channel. New members welcome!

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

Thur, April 22, 2021 4pm via Teams

We will be continuing with 'Seven Fallen Feathers' looking at chapters 8 and onwards.

Anti-racism policy working group

Next meeting Thurs Apr29 4pm via teams. Inspired by res 147 presented by Langley's Association at the BCTF AGM, we're going to continue our work on this policy. Preparatory documents are already posted in Teams but you don't have to do homework to contribute to the conversation.

Book Prize Winners:

Congrats to the winners of our free book giveaway: Jen Whitcher and Debbie Meredith. Watch here for another contest soon!!

Please contact Committee Chair [Karen Learmonth](#) or CTA liaison [Diether Malakoff](#) with any questions.



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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](#)

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

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

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